



ROUND ROCK PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PICKLEBALL LEAGUE RULES

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SUPERVISION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The head of the league shall be the Athletics Supervisor and/or Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) representative.
2. In all matters not covered by USA Pickleball, The Athletics Coordinator and/or Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) representative shall have jurisdiction.

TEAMS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. All league teams must have a roster on record with Round Rock PARD.
2. No less than two (2) players can be carried on a roster at any time.
3. One of the two people rostered are required to be on the court during any games. In the event that neither player is available, team must get prior approval from the athletics team.
4. Each team will have a point of contact who serves as a liaison between their players and PARD.
5. Teams have up until the fourth week of the season to make changes to their roster. All changes must go through the Athletics Coordinator with PARD to be official.
6. All participants must be 18 years of age or older prior to their first scheduled game.
7. **Players are not permitted to play on two different teams in the same division.**

SCHEDULES

1. This league will consist of a minimum of eight (8) games for each team. Depending on the number of teams registered, teams may play up to two games a night. Playoffs will occur after regular season play has ended. At the conclusion of the season there will be a single elimination tournament to determine a league winner.
2. Game schedules are posted to www.TeamSideline.com/RoundRock.
3. Once game schedules are posted, there will be no rescheduled games due to team conflicts. Exception -games that are canceled due to inclement weather or as determined by Parks and Recreation.

4. Any rainout games will be posted on our rainout line. Please call 512-671-2898 for an update. If there is an “old” message, current daily scheduled games are still on.

GAME RULES

A. FIELD OF PLAY/EQUIPMENT

1. Only players may be on the field of play unless requested.
2. Pickleball nets will be provided by RR PARD. Balls and paddles will be brought by participants.

B. GAME LENGTH

1. Matches shall be played to eleven (11) points. The first team to reach that amount at the conclusion of a match is the winner.
2. Teams will play best out of 3 matches. The team with the most match wins gets the overall win against their opponent.
3. Regulation game time limit is 50 minutes. If the time limit is reached in the middle of a rally, the rally shall be completed.

C. SCORING

1. We will use standard Pickleball scoring.
2. Points are scored only by the serving team.
3. Sets are played to 11 points, win by 2. If needed the third set will be win by 1.
4. When the serving team’s score is even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) the player who was the first server in the game for that team will be in the right/even court when serving or receiving; when odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) that player will be in the left/odd court when serving or receiving.
5. Scores shall be reported to the athletics coordinator once complete.

D. PLAY

1. Prior to the first game, one player from each team will meet to determine which team has first service with a paddle flip or coin flip. The team who serves first during the first set will receive first on the second set. The team who serves first during the first set will also serve first during the third set.
2. All games are doubles play only.
3. Players are not allowed to substitute into a game until the end of a match.
4. The home team will start on the side of the court closest to the parking lot.

E. FOREFEITS

1. Game time is the time listed for your team on the current schedule. After five (5) minutes past the scheduled game time, the game will officially be called a forfeit if the team does not have enough players.
2. No forfeit shall be declared earlier than the scheduled game time. TWO EXCEPTIONS:
 - Team Suspension from the league.

- Advance notification to the Parks and Recreation Department office by team manager that their team is unable to play as scheduled. This must be completed 24 hours in advance.
3. Double forfeits are not a tie game; they are counted as a loss for both teams. A full team must be present to award a forfeit to said, “winning team”. If neither team has enough players present, a double forfeit will be declared. If you are the forfeiting team, you MUST notify the Parks and Recreation Department office via phone or email prior to the game.
 4. Forfeiting of two (2) scheduled games may automatically suspend the forfeiting team from further league play, without benefit of a refund. This may also affect remaining league schedules, which in turn may or may not be altered. Allowing said team to continue in league play (current and future) is reviewed by the Athletics Coordinator.
 5. Forfeiting a game during the regular season without following proper league procedure may eliminate your team from contention of playing in any playoff or championship games.

DETERMINING DIVISION WINNERS

The number of teams competing in the playoffs will be determined by the total number of teams in the league and will consist of a to be determined tournament format.

1. This tournament will be held the week following the last regular season night. In the event of two (2) or more teams in the same league having the same win/loss record at the conclusion of the scheduled season, the results of head-to-head competition during the regular season will be used. If still tied, the team with the least number of points scored against during regular season will be ranked above the other team.
2. Awards: The team that wins the single elimination tournament will receive championship prizes.

OFFICIALS

1. Games will be self-officiated.
2. Disputes in points will result in a replay of the point.

CONDUCT of PARTICIPANTS and SPECTATORS:

1. Players are responsible for the conduct of their teams and spectators during games.
2. The conduct of the player is the responsibility of the player. Poor behavior displayed by any player or spectator, will not be tolerated. This is at the discretion of the game official and any PARD representative.

3. Please be courteous and remember that field time is set for participants. Please keep spectators off the court area and quiet so that the teams can compete during games.
4. CMRC team has the authority to eject any person off the field and/or facility.
5. Any player or spectator being ejected from a game will automatically be reviewed by the Athletics Supervisor and/or a Parks and Recreation (PARD) representative. Any further discipline, if needed, will be at the discretion of PARD.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL:

1. Parks and Recreation provides coaches, parents, referees, contractors, and participants with information from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the signs, symptoms and behaviors associated with sports related concussions and head injuries; and should incident occur be able to recognize, respond and report. The CDC's website includes concussion resources for coaches, parents, officials and youth participants, as well as access to a training course.
2. PARD encourages all coaches, parents, officials and participants to utilize these resources to educate themselves on the signs, symptoms, behaviors and prevention of sports related concussions and head injuries.
3. The following link about sports related concussions and head injuries is provided to all users: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html>

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

We wish to promote effective communication and maintain a respectful dialogue on our social media. In that spirit, here are the guidelines for posting comments:

Comments on City posts must be within the scope of the topic under discussion.

1. Your comments must be civil. They must not contain malicious, offensive, threatening, profane or insulting language.
2. No references to the personality of other participants or individuals, or attacks on individual character will be permitted.
3. Information about locating and sharing knowledge and expertise is welcomed, but within the specific discussion provided here. Links to other web sites or pages must be relevant to the topic.
4. Advertising or promotional announcements are not permitted. Event or publication announcements are permitted only if they have direct relevance to the subject of discussion.
5. This is a forum for community issues and not for electoral campaign purposes. Such messages will be removed.