

## Town of Addison Pickleball League Rules

### Pickleball League Rules

Welcome to the Coed Pickleball League! Please review the following rules and guidelines to ensure fair and fun play for all participants. These leagues will follow standard USA Pickleball rules and guidelines.

### Match Format

All matches will be played best 2 out of 3 to 11 points, win by 2. Teams will play rock, paper, scissors to decide who serves first. The winner may choose to serve or to pick which side of the court their team starts on. This league follows a round robin format. Teams will typically play doubleheaders each week; however, due to scheduling, there may be one or two weeks during the season when a team is scheduled for only a single match. Teams must be ready to play when scheduled. A 5-minute grace period will be allowed; after that, the match may be forfeited. Only one player is required to register the team.

### Substitutions and Rescheduling

To maintain competitive integrity and ensure accurate league scoring, match rescheduling will not be permitted this season, with the exception of illness-related reschedule. "Illness" is defined as a sudden medical condition that prevents a player from safely participating and is not a known conflict, planned absence, travel, work obligation, or scheduling preference. The league supervisor must be notified prior to the scheduled match time in order for the reschedule to be approved. Both teams must confirm the new match date within 48 hours of the original match time, and the make-up match must be completed within one week of the original match date. It is the responsibility of the teams to coordinate a time and secure a court. Failure to confirm a new date within 48 hours or to complete the match within one week will result in a forfeit. No additional reschedules will be granted for any reason.

If a player is unable to attend a scheduled match, their team may use a substitute; however, each team is limited to one substitute appearance per season. Substitutes must be at the same skill level within the league. The league supervisor reserves the right to determine substitute eligibility if there is any question regarding player level. It is the responsibility of the team needing a substitute to arrange one prior to match time. If a substitute is not secured by match time, the match will be recorded as a forfeit. If a substitute is secured, the opposing team must be notified prior to the start of the match.

### Weather Policy

Only severe weather conditions will result in a full league-wide reschedule. Participants will be notified by **5 PM** if weather impacts play.

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### **Facility Rules**

If the ball hits the top of the shade structure during play, it will be considered out. Please respect the facility and clean up after yourselves. Restrooms are located at the Athletic Club.

### **Sportsmanship**

This league encourages good sportsmanship and positive conduct. Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in removal from the league. Players are responsible for calling balls on their side. If there is a dispute, the point is replayed.

### **Equipment Policy**

The league will not provide pickleballs or paddles for matches. Teams are responsible for bringing their own equipment each week. However, if a team needs to borrow a paddle or ball, equipment may be checked out at the Athletic Club, subject to availability.

### **Playoff Format**

The top four teams based on regular season match record will advance to the playoffs. Teams will be seeded #1 through #4 according to overall match record. In the event of a tie in the standings, ties will be broken by head-to-head record.

Semifinal matchups will be #1 vs. #4 and #2 vs. #3. Both semifinal matches will begin at 7:00 PM using the three available courts.

The championship match will be played immediately following the completion of the semifinal matches. There will be no third-place match.

All playoff matches will follow the same format as the regular season: best 2 out of 3 games to 11 points, win by 2, using rally scoring.

Substitutes are not permitted during playoff matches. Teams must compete with their registered players. If a team is unable to field both registered players for a playoff match, the match will be recorded as a forfeit, we thank you for your understanding.