



COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE PARK

Competitive Pickleball League Rules 2024

1. This pickleball season is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 29th, 2024 at Memorial Park.
2. Games will be played on Monday evenings. Each team must have a minimum of 1 player(s) ready to play by game time or the game will be declared a forfeit. A team that has 1 player(s) must start at game time, any player coming after the start of the game can enter in whenever that participant arrives.
3. All rainouts will be made up on the following Monday night(s) dependent upon the weather.
4. League fees: \$55 Resident/ \$65 Non-Resident per participant. This fee is due by Monday, April 22nd, 2024.
5. NO SMOKING on the courts or within 25 feet of the fence boundary.
6. Rules for the league will be governed by USA Pickleball rules and regulations. Certain exceptions are made for local house rules.
7. Home team will have the North side of the court for the first game. Teams are expected to switch sides in-between matches.
8. The Away team is responsible for filling out the scorecard and submitting it to the court attendant.
9. AWARDS: 1st Place Season – Trophies, League fees refunded; 2nd Place – Trophies, 80% League fees refunded; 3rd Place – Trophies 60% League fees refunded; 4th Place – Trophies, 40% League fees refunded
10. Spectators are not allowed in the court area.
11. Each team roster must be turned in by the third game. Failure to turn in a roster will delay the start of the third game until a roster is submitted. Once the 5th game of the season is completed (5/6 of originally scheduled games), no new players may be added to the roster. (Exception: an injured player may be replaced after approval from the Recreation Manager)
12. Team rosters may consist of a maximum of 4 players who are 18 years or older. On each roster, 2 players must be paid participants, the other 2 are spots for subs, which will help minimize cancellations/forfeits.

13. Team rosters will be kept onsite. Any players that have not signed the roster must do so before being eligible to play. Once the roster is signed, the sub can play as many games as needed.
14. IF your team cannot attend and cannot find subs to play in your place, please contact Zak Kerby at the Community Park District by email or phone no later than 4pm on the day of the game. Any forfeits will be reported as losses on the scorecard for the night.
15. Make sure all ground rules and local rules are covered before the games between respective captains
16. PROTESTS: **a.** Games can ONLY be protested on rule violations, both regarding games play as well as roster violations. If players cannot agree on a call regarding game play, either a coin flip or a reset to the last recorded score are acceptable ways to make the final call **b.** Protest on ineligible/illegal players MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE PLAYER ENTERS THE GAME. Team rosters may then be checked to determined eligibility of the questioned player. If the questioned player does not have a picture I.D. on her, she will not be able to play. PLEASE INFORM ALL PLAYERS TO BRING A PHOTO I.D. TO EVERY GAME TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY IF THE ISSUE ARISES. **c.** Upon completion of game, protesting team shall put protest in writing and submit to the Park District no later than 24 hours after the game. The Park District will judge all protests and his/her decision will be final.
d. If the protest is upheld, the team in violation will have the scores changed to forfeit for the entire night.
17. Teams will play 3 matches to a score of 11. Each game will be marked on the score card and count toward the standings. All team play all three games
18. Team standings will be posted on the league website.
19. Games will be played on the Pickleball courts at Memorial Park unless otherwise determined by Recreation Manager. Court 1 is the closest to the pavilion, court 3 is closest to the library.
20. There will be no postponement of any game for any reason except inclement weather; or unless determined by the Park District representative.
21. The team that is currently serving is the only team that can score on a given set. If the volley is won by the receiving team, possession switches sides and the team that won the volley will have the opportunity to score.
22. No new matches may begin after 45 minutes from the start of the game. The time will be kept on the courts by the court attendant. When 45 minutes has passed, the current match will be completed. Any following matches will not be started.
23. Score will be kept by the players on the court. Either team can operate the scorekeeper
24. If two teams are tied for any position in the regular season, the following procedures will be utilized to determine the final league standings, in order, until all ties are broken:
 1. Any team with a forfeit during the regular season automatically loses all ties.

2. Team with the best record in head-to-head competition against all other teams involved in the tie.
 3. Team with the better winning percentage in head-to-head competition against teams ranked above the tied teams in standings will be used as determining factor.
 4. Team with the least amount of points allowed against all other teams involved in the tie.
 5. A playoff game will be used to determine seeds (if time allows). If time does not allow or at the discretion of the Athletics manager, a coin flip will be used to determine seeds.
25. Blood Rule – a player, coach or umpire who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The court attendant will determine the reasonable length of time. The opposing team shall: stop play and allow treatment, if the injured player would affect the continuation of the game. Immediately call a captain or other authorized person to the injured player. Apply rules of the game regarding substitution, short-handed player and re-entry if necessary.

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