

THE PICKLEBALL MACHINE

HOURS OF USE – STARTING at 8AM DAILY

1. The machine is for OHCC residents only - no guests. Guests may not use the machine or be on the court when the machine is in use. This is an HOA restriction due to liability issues.
2. To check out the machine:
 - Residents must be on the Approved List indicating they have attended a brief in-person Racquet Club training session.
 - Residents must have a signed Racquet Club waiver on file.

The training session is the first Thursday of the month at Clubhouse Courts at 11AM. No reservation required.

Contact the Racquet Club Help Desk at ohrchelp@gmail.com to have a waiver sent to you or pick one up from the Racquet Club folder at the Front Desk. Submit completed form to Racquet Club envelope at the Front Desk.

3. To schedule use of the pickleball machine
 - Use on Pickleball Courts 1, 2, or 3 only.
 - Machine is available first come, first served.
 - Option 1. Making an advance reservation ensures the machine is available to you. Book a court reservation in the Racquet Club Skedda system. Must specify “ball machine” in the booking title.
 - Option 2. If a Clubhouse court is free, and the machine has not been pre-reserved, you may simply go into the Clubhouse Front Desk and request the key – no reservation required.
4. Using the machine
 - Sign out key/remote control from the Clubhouse and list the names (first/last) of any residents using the machine during your time slot.
 - The machine may be checked out for a maximum of 60 minutes.
 - The machine is stored in a black case near the pickleball storage shed.
 - An instruction sheet is attached to the machine.

Detailed Instructions – Setting up the Machine for use

1. Unlock black case near the pickleball storage shed. The machine has a Smart Charger that should be connected continuously to the electrical outlet through the included surge protector while the machine is in the case.
2. If the indicator light on the surge protector is not “on” when you arrive, there could be a problem: either the surge protector was left unplugged or something tripped the GFCI switch. Either could result in the machine not being fully powered up.
3. Disconnect the charger cord from machine as the first step. **Do not** run any power cords or extension cords onto the court – the machine operates on battery power only!
4. Wheel the case onto the court or remove the machine from the case using the carrying handle. Machine should be fully charged and must never be used while it is plugged in to electrical power. If battery light is not green (or the battery runs out during your session), you will need to use the backup battery (also in the black case where you found the machine).
5. Place machine directly on the court 1 -2 feet behind the baseline, white plastic flaps up. When you are using the oscillating function, the machine must be sitting directly on the ground.
6. Open the white plastic flaps **CAREFULLY** one by one! Each flap has a **RED CIRCLE** that says “**Press here when lifting**” – if you do not do this, the flap hinge will likely break and cause the machine to be placed out of service for repair. Let’s not have that happen!



7. Before turning on the machine, use extreme caution and examine the opening in front (where the balls exit) to confirm that there is not a ball stuck in the mechanism or rolling around inside the machine. This is the most common cause of work orders. **NEVER EVER DO THIS** when the machine is powered on



8. There is a bag of balls in the case to use with the machine. Load the balls into the hopper.
9. Adjust the settings for the drill you want to do (see next pages).
10. Turn on power and let a few balls get launched – adjust settings as needed while the balls are being launched to fine-tune.
11. Turn off power and refill hopper if needed.
12. Turn on remote switch and power switch. You're ready to go!
13. Once the hopper is empty, turn off the power before refilling hopper.

Suggested Settings – Using the Machine

Set the five controls (Ball Speed, Sidespin, Ball Feed, Oscillator, and Elevation) to enable the drill you want.

To practice returning serves or third shots:



- Ball Speed 6
- Sidespin flat (you can try adding spin once you are comfortable)
- Ball Feed 5
- Oscillator off for service return; random for third shot practice
- Elevation 5

To practice blocking while standing at the kitchen line in a ready position



- Ball Speed 10 (this is really fast, you might try 8 or 9 first)
- Sidespin flat
- Ball Feed 5
- Oscillator off (or two-line if you want to have two people at the kitchen)
- Elevation 3

To practice retreating from the kitchen line to get lobs hit over your head



- Ball Speed 5
- Sidespin flat
- Ball Feed 5
- Oscillator off (or on if you want a challenge!)
- Elevation 4
- Lift the front of the machine onto two pickleballs to increase the height of the lobs

Detailed Instructions – What to do when you are done

1. Turn off Oscillator, Remote, and Power switches.
2. Collect all balls and put in bag.
3. Check the machine to confirm no loose or stuck balls inside the mechanism.
4. Close and secure the white plastic ball hopper flaps.
5. Carry machine by handles and return to case. Put the bag of balls in the case.
6. Plug Smart Charger cord into battery jack and ensure that it is connected to the surge protector which is plugged into the electric outlet. If you used the backup battery, ensure it is plugged in to recharge as well. Make sure the surge protector's indicator light goes on.



7. Lock case. Return key to Clubhouse per instructions.
8. If there was any problem with the machine, please tell Front Desk staff what the problem seemed to be. Please send an email to the Help Desk with the same information.