



Steve Boyd

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Why Pickleball?

Because it's fun, social, easy to learn, great exercise and a lifetime sport. I'm a lifelong tennis player and was content staying that way until my wife suggested we try Pickleball. I was hooked immediately and never looked back. It's a great combination of all the racket sports I enjoy (tennis, racquetball & ping pong). While it was the game that got me hooked, it's the Pickleball community that keeps me coming back. I have made so many new friends playing Pickleball and want to help others feel welcomed into the sport and community as well.

About Me

I live in St. Charles with my wife and have two kids in college. When I'm not playing Pickleball, I enjoy cycling, swimming, hiking and being outdoors. In addition to my work as a Pickleball Professional, I have over 25 years of training and organizational development experience in corporate, non-profit, and independent consulting environments. I am a certified coach, classroom instructor and facilitator.

My Coaching Philosophy

- **It's about you, not me** – A coach's job is to understand your goals and help you get where you want to go.
- **Progress not perfection** – Regardless of where you are, there is always room to grow and something new to learn.
- **Every person is unique** – A coach should tailor their approach to each individual's strengths, weaknesses, personality, and learning style.
- **Know the what and the why** – In addition to helping people know what to do, a coach should help people understand why they are doing it as well.
- **Keep it positive and fun** – Coaches should create an environment where people feel comfortable making mistakes and learning from them.

