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## **ASBA Announces Publication of *Pickleball Courts: Construction & Maintenance Manual***

Forest Hill, MD (October 13, 2020) – The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA), the national organization for builders, designers and suppliers of materials for sports fields, running tracks, tennis courts and indoor and outdoor courts and recreational facilities, has announced the publication of the 2020 edition of *Pickleball Courts: Construction & Maintenance Manual*. This is the second edition of the popular publication and updates the 2017 version.

The book is a resource for anyone involved in building, maintaining, repairing or renovating pickleball courts in any setting, from large, municipal complexes to private clubs, and even to residential courts. It includes user-friendly technical information on all aspects of courts and facilities, including design, budgeting and planning, site requirements, surface selection, construction, lighting, maintenance, repair, amenities and accessories and other essential information. In addition, it includes diagrams, photos, information on governing bodies and additional resources and information.

The manuscript for *Pickleball Courts: Construction & Maintenance Manual* was created and compiled by a volunteer editorial board with representatives of USA Pickleball (the national governing body for the sport) and ASBA.

This edition of the manual includes new information, including sections on the construction and maintenance of clay and fast-dry pickleball courts. It also has a new chapter on indoor pickleball courts (including planning and design considerations) and expanded information on LED lighting.

Additionally, the 134-page manual contains 40 updated drawings by Alex Levitsky, AIA, of Global Sports & Tennis Design Group, as well as information on pickleball rules and how they pertain to court design and construction.

“The 2020 edition of *Pickleball Courts: Construction & Maintenance Manual* is an excellent reference and should be on the bookshelf of anyone interested in building or maintaining courts – as well as those who are promoting the construction of such facilities in their area,” said Randy Futtly, who served as chair of the editorial board, and who is regional sales manager for Laykold. “The book was a true joint effort between ASBA and USA Pickleball and we’re really proud of the finished product.”

“This manual is an essential tool for those who plan, build and maintain courts and facilities,” noted Fred Stringfellow, the executive director of the ASBA. “But beyond that, organizations, clubs, schools, park & rec districts, resorts, pickleball enthusiasts and many others will want to have this reference on hand, as they continue to enjoy the sport and improve and expand their facilities.”

“We’re excited to collaborate on this new edition of the pickleball construction manual,” said Justin Maloof, the executive director of the USA Pickleball. “It’s been great working with ASBA certified court builders to put this guide together. We expect this manual will help pickleball continue to grow around the country and around the world—bringing a fun, social, easy-to-learn sport to participants of all ages and skill levels, and allowing them to stay healthy and active.”

USA Pickleball staff and volunteers who contributed to this manual include Maloof, David Jordan, former USA Pickleball president; Joe Santoro, USA Pickleball board member; Mark Peifer, USA Pickleball director of officiating; and Karen Parrish, USA Pickleball managing director of competition.

In addition to Fuddy and Levitsky, ASBA members who contributed include a number of Certified Tennis Court Builders (CTCB) and supplier members, including Mark Brogan (CTCB), owner, Pro-Sport Construction Inc.; Dale Hendrickson, owner, TD Sports Inc.—Sport Court of Southern California; Colin Donovan (CTCB), Renner Sports Surfaces; and Randy Resley, owner, Sport Court of the Rockies. ASBA staff who contributed include Fred Stringfellow, CAE, and Cynthia Sanchez. Peter Francesconi of Ace Media Group LLC worked with the editorial board and edited this publication. USA Pickleball and ASBA have additionally recognized the members of the ASBA for many of the photos used in this manual.

The new edition of the book is now available as a printed, spiral-bound manual and as a PDF download for \$34.95. Books can be ordered by going to the website [www.sportsbuilders.org](http://www.sportsbuilders.org) and selecting the “publications” tab at the top.

The ASBA is a non-profit association helping designers, builders, owners, operators and users understand quality athletic facility construction. The Association sponsors informative meetings, publishes newsletters, books and technical construction guidelines and keeps its members updated on developments in the industry. The ASBA also publishes similar, comprehensive “Construction & Maintenance” manuals for Tennis Courts, Running Tracks, Sports Fields and Indoor Sports Surfaces.

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