

Addison Parks & Recreation

Pickleball League Rules & Regulations

Game and Match

Matches will consist of best 2 out of 3 games to 11. A game is completed when one team reaches 11 points and is leading by at least two points if time permits. There is a **45-minute time limit** for each round of play. If the game is tied 10-10 at the 45-minute mark, finish the match. Players must switch sides after the first game. If a third game is needed, whichever team served first will serve again, opposing team will choose a side, and the game will continue to its conclusion.

Serving/ Time Outs

A team can only score points when serving. Both feet must remain behind the baseline until after the ball is struck. The serve must be underhand with the ball contacted below the waist. Serve must travel diagonally and land between the non-volley zone and the baseline of the service opposite of the serving player. **Players must announce the score prior to serving**, always call the servers score first.

At the starts of each new game, only one player on the first serving team is allowed a service turn before giving up the ball to the opponents.

The player on the tight at the start of a service turn will be the first person to serve for their team and will continue to serve until he or she does not win a point. Then their partner will serve until they do not win a point. Then it is the other teams turn to serve.

When the serving team scores a point, the server moves to the other side of the serving team's court. The receiving team should never switch sides. Teams are allowed up to two standard, one-minute time-outs per 11-point game.

Non-Volley Zone

To volley a ball means to hit it in the air without letting it bounce. All volleying must be done with the player's feet behind the kitchen.

A fault will be declared if, in the act of volleying the ball, a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying touches the non-volley zone or touches any non-volley line. The kitchen/non-Volley Zone is an area where you cannot step inside the kitchen AT ALL to volley. The ball must bounce first before you can be in the kitchen area and hit the ball.

Equipment

Players are required to bring their own paddles, but TOA does have extra paddles for players to check out and return. Teams may choose to wear the same color, but it is not required. Sneakers are required to play. TOA will not provide balls for game play.

Officiating

All games are loosely officiated by the players (no refs), we rely on the spirit of sportsmanship and honesty to keep the matches fun and enjoyable for all. ALL TEAMS NEED TO EMAIL OR INFORM LEAGUE

OFFICIALS OF FINAL SCORES. League officials will provide score sheets and pens in a red binder for players to fill out.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be acceptable and may result in the termination of play. Examples are as followed:

- Foul language
- Arguing/protests with staff, participants, or spectators
- Abuse of the honor system
- Name calling or taunting.
- No call no show for matches.
- Not showing up for matches without informing league officials (could result in being kicked out of league).

Code of Ethics

1. Only make line calls on your side of the pickleball court and always strive for accuracy.
2. Only call "out" balls when space is clearly visible between the line and where the ball lands.
3. Call "out" balls promptly.
4. Use voice and/ or hand signals to call "out" balls.
5. Give the benefit of doubt to your opponents.
6. If you and your partner disagree, the ball is "in".
7. Spectators should not make any line calls.
8. Do not question opponents' line calls unless there is a referee.
9. You may ask your opponents to make a line call (but you give up your right to make the call and, if your opponents cannot make the call, the call will be "in").
10. An "out" call prior to the pickleball bouncing will be deemed partner communication and not a line call.
11. You may overrule a line call that is to your disadvantage (and in favor of your opponents) at any time.
12. All subs in each league must be within the same skill level to maintain fair and even matches. If you have any questions, please reach out to Addison Parks & Recreation staff.

Weather

League officials will inform all players if there are any weather delays or cancellations due to unsafe court conditions no later than 2-hours prior to game play via GroupMe or email.