



Pickleball Ladder League

Play Structure and Rules

WHEN

Seven Fridays, April 14th - June 2nd

June 2nd 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/Register online through CourtReserve.

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 and earn points as individuals.

DIVISIONS

- **Morning Divisions**

- Men's: 2.75-3.0, 3.25-3.75, 4.0+
- Women's: 2.75-3.0, 3.25-3.75, 4.0+
- Check In: 9:30am - 9:50am. Games begin at 10:00am.

- **Evening Divisions**

- Mixed: 2.75 - 3.0, 3.25-3.75, 4.0+
- Check in 6:00pm - 6:20pm. Games begin at 6:30pm.

***Please note:** Times and divisions are subject to change, based on number of registrations. A minimum of 15 players is needed for each division.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND REFUNDS

Registration will remain open until Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 or until the division is full.

Refunds cannot be given for any reason after April 14th, 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

Doors to the facility will open up 1 hour prior to game start. Players are allowed to arrive early to warm up, but he/she must check-in during the designated time. Only players who have checked-in will be assigned a court. 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. Players may also reach out to the director prior to the date if he/she will be late or absent.

GAME BALL

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

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.

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.

The first week of play, players will be assigned to a court based upon skill level at registration. Each week after, players will be assigned to a court based upon performance from the previous week (i.e: players will either move up 1 court, move down 1 court, or stay on the same court).

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.

PRIZE DAY

Players will be assigned to courts based on total points earned, average points earned and percentage of points earned. The top 4 players for each division will be placed on the medal court. After all games are completed, the top three players 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.

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.

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.***