



## **Welcome to Prospective and New Members.**

If you are thinking of joining the Torquay Pickleball Association or have already recently joined, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and look forward to you being part of our club. We hope the following information will be of assistance.

### **1. Membership**

We welcome beginners to a free introductory session; subsequent sessions cost \$7. You must become a member of Pickleball Australia, Pickleball Victoria and the Torquay Pickleball Assoc Inc. by your fourth session.

### **2. Pickleball Australia, Pickleball Victoria and Torquay Pickleball Membership**

Register and pay the appropriate fee via the Pickleball Victoria website (link below). The fees for Pickleball Australia, Pickleball Victoria and Torquay Pickleball are all paid with the one payment.

Total Fees: Adult = \$80, Senior (Over 65) and Junior (Under 18) = \$70

The link to Torquay Membership on the Pickleball Victoria Website is:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/pickleballvic/registration/>

### **3. Where, When**

Wurdi Baierr Stadium: Wadawurrung Way, Torquay

#### **Session Times- ALL SESSIONS ARE LIMITED TO 16 PLAYERS**

Mondays - 10.45am to 12.15pm - all levels

Tuesdays - 12.45pm to 2.15pm - Beginners & all levels

Tuesdays - 2.30pm to 4.00pm - Advanced (Level 3 & above)

Tuesdays - 7.00pm to 9.00pm - all levels

Wednesdays - 12.45pm to 2.15pm - all levels

Thursdays - 12.45pm to 2.15pm - all levels

Thursdays - 2.30pm to 4.00pm - Advanced

2nd Sunday every month - 10.00am -12.00pm - Beginners

### **WE CANNOT ACCEPT WALKUPS AT ANY SESSION**

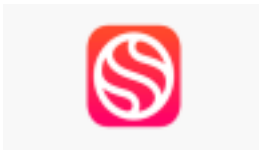
**Bookings for all Sessions after your free introductory session must be made via an App called Spond - see below**

#### **4. Registering for sessions.**

We use the Spond electronic booking system to register & pay for sessions. This can be done by using the Spond App.

Process:

1. Download the Spond App from the App Store



2. Accept the Spond invitation
3. Sign up to sessions
4. Register your credit card with Spond to pay session fees

#### **5. Equipment.**

It is expected that you have your own paddle for play, however the club has paddles that can be used until you get one. There are numerous retailers where these can be purchased, but the Pickleball Superstore (<https://pickleballsuperstore.com.au/>) may be a good starting point.

#### **6. Further Information**

For further information or to organise an introductory session you **MUST email [torquaypickleball@gmail.com](mailto:torquaypickleball@gmail.com)**

Additional information at:

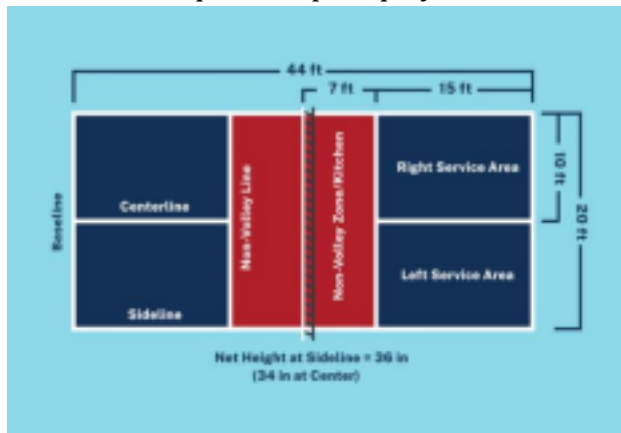
Pickleball Victoria: <https://www.pickleballvictoria.org/>

Torquay Pickleball Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TorquayPickleball/>

#### **7. Pickleball Basics**

Here's some information to help you get started on the court:

Pickleball is a paddle sport played with a whiffle ball on a badminton size court .



### Some Rules You Should Know:

- The serve **Must be Underhand** and land crosscourt into the opposite serving area, (the area between the baseline and the Non-Volley Zone).
- Both the Serve and the Return of Serve **Must Bounce**. This means the serving team must not volley the return of serve.
- The First Side to Serve (Doubles) **Has One Serve; Then, Each Side Has Two**. The serving sequence always begins in the right hand service box.
  - **In Doubles The Server Calls the Score Before Each Serve**. The first number is the serving teams score, the second number the receiving teams score and the third number the server (1 or 2). So, if the score is 5- 3-2 the 1<sup>st</sup> number (5) = the serving teams score, the 2<sup>nd</sup> (3) = the receiving teams score and the 3<sup>rd</sup> number (2) = the server (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- **Only the Serving Team Can Score Points**, the serving team switches sides after each point won. Games to 11 points (win by 2)
- **No Volleys Are Allowed in the Non-Volley Zone** (also known as the Kitchen) both at the time of contact with the ball and after contact if your momentum carries you into the Non-Volley Zone.
- You can play a shot in the non-volley zone **if the ball has bounced**.
- Shots that hit the lines are in, **except** a serve that hits a line bordering the Non – Volley Zone. This is a fault.
- **Official Rules** can be found at:  
<https://www.usapickleball.org/docs/ifp/USAPA-Rulebook.pdf>