

# **Open Play**

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8 am to 11am Monday, Wednesday: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

All open play is for players who already know how to play pickleball, keep score, and strategic positioning.

All players are expected to follow Denton Pickleball Open Play Rules

\$3 for Members \$5 for Denton residents \$7 for non-residents

The format of play is non-fixed partners with rotational play after each game and is a social, semi-competitive environment. Players should be able to keep score and understand the basic rules and format of pickleball play.

Please feel free to contact our Front Desk before making the trip out for open play pickleball on days when the weather is a bit questionable. Call 940.349.8526.

## **Court Designation**

Courts 1 & 2 will be designated for Advanced players. Courts 3&4 will be designated for beginner players. Courts 5, 6 & 7 will be designated for intermediate players.

## To Begin

Place your paddle in one of the racks, stacking left to right.

#### **Court Rotation**

Once a match has been played, winners stay on that court, but must switch partners and split up. Two new players will join the court.

• When courts are busy and we have a lot of players waiting, we will play to 7, so that the courts can turn over faster.

### **Etiquette**

The spirit of Open Play is that everyone gets to play with different players in a recreational and fun setting. The objective of Open Play is to have people learn from playing with others. There is no rearranging of paddles so that people stick together.

### **Adult Open Play Rules**

Here are guidelines:

**Beginners** is the lower level player *who already knows how to play and score* but wants to improve their skills. Lessons are available for true beginners.

**Intermediate** is the medium level player who has a bit more proficiency and skills.

**Advanced** is the advanced level player, who maybe plays tournaments, and is strategically proficient.

The courts available for Level 1 and 2 players will also be dictated by the mix of players present. Courts may be combined for Level 1 and 2 players. There are racks at each group of courts to be used for stacking paddles. No paddle rearrangement please When you re-enter the court to play you will split and play with new people each time.

Even though the advanced courts will be self-regulating, this is still OPEN play but at a higher level of skill.

- 1. Winners will STAY on the court (you are not required to split) as the next twosome comes on to play.
- 2. The "losers" will exit the court and restack their paddles.
- 3. After the second win, players must exit the court and get into the regular paddle rotation with everyone else.