

BUYING PICKLE BALL EQUIPMENT

The following local stores and on line sites are good sources of Pickle Ball equipment. These are provided by way of example only, to assist those new to the game; there are other locations to buy Pickle Ball equipment. The Maple Leaf Pickle Ball Club in no way endorses any particular retailer.

Local Stores

Wrigley's Tennis, US 41 (at Cross), Punta Gorda,
www.wrigleystennis.com - 941-637-1487

Sports Authority, 18219 Tamiami, North
Port, www.sportsauthority.com – 941-423-0146

Grand Slam Tennis, 2705 Tamiami Trail, suite 313, Punta
Gorda, www.grandslamtennisco.com – 941-347-8165

Dick's Sporting Goods , 4977 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers,
www.dickssportinggoods.com - 239-362-9575

On Line

www.pickleballcentral.com

www.pickleball.net (Onix Sports, owned by Steve Wong, US
national pickleball champion)

www.amazon.com

www.calibex.com

www.best-deal.com

www.pickleballpaddlesplus.com

www.picklepro.com

www.academy.com

Paddles and balls may also be purchased from Cathy Denault of Premium Pickleball, an Onix representative who has visited the Maple Leaf Pickleball Club a number of times. Cathy can be reached at 941-227-9966 or cathy@premiumpickleball.com

Paddles

Graphite, fiberglass, aluminum or composite Pickle Ball paddles are better than wood paddles, and can be purchased for \$45-80, although one can easily pay more. Wood paddles are, however, much cheaper (\$15 – \$25). Buying paddles of a grip size and weight to be comfortable to the player is key. Some retailers have an inventory of Gently Used Paddles and Paddles With Minor Defects, which can be purchased at a reduced price (up to 40% or 50%). Buying paddles in a bundle of 2-4 paddles (even up to 10) can also reduce the price per paddle. Some retailers have a 30-day return policy, allowing free testing of a racket.

Balls

Balls are usually white, yellow or orange, but other colors, i.e. green, are sometimes available (yellow is the most popular outdoors). There are different ball models intended for indoor and outdoor play (indoor balls typically have larger holes). The 40 hole pickle ball is the standard outdoor pickle ball used by most pickle ball players. Balls usually sell in packages of 6 (about \$15) or 12 (about \$25), but you may be able to buy them on sale or in smaller quantities.

The Maple Leaf Pickleball Club promotes the use of a quieter ball from Onix, called the Pure 2 and this ball is provided to all

members when they sign up. Members are encouraged to buy the Pure 2 when a replacement is needed.

Shoes

Comfortable court shoes are recommended, but any shoe is acceptable as long as the sole is light colored. If you arrive with dark colored soles, you will not be allowed to play unless and until you put on appropriate footwear. It is essential that we enforce this rule to protect the court surface, and your understanding is appreciated. Court shoes are specially designed for durability on outdoor courts. They offer great control, support and stability. They may also have extra supports to prevent toe jams. Expect to pay \$100 or more.

Clothing

No special clothing is required, but you may want to wear light colored and light weight shorts and a top, such as a tennis or golf shirt. Pickle Ball tee shirts are also available through the above retailers, and these sell for \$15 – \$20 or more. You will probably also want a hat or visor and sunglasses.