

WWTPC 2024 Pickleball League Rulebook

Rulebook:

- I. General.
 - a. All participants and spectators in Wagon Wheel Tennis and Pickleball Center's (WWTPC) pickleball leagues are bound by these rules, as well as those of USA Pickleball. Not all possible incidents and ramifications are covered in the following rules. Participants in unusual or undocumented situations will have to abide by the decisions of WWTPC Staff. The Wagon Wheel Pickleball League Rules as provided herein shall apply to all Wagon Wheel Pickleball League members unless such rules are revised, amended, or otherwise changed by WWTPC Staff.
 - b. WWTPC staff reserves the right to add, delete, or amend the rules and regulations or policies for the betterment of the program.
 - c. These rules contain dates for the Fall 2024 season.
- II. Divisions
 - a. Men's Doubles (Two Men vs Two Men)
 - i. 3.0
 - ii. 3.5
 - b. Women's Doubles (Two Women vs Two Women)
 - i. 3.0
 - ii. 3.5
 - c. Mixed Doubles (One Man & One Woman vs One Man & One Woman)
 - i. 2.5
 - ii. 3.0
 - iii. 3.5
 - d. 2.5 - This player has limited experience. Can sustain a short rally with players of equal ability, understands the rules of the game, and how to keep score.
 - e. 3.0 - This player is able to consistently place their serve in play, can hit medium paced shots, avoids using their backhand, and is still developing their dink.
 - f. 3.5 - This player has moderate level of shot control with their forehand, can use their backhand but is still developing consistency. They understand hard game vs soft game and are working on their 3rd shot drive vs drop shot.
 - g. 4.0+ - Players of this level are strategically & technically proficient, understand positional nuances, and rarely make self-imposed mistakes.
- III. Schedule
 - a. Tuesday Evening Matches:
 - i. Women's: 3.0, 3.5
 - ii. Mixed: 2.5, 3.0
 - b. Thursday Evening Matches:
 - i. Men's: 3.0, 3.5
 - ii. Mixed: 3.5
 - c. First match of the regular season for Tuesday Night divisions.
 - i. Fall 2024: September 17th, 2024.

- d. First match of the regular season for Thursday Night divisions.
 - i. Fall 2024: September 19th, 2024.
- e. The dates for playoffs are listed below;
 - i. Fall 2024 each beginning at 6pm:
 - 1. Tuesday, November 5th
 - a. Women's 3.0 & 3.5
 - 2. Thursday, November 7th
 - a. Men's 3.0 & 3.5
 - 3. Tuesday, November 12th
 - a. Mixed 2.5 & 3.0
 - 4. Thursday, November 14th
 - a. Mixed 3.5
- f. Schedules will be posted on Teamsideline.com/Coppell under each division.
 - i. Fall 2024:
 - 1. Matches are scheduled for either 6pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm, or 8:15pm.
 - 2. Teams will play two matches each week; the first match will be scheduled for either 6pm or 7:30pm.
 - a. The second match is scheduled at either 6:45pm or 8:15pm.
 - 3. Courts will not be available prior to 6pm unless your team reserves the court and pays the appropriate fees.
 - 4. Teams will have 15 minutes to warm up prior to the first match beginning at 6pm or beginning at 7:30pm.

IV. Registration

- a. The fee is per person – Resident = \$30, Non-Resident = \$45
- b. Each player will register individually through Active Net – www.coppellactivities.com - and be asked the following questions.
 - i. Are you a FREE AGENT?
 - 1. If YES, you are registering as an individual looking to join a pre-established team.
 - 2. If NO, you are registering with other players on a pre-established team.
 - ii. Are you a TEAM CAPTAIN?
 - iii. What is your TEAM NAME?
- c. Registration will CLOSE at midnight on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd.
- d. Once individual registration is closed and teams/leagues are solidified, WWTPC Staff will communicate with Team Captains to register their teams within Team Sideline.
- e. Teams will be able to add players until **the start of their first match on the second match day of the regular season.**
 - i. If a captain needs to remove a player, contact WWTPC Staff at wwtpc@coppelltx.gov
- f. The WWTPC Staff may move a team or player to another division based on their performance in past seasons.

