



Pickleball Ladder League

Play Structure and Rules

The ladder is designed to match players with similar skill levels. Players will move up and down the ladder each week based on percentage of points earned in round robin games.

WHEN

Seven Fridays, January 13th - February 24th

February 24th is prize day. Medals will be awarded to the top three players in each division. Goody bags will be provided for each court, so every player has the opportunity to win.

WHERE

Spectrum Sports Academy
3710 Tom Andrews Rd NW
Roanoke, VA 24019
(540) 561-0921

COST

\$30 per member. \$45 per non-member. Pay online when registering.

WHO CAN PLAY

Play is open to both men and women, 18 years of age or greater. Men and women will only be separated into different divisions during the morning leagues. Games are doubles, but players rotate partners.

DIVISIONS

- **Morning Divisions**

- Men 2.75 - 3.25. Check-in 9:30 - 9:50, games begin at 10 am.
- Men 3.5+. Check-in 9:40 - 10:00, games begin at 10:10 am.
- Women 2.75 - 3.0. Check-in 9:50 - 10:10, games begin at 10:20 am.
- Women 3.25+. Check in 10:00 - 10:20, games begin at 10:30 am.

- **Evening Divisions**

- 2.75 - 3.25. Check in 6:00 - 6:20, games begin at 6:30 pm.
- 3.25 - 3.75. Check in 6:15 - 6:35, games begin at 6:45 pm.
- 3.75+. Check in 6:30 - 6:50, games begin at 7:00 pm.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND REFUNDS

Registration will remain open until Thursday, January 12th, 2023 or until the division is full.

Refunds cannot be given for any reason after January 13th, 2023. If a player decides to drop out of the ladder prior to this date, then a refund will be given minus a \$5 drop out fee.

CHECK-IN, COURT ASSIGNMENTS, SCORESHEETS

Players must check-in during the designated time. Only players who have checked-in will be assigned a court. After checking-in, players can warm up and await court assignments. Once the check-in period has ended, players will be assigned a court and will be given a scoresheet. Players should write down the scores after each game. After all games are completed, the scoresheet should be returned to the front desk.

GAME BALL

Games shall be played with a Gamma Photon ball. Spectrum will provide balls.

DESCRIPTION OF PLAY

Each week, players will compete in either a 4 or 5 person round robin. Four person round robins will play 3 games to 15, win by one. Five person round robins will play 4 games to 11, win by one.

Each player will earn 1 point per game played, plus one point for each point scored. Maximum possible points will be 48 per week. A cumulative percentage of points earned/points possible will be kept for each player.

If requested by any player on the court, then players should change ends of the court when one side has 8 points (in a 15 point game) or 6 points (in an 11 point game).

All play will follow [USA Pickleball rules](#) unless otherwise noted.

GLOBAL PICKLEBALL NETWORK

We will be using Global Pickleball Network to keep track of scores and percentages. You can register for Global Pickleball Network for free. If you are not already registered, you will be sent a registration link.

MISSED PLAY

Players can miss up to 3 weeks of play with no penalty. Players who miss 4 or more weeks of play will be assigned a 5 point penalty and will not be eligible for a medal. Players who miss week 7 (prize night) are not eligible for goody bags, but are eligible to win a medal.

PRIZE DAY

The top three players with the highest percentage of points earned in each division will earn a medal. If tied, the first tiebreaker is win/loss percentage and the second tiebreaker is the average rank. Players must play in a minimum of 4 weeks to be eligible for a medal, but do not need to be present on prize day.

In addition, each court will have a goody bag for the top point earner of the night. The tiebreaker is the win/loss percentage for that day and the second tiebreaker is points against the player for that day.

INTERRUPTION OF A MATCH

If the match is terminated BEFORE the final game, due to injury or emergency, then scores up to that point will not count. Everyone will get an absence for the match and cumulative point percentage will carry over from the last week.

If the match is terminated AFTER the final game has begun, due to injury or emergency, then the team in front will be awarded whatever points are needed to bring their score to 11 or 15, and the team behind will get the same number of points added to their score. For example, if the score is 5-0, the team in the lead gets 6 or 10 points added to their

score and the team behind will get the same 6 or 10 points.

CANCELLATIONS

Players will be informed by email if play is canceled due to weather or other emergencies. If this occurs during weeks 1-6, it will decrease the number of weeks of ladder play. If this occurs during week 7, then we will announce a makeup date.

TIMEOUTS

Each team is allowed 2 timeouts (1 minute each) per game. Players may also have 1 medical timeout of no more than 15 minutes per match. Like any other rule, please use common sense.

SPECTATORS

Spectators shall not be asked their opinion of any rule or line call.

CONFLICTS AND DISPUTES

Conflicts that occur during matches should be settled by the players on the court. Players are responsible for knowing the rules, enforcing them while on court and conducting themselves in a manner representative and adhering to the USA Pickleball Code of Conduct regarding good sportsmanship. We will not mediate matches or settle disputes between players regarding these types of conflicts.

USA Pickleball Code of Conduct

Every person involved in pickleball (participant, official, volunteer, or representative of the USA Pickleball or spectator) pledges as follows:

1. ***I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct or encourage others to do so.***
2. ***I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of others.***
3. ***I will not engage in the use of profanity.***
4. ***I will treat others with respect.***
5. ***I will exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.***
6. ***I will not flaunt my position.***
7. ***I will not use USA Pickleball records or materials for personal gain.***
8. ***I will observe the Golden Rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me.***