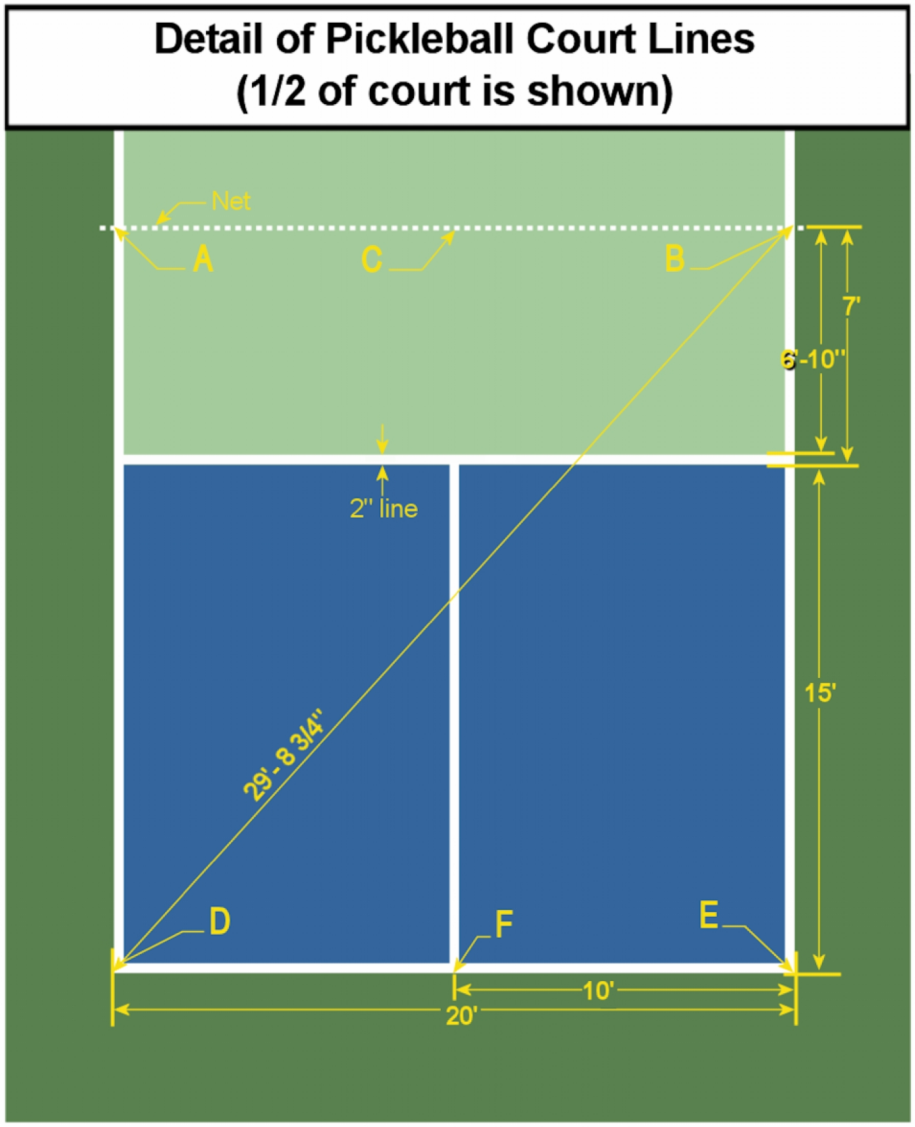
Suggestions for Laying Out a Pickleball Court

The diagram shows half of a pickleball court on one side of the net. The following steps should be used to lay out half of the court and then repeated for the half of the court on the other side of the net.

1. Determine the location of the net. It should be a straight line 22 feet long (6.7056 meters). 20 feet (6.096 meters) between the sidelines with an additional foot on each end to extend to the net posts). Outdoor courts in the United States should generally be aligned with the long axis in the north-south direction. However, courts in the southern third of the U.S. should be aligned 15-25 degrees west of true north to minimize the effects of the afternoon sun in the winter.
2. Locate the center of the net (point C on the diagram) and then measure 10 feet (3.048 meters) to points A and B (the sidelines of the court).
3. Anchor a measuring tape at point A and another tape at point B. The measuring tape down the sideline should be 22 feet (6.7056 meters) and the diagonal tape should measure 29 feet-8 ¾ inches (9.062 meters). Pull both tapes tight to meet at point D.
4. Repeat step 3 on the opposite side of the court to locate point E.
5. As a double check, verify that the distance between points D and E is 20 feet (6.096 meters).
6. Mark the center of the baseline at point F.
7. The non-volley zone line is located at 7 feet (2.1336 meters) from the net and is located entirely within the 7-foot non-volley zone.
8. All lines should be 2 inches (0.0508 meters) wide.
9. The total overall playing surface should be at least 30 feet (9.144 meters) by 60 feet (18.288 meters) for recreational play. The preferred size for tournament play is 34 feet (10.3632 meters) by 64 feet (19.5072).