- g. Each division is set to hold 8 teams each, however WWTPC Staff reserves the right to combine/expand divisions as they see fit to optimize the league format.
 - i. The first 8 teams to register will guarantee their spot in the league, teams that register after the first 8 will be on the waitlist.
 - 1. A team is confirmed as registered when at least 2 players have registered under the same team name.
 - h. Waitlisted teams will be registered if a space opens up.
 - i. The registration deadline for Fall 2024 is SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2024
 - i. The last day to withdraw and receive a full refund will be SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024
 - ii. WWTPC staff will determine refund details for any withdraws after this date.
- V. Roster requirements
- a. All players must reach sixteen (16) years of age prior to the first match of the season.
 - b. Fall 2024 rosters may have between two (2) and six (6) players
 - c. Each player must fit the skill level of the division they are registered for.
 - i. Players cannot be in multiple divisions of different skill levels
 - 1. For example, a player cannot be registered in Mixed 3.0 and Men's 3.5
 - ii. Players are allowed to be in multiple divisions of the same skill level
 - 1. For example, a player may be registered in Mixed 3.0 and Women's 3.0
 - iii. Teams must be in the division based on the player with the highest level of skill.
 - 1. For example, if a 3.0 and a 3.5 player want to play together, they will have to register for a 3.5 division.
 - d. In each "Doubles" division, teams may only have two (2) players play each match.
 - e. Teams must abide by the following division requirements:
 - i. Mixed teams must be comprised of one man and one woman.
 - ii. Men's teams must be comprised of two men.
 - iii. Women's teams must be comprised of two women.
 - f. Any team that plays with an invalid team make up, will result in a forfeit by the team with the invalid team.
 - i. Teams are determined invalid by either
 - 1. A player who is not registered on the roster or;
 - 2. A team not meeting the above division requirements
 - ii. Matches may still be played with an invalid roster for recreation.
 - g. Captains will be able to add players until **the start of the second match day of the regular season.**
 - i. If a captain needs to remove a player, contact WWTPC Staff at wwtpc@coppelltx.gov

- ii. No changes to a team's roster may be made afterwards except in the case of an injured player. See section "g. injuries" under "VII Match Play" for more details


VI. Free Agents

- a. If a player registers as a FREE AGENT they are registering without a pre-existing team and are looking to be added to an already established team.
- b. If a captain is looking for players to join their team, please contact the WWTPC Staff for a list of free agents available for your division.
- c. All free agents must be added to a team by the dates described above
 - i. All free agents must meet the above roster requirements
- d. Free agents are not guaranteed a spot in the league. WWTPC staff will try their best to find all free agents a team.
- e. WWTPC Staff reserves the right to match Free Agents together in order to make a new team, suitable for an available slot within a given division.

VII. Match Play

- a. Terms
 - i. A "match" is a competition between two teams. Each match will be best two out of three games.
 - ii. A team wins the match when they have won two games
 - iii. Each game will be played to 11 points (win by two points)
 - 1. The first team that reaches 13 points wins the game if the game has not yet completed.
 - 2. If a 3rd game is necessary to determine the winner of the match, it will be played to 7, (win by two points) Teams will switch sides when one team reaches 4 points in this 3rd game.
 - a. The first team that reaches 9 points wins the game if the game has not yet completed.
- b. On-Court Referee
 - i. There will not be an on-court referee for any league match.
 - 1. Players are responsible for calling lines on their end of the court per the USA Pickleball rules.
 - ii. Players involved in a dispute during a match can declare that the match is being played "under protest"
 - 1. The players involved will report the dispute to WWTPC staff immediately following the conclusion of their match.
 - 2. Players must continue the match to its conclusion.
 - iii. WWTPC staff will follow the procedures found under section XV Rules/Sportsmanship Violation.
- c. Rotating Players
 - i. Teams can rotate which players play Match 1 & Match 2.
 - 1. Cannot rotate players during a match nor during games.
 - ii. In the event a player is injured see section VII Match Play, g Injuries.
- d. Home/Away teams
 - i. Home Team provides the pickleballs

- ii. For the 1st game: The Home team will serve, and the Away team will pick a side to return from.
- iii. Teams will switch sides for the 2nd game, and The Away team will serve
- iv. If a 3rd game is needed,
 - 1. Teams switch sides again
 - 2. The Home team will serve first
 - 3. Teams switch sides once one team has reached 4 points
- e. Warm up time/match start time
 - i. Matches ought to begin 15 minutes after the scheduled start time
 - ii. Teams are allowed to warm up during these 15 minutes after the scheduled start time.
 - iii. If teams need more time to warm up – please reserve a court per WWTPC reservation procedures.
 - iv. League players are NOT allowed onto the courts prior to the scheduled start time unless they have a reservation.
 - 1. League players ought to refrain from pressuring patrons with reservations to leave the courts prior to league play.
- f. Timeouts
 - i. Teams are allowed TWO 1-minute timeouts PER GAME
 - ii. The scoresheets have two check boxes for each team for you to keep track of the time-outs used.
 - iii. They may be used prior to the start of any point during the game.
 - iv. Unused timeouts DO NOT roll over to future games.
- g. Injuries
 - i. If a player is injured during a match, that player may be replaced by another player on the roster.
 - 1. The injured player cannot play for the remainder of the day.
 - ii. If a player is injured and cannot continue participating in the league, a captain may replace them on their roster at any point during the season.
 - 1. The new player must abide by the above roster requirements
 - 2. Contact wwtpc@coppelltx.gov to make the roster change.
- h. Reporting Scores
 - i. Scores will be written on a scoresheet with the following information
 - 1. Write Division, Team names, Player's names, scores for all games played
 - 2. Scoresheets must be signed by one player from each team.
 - 3. Scoresheets must be turned into WWTPC staff
 - ii. Both Captains for each match will report the scores on TeamSideline following these procedures:
 - 1. After the captain signs into the site, they will see their team's name under Team Information.
 - 2. They will click on the link and scroll down the page to the Auto-Coach Scoring section.

