

OPEN PLAY RULES AND GUIDELINES

Rules for Being a Good Human

- We are all here to have fun, be respectful of others while on the court.
- We reserve the right to dismiss overly emotional players from Open Play.
- Wait your turn for a court in your experience/skill level. Don't place your paddle down on a court not in your experience/skill level because the line is shorter.
- When Open Play is over, please clean up after yourself and don't forget your belongings.
- If you are new to pickleball, please watch the following video from USA Pickleball for basic rules and gameplay before attending Open Play.

[Basic Rules of Pickleball](#)

Rules for Court Movement

- Courts 1,4 & 7 are reserved for advanced players.
Courts 2,5 & 8 are reserved for intermediate players.
Courts 3,6 & 9 are reserved for beginner/new players.
- Players must play on courts that are aligned with their experience level.
- Court rotation rules should encourage players not to play on courts that are more than their experience/skill level.
- Players should NOT put their paddle in the bin that is not aligned with their experience/skill level just because it is the shortest wait time.
- Players who lose two or more consecutive games on a given court are strongly encouraged to put their paddle on the next lower experience/skill leveled court.
- Players who win 3 consecutive games on a given court are encouraged to put their paddle on the next higher skilled court (example: if you win 3 consecutive games at intermediate court, you are encouraged to challenge on an advanced court).

How to challenge on to a court

- All participating Players will put their paddles in the bin of the “specific” row of courts which aligns with their experience/skill level.
- Each player can only have one paddle in a bin at a time. If you wish to stay with your partner, stack each paddle next to each other in the bin.
- When players rotate off of a given court, they can place their paddle in the bin of the same court or a different court.

Rotation Rules

- Winning partners can stay on the court with a maximum limit of 3 consecutive games. If you win a game, you stay on the court for a second and/or third game.
- Play one game to 11 points, win by 2. The losing team must rotate off.
- After playing 3 consecutive games, winners must rotate off the court if there are 2 or more paddles on the rack waiting on the court
- If winners are staying on the court and there are 2 or more paddles on the rack, then the 2 players at the top of the wait will challenge the winners
- If winners are staying on the court and there is only 1 paddle waiting, then the challenging player will team up with one of the losing players.
- If winners are rotating off the court and there are 4 or more paddles on court waiting, then the 4 players at the top of the queue will play the next game.
- Court 1 is the only challenge court. Winners on the challenge court are not limited to the amount of games they can play in a row.
- Court 9 is reserved for beginners/new to Pickleball only. Unrated, brand new players should place their paddles on this court only.

