

**Question 14: Any additional comments on pickleball or other sports courts that you would like to share?**

Common sense guidelines about the timing of play on courts should be noted respectively in the directory. I don't think this needs to be referred or enforced as a "rule" at this time,

Concerned by water permeability on courts. We don't understand how MXB can require permeable driveways and then allow impermeable sport courts.

Could the use of softer or quieter pickle balls be required?

Don't forget cornhole. It's not just the sound of the sport but the hootin' and holler in' that ensues when a score is made.

Fortunately, there are many areas from Ocean City to Rehoboth to play Pickleball. Pickleball play is loud. The padded sound screens that are put on the fence surrounding the courts don't help much with the sound of the ball. I don't feel any properties on the ocean side should have pickleball courts. The properties are too close to each other. I'm not familiar with all of the land on the Pine side.

From the go our view has been this is for any whom would like to be active and have fun to use the court! Anyone who has seen us use has seen it is primarily grandchildren playing football, riding bikes, playing basketball on the big and little hoops we put out there, kicking a soccer ball or playing lacrosse on the little goals. If there are any restrictions on hours this should be taken into consideration on what is it being used for, how many are on the court, what are the ages of the people on the court etc as blanket hours does not work. Are you saying if you impose a 8/9/10 am or 7/8/9 pm no use that our grandchildren can not go out there and play lacrosse or myself, my son or any can not go shoot a basketball by myself or with say one other person? This needs to be taken into consideration if restrictions are under discussion.

Additionally, we could envision some small neighborhood "tournaments", friendly competitions in the neighborhood (the house does have an inside "bar" that overlooks the court perfect for "cheering on") or any community members and friends (not for renters hahaha) to play, enjoy, stay healthy, stay active and stay fit whether basketball, pickleball or any other healthy and fun sport.

I think there might be a template as the By Laws or others have a Pool Addendum on construction and protocols. There are no hours in there that restrict use. Also in the Covenants or By Laws there is noise disturbance time of 11 pm or such. Are we saying we can party, scream, yell until 11 pm but we can not play sports? Another solution I will offer is lights. Do not allow lights on the court and there is a self created "restriction".

We believe this is something that should be a calling card for MBA that we are indeed an active, friendly, engaging and healthy community as one and if we can play some small part in this "mantra" we are glad to!  
COME ONE COME ALL!!!

Having weighed in, I think any sort of sports activity is a good thing and encourages people in the community to interact. Having written this, rules should be adhered to and there should be ramifications if they are not adhered to.

I love seeing kids playing outdoor activities on the streets. It is a happy sound! People need to be thoughtful of others.

I play pickleball in multiple locations, MBA private property being only 1 location.

If owners or guests want to set up a portable pickleball court in the street and abide by hours of play that's fine.

If you wish to police this than all things that make noise should be policed such as motor vehicles, parties. Why can't the community quiet hours just be enforced instead

It's a game people come to relax and have family fun. This is not a jail where every single thing is monitored.  
Enjoy life

Large sports courts- like pickleball or tennis- should not be allowed. A basketball " sports court", if a reasonable size, should be ok.

Maybe a rule about noise level would make it unnecessary to restrict times. In the summer when super hot, I can see people wanting to play early.

Maybe suggest a quieter paddle/ball to reduce noise?

NA

Neighbors on bayberry have a Pickleball court, and they are extremely considerate of other neighbors and limit the hours of play! I personally enjoy hearing the laughter from the fun they're having!

Neighbors should be considerate of others. This issue should not be regulated.

No

No artificial lighting on courts

Noise from sports courts is the same as construction noise. The expert confirmed that. Since we heavily regulate construction noise, we should simply apply the same rules to sports courts that we do to construction-- prohibit it during the summer months when everyone is at the beach to relax and enjoy peace and quiet -- see holly dempsey's email.

Noise in Middlesex does echo! I can hear the people behind us talking, watching tv, listening to music, etc. should they stop? I think if we put a play time out there should be fine...

Our community is fun because the covenant and existing rules allow our members to have fun, I would like to keep it that way.

Pickleball and basketball ball court noise can be a serious detriment to the quiet enjoyment of our property , and to property values. It's Not only the sound of the balls but the usual shouting and yelling that often accompanies competitive sporting events. They should be strictly regulated. Our homes aren't meant to be "sports courts".

Pickleball courts should be banned in Middlesex

Pickleball noise when on private property is sporadic, not all day everyday like public or community courts. People should be allowed to enjoy vacation activities.

Sports courts can create noise that may be annoying to neighbors. However, cars, lawn mowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers, parties, family gatherings and kids can also create annoying noises. Should restrictions be put on these activities as well? People come to Middlesex to enjoy their homes and families. Noise is apart of life.

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The markings that some may use to temporarily play on the street, perhaps at end of the dead end streets are not really a issue for us. Reiterating that anymore solid surfaces in Middlesex will contribute to drainage issues.

There are rules regarding construction of swimming pools, why would sports courts be any different. We would like to take our dogs on the beach during the summer. Something like morning hours and evening hours. MBX owners could have a special dog bandanas like an annual beach pass. We think the board should reconsider this issue and take a more reasonable approach.

These sports are part of the fun people should enjoy while at the beach whether they own or not and the community should do everything to enable them without undo heartship on neighbors.

We could, if the Board were so inclined, come up with a book of HOA Rules that might match the IRS Tax Code! Volumes upon volumes, unintelligible to any but lawyers, trying to regulate every nuance of actually living at Middlesex Beach. PLEASE DON'T DO THAT.

BTW - If the Board were to regulate pickleball courts, there was no Survey Option offered for ending games, e.g., at 10:00pm, etc.

We have friends in 2 communities in South Carolina and Florida who have sold their homes and relocated to other communities because of the constant noise of pickleball courts near their homes.

We have noise hours just enforce them. Basketball and pickball being grouped together is absolutely ridiculous. The noise decidability is completely not even close.

We live in close proximity to the Bayside Tennis Club. We have been impacted over the years with noise from the courts to include cleaning the courts during early morning hours . Our former neighbor who was a member of the club helped to address the cleaning noise concerns. I absolutely would not want to live anywhere near a home that was permitted to have their own sports court. Enforcing any rules/restrictions would honestly be a nightmare for MXB if this is permitted! We come to the beach for peace and tranquility! Let's keep it that way!!!

We need to promote activities that get people outside and off thier phones and away from TVs

We spend a lot of time on our decks; from morning coffee, to dinner and maybe watching TV in the evening. Throughout the day there are dog walker, joggers, bikers and folks going back and forth to the beach BUT one thing we as well as our guests notice is how quiet and relaxing it is in the evening. We hope that's not going to change.

Why does MBA prohibit residential construction July and August and major holidays? The noise is unacceptable for our quiet community. I believe the same rationale should apply to Pickleball.