3. They then click on the pencil icon  across from any game to input the scores and enter the names of their two players that competed in each game/match.
4. Then click the Submit button when they are done.
- iii. Scores must be submitted by **midnight** on the day of the completed match
- iv. If scores reported by each captain match, they will be posted online.
- v. Scores will be verified by WWTPC staff per the signed scoresheets.
- i. Music & Video
 - i. No music is allowed to be played during league matches.
 - ii. Players are allowed to film themselves with camera if desired.
 1. If the footage is going to include the opposing team, permission must be received from the opponents prior to filming.

VIII. Playoffs

- a. The playoffs tournament will be a single elimination bracket with a consolation bracket for the losers of the first round.
 - i. Every team will participate in the playoff tournament at the end of the regular season.
 1. Every team will be guaranteed two matches. More details regarding playoffs will be emailed to the captains during the regular season.
 2. Any player that has not played in at least **two matches** during the regular season will not be allowed to play in the playoffs.
 - ii. Teams will be seeded in the playoff tournament bracket based on their Win/Loss record during the regular season.
 1. Standing ties are resolved in the following order
 - a. Winning percentage
 - b. Head to Head
 - c. Head to Head Differential
 - d. Average Points Differential

IX. Defaults and Retired Matches

- a. If you know your team cannot make a match, please send WWTPC Staff an email (wwtpc@coppelltx.gov) by 12:00PM the day of the match notifying them.
 - i. This will result in a forfeit by the absent team
 - ii. If the scheduled matches are cancelled due WWTPC closing or weather, and a team had notified staff about being absent; these matches may be made-up according to section X “Rescheduled Matches”
- b. No-Shows: If a team has not arrived by 15 minutes after the scheduled match start time, inform WWTPC staff at the front desk. The absent team will forfeit the match.
- c. Teams that do not notify WWTPC staff they will be absent by at least 12:00PM the day of their match **twice** during the regular season will be removed from the pickleball league playoffs.

X. Rescheduled Matches

- a. Regular season matches that are cancelled due to weather and/or the Wagon Wheel Tennis and Pickleball Center closing will be made up on the captain's own time following the guidelines below:
 - i. The Home Team Captain will be responsible for coordinating with the Away Team Captain to schedule a time to play at Wagon Wheel Tennis and Pickleball Center.
 1. Matches can be made up at an outside facility/court if written confirmation is provided by both teams to WWTPC Staff at wwtpc@coppelltx.gov.
 - ii. The Home Team Captain will book the reservation for their match with the front desk staff and must provide the following information:
 1. Both team names
 2. Both Captain's names
 3. The teams will fill out a scoresheet and return this to the front desk staff.
 - iii. Makeup match reservations may be scheduled anytime between the cancelled date and the day before playoffs start for their division.
 - iv. All matches not made up by the above dates will result in a double forfeit by both teams.
 - b. In the case where an Away Team Captain does not respond to communication attempts by the opposing captain:
 - i. Inform WWTPC Staff of the lack of communication. WWTPC Staff will attempt to communicate with the Away Team Captain and schedule a match according to the available times provided by the Home Team Captain. If the Away team does not show, they will forfeit the match
 - ii. If the Home Team Captain does not initiate communication to schedule a make-up match, the Away Team Captain will inform WWTPC Staff and follow a similar procedure.
- XI. Communication
- a. WWTPC Staff communicates to the league teams through Teamsideline.com and through Coppell Community Experiences via email and text.
 - i. All participants must provide both their email and phone number
- XII. Sportsmanship
- a. The purpose of WWTPC Pickleball Leagues is to promote competitive and recreational pickleball, good fellowship and sportsmanship in accordance with WWTPC and USA Pickleball Rules.
 - b. WWTPC Staff may review any incident before, during, or after a match is played. Penalties may be issued.
- XIII. Rules/Sportsmanship Violation
- a. Should a Rule violation or dispute arise among members that cannot be resolved among themselves, these steps may be taken:
 - i. Players should inform the front desk staff, if the issue cannot be resolved:
 - ii. Email wwtpc@coppelltx.gov a report of the issue.
 - iii. Players must continue the match to its conclusion.

- b. If WWTPC Staff deems a complaint to be valid the following procedure may be taken:
 - i. First Offense – Warning.
 - ii. Second Offense – Forfeit of one game of next scheduled match.
 - iii. Third Offense – Forfeit next scheduled match and/or player may be suspended.
 - iv. Fourth Offense – Team may be suspended.
- c. All paddles used in match play must be approved by USA Pickleball
 - i. If a player is caught using a banned paddle their team will forfeit the match(es) played while using the paddle.
- d. WWTPC reserves the right to adjust these rules at any time if they deem necessary.
- e. WWTPC reserves the right to handle any incidents, disputes, or violations as they deem necessary for the betterment of the league and the facility, regardless of if it is covered in this document or not.