

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PICKLEBALL BALL

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world. Here's a brief history of the game.

- 1965**
Pickleball was invented in Bainbridge Island, Seattle, Washington, USA by Joel Pritchard, Barney McCallum & Bill Bell
- 1967**
The first permanent pickleball courts were built
- 1975**
The National Observer published an article about pickleball
- 1976**
The first pickleball tournament was held in Tukwila, Washington
- 1984**
U.S.A.P.A formed
- 1989**
The Villages, Florida built permanent pickleball courts
- 2002**
The first **National Championships** were hosted by the Villages, Florida
- 2007**
Pickleball introduced to **India**
- 2011-2019**
Pickleball clubs setup in the UK, Spain, China, Thailand, Japan, Finland, Holland, France and many other countries. Tournaments were set up in European countries: Spain, UK, Holland, Finland, Italy, Germany, Denmark to name a few. Southern Hemisphere also introduced tournaments - India, Singapore, Thailand. Australia.
- 2012**
First pickleball Canada National tournament held in British Columbia
- 2015**
First pickleball teaching organisation created (IPTPA)
- 2017**
Pickleball Hall of Fame was created.
- 2019**
Pickleball Tournaments listed 748 tournaments!
- 2020**
WORLD PICKLEBALL DAY 10.10.20 announced.