



## Pickleball in the City of Atlanta: Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA, and in Atlanta! It is often explained as a hybrid of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. It is played on a badminton-sized court with a net but involves less running than tennis. The sport, which can be enjoyed as doubles (two players per team) or singles, is played with a hard paddle and perforated plastic balls. Pickleball is enjoyed by people of all ages! [Learn more.](#)

### 2. How is Atlanta Parks & Recreation planning to meet the growing demand for pickleball in Atlanta?

The City of Atlanta Department of Parks & Recreation is conducting a pickleball pilot—which includes painting pickleball overlays on courts in all 12 City Districts—to learn from players, neighbors, courts users, paddle and racquet players, and others what works well and what needs to be improved to make pickleball successful in Atlanta.

Across the United States, cities have been installing pickleball courts with mixed acceptance. Some neighbors welcome the courts and overlays, others do not. Our goal with the pilot is to learn what works in the City of Atlanta to best meet the needs of all residents. Based on the pilot, we will identify a path forward that may include additional overlays in select parks, dedicated courts, or a combination of both.

### 3. What does the pilot include?

The pilot includes the creation of 14 dedicated courts and 33 shared tennis/pickleball courts in public parks across the city. [Learn more.](#)

### 4. What parks have pickleball courts?

Through this pilot program, both dedicated pickleball courts and those shared with tennis courts are being created in several parks. Please refer to the [pickleball webpage](#) for the most up-to-date status.

### **5. Can I play pickleball on courts that don't have permanent pickleball lines?**

Yes, pickleball players are allowed to play pickleball on any tennis courts in city parks with the use of drop-down lines. **Do not paint, spray paint, or chalk pickleball lines on tennis courts that don't have them. This is a violation of city code and you may be fined as a result.** Only temporary drop-down lines are permitted.

### **6. Can I paint or chalk pickleball lines on tennis courts that don't have them?**

**No. Do not paint, spray paint, or chalk pickleball lines on tennis courts that don't have them. This is a violation of city code and you may be fined as a result.** Only temporary drop-down lines are permitted.

### **7. Where can I play pickleball indoors?**

Pickleball can be played indoors at some City of Atlanta Recreation Centers. Please refer to the [pickleball webpage](#) for the latest offerings.

### **8. Can I play pickleball at tennis centers?**

Yes, you can play pickleball at all five City of Atlanta Tennis Centers! Reservations are required. **Free** use of pickleball equipment including net, paddles, and drop-down lines are available at each location.

- Washington Park Tennis Center - 1125 Lena St NW, Atlanta, GA 30314 // 404.658.6229
- Joseph D McGhee Tennis Center - 820 Beecher Ct SW, Atlanta, GA 30311 // 404.756.1869
- Sharon E. Lester at Piedmont Park - 400 Park Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 // 404.853.3461
- Chastain Memorial - 110 W. Wieuca Rd., NW 30342 // 404.255.3210
- Bitsy Grant - 2125 Northside Dr., NW 30305 // 404.609.7193

There are no permanent pickleball lines on courts at the tennis centers. Only approved tape or drop-down lines can be used to convert courts.

Courts designated "training courts" are available for pickleball at tennis centers and must be reserved in advance through [PlayByPoint](#) for a modest fee. After you set up / log into your PlayByPoint account, search for the facility names above to book a court. Select the time you want to play and chose a Training Court to reserve (pickleball may also be played on the platform tennis courts at Bitsy Grant).

You can check out equipment—including drop down and/or tape lines—at the front desk upon arrival.

**10. Do I need to reserve a court in advance?**

To play at a tennis center, you must reserve a court in advance (see above).

To play at other courts in City of Atlanta parks, a reservation is not required. *However, reserving is the best way to guarantee that you'll be able to play when and where you want to.*

Reservations require a small fee (\$3 - \$5/hr). Reserve a court in a city park through [iParcs](#) - Account setup/login required. Reservations must be made at least three days in advance, but no more than 90 days in advance. If you do not to reserve a court, they're available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Please limit play to 1-hr. if others are waiting.

**11. What happens if I make a reservation and there is someone on the court when I arrive?**

The people/group with the reservation has the right to the court. After confirming that the court you reserved is occupied, politely inform the people on the court of your reservation. They will need to leave the court.

**12. Is there a time limit on how long I can play?**

There is no limit on the length of time for which you can reserve a court.

However, if no reservation has been made and play is determined on a first-come, first-served basis, please limit play to 1-hr if there are others waiting for a court.

**13. What are the measures of success for the pickleball pilot?**

[View Pickleball Pilot Measures of Success here.](#)

**14. Where can I find additional information?**

[View the Pickleball Pilot Program presentation here.](#)

**15. How can I provide feedback to the pilot?**

[COMPLETE THIS SURVEY](#) to share your feedback for what's working and what's not in the rollout of Atlanta's Pickleball Pilot.

If you have additional ideas or comments to share, email [ATLPickleballPilot@AtlantaGa.Gov](mailto:ATLPickleballPilot@AtlantaGa.Gov).