**Pickleball Sentences**

1. The sport has continued to grow in popularity among adults.
2. 68% of pickleball players are over the age of 60.
3. Pickleball is almost equally as popular among men and women.
4. 53% of players are male and 47% are female.
5. Pickleball has its own national governing body: The United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA).
   1. This association regulates professional play for the sport.
6. The sport's popularity across the world led to the creation of the International Federation of Pickleball.
   1. This organization helps to regulate the sport in countries like the US, Canada, France, Great Britain and Spain.
7. The first permanent court for pickleball was built in 1967.
8. Due to its growing popularity, pickleball is now taught in many grade schools and junior high schools.
9. Like tennis, pickleball can be played as both a singles and doubles sport.
10. Pickleball has rules that allow teams with standing players and wheelchaired players to play each other.
11. As of 2016, more than 2.5 million people who live in the US actively play pickleball.
    1. This was found through a survey done by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.
12. Initially, pickleball paddles were made entirely of wood.
    1. However in recent years, lightweight materials like graphite and aluminum have been incorporated to lessen the weight of the paddle.
13. Due to the aerodynamics of the pickleball ball, (its large holes), pickleball balls travel approximately 1/3 the speed of a tennis ball.
14. In pickleball, players are referred to as “Picklers.”
    1. Those who have lost did not “lose”, they have “Pickled.”
15. When in doubt, stay out of the kitchen:
    1. The 7-foot non-volley zone directly in front of the pickleball court’s net is called “The Kitchen.”
16. The term “dink shot” is used when a soft shot narrowly arcs over the pickleball net and lands in the Kitchen.

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