

Summer 2020 Pickle Ball League Rules

1. **AGE MINIMUM:** All players must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to participate.
2. **PLAYERS:** Teams are made up of two (2) starters, and two (2) substitutes
3. **LEAGUES:** Four (4) teams will be needed to make any league with a max of 15 teams. The league style will be Round Robin, with a single elimination tournament in the final week.
4. **FEE:** \$12 per resident and \$17 per non resident
5. **LOCATION:** The league will be hosted at Back Creek Park in Yorktown
6. **TIME:** The first match will start every Wednesday at 7 p.m. If the minimum number of players do not arrive within 5 minutes of their match time, that team will forfeit
7. **ROSTERS:** No roster addition or changes can be made after Wednesday, June 17th
8. **RULES:** Matches are governed by USAPA rules and York County rules. There are no referees for matches. This Pickleball League is **Self-Officiating:** Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.
9. **WARM-UP:** The warm-up period before a match will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
10. **NO SHOWS/FORFEITS:** If a person/team fails to show, it will be recorded as a forfeit. If neither opponent shows, a double forfeit will be recorded.
11. **MATCHES:** Matches will be best 2 out of 3 sets to 11, win by 2. Teams will switch sides after the first set and at six (6) in the third set.
12. **FIRST SERVE:** The team listed first on the schedule shall initiate the first serve for their match.
13. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutes are allowed to enter the game at the start of a new set or if player is injured and is unable to complete the set.
14. **RESULTS:** Score cards will be provided at the start of each match. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the score of the match to the Park

Attendant on site. Both teams need to initial the score card to verify the results of the match.

15. **CONDUCT:** All players are expected to adhere to the rules of pickleball, the principles of good sportsmanship, and proper pickleball etiquette at all times. Please be civil and courteous at all times. Play should be continuous with no lengthy interruptions. Be cordial, but do not let socializing during the match delay or prolong play. Gross and/or repeated displays of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for suspension or disqualification from the league.
16. **HONOR CALLS:** Players/teams must make line calls on their side of the court diligently, clearly, and impartially. If you, or your partner, do not clearly see your opponent's ball "out", then you must assume it is "in". Players must also make honor calls on their own shot's legality (double hits, double bounce, foot faults, net violations etc.). Players may also honor call their own shot that they clearly see out if their opponent was unable to see it. Please report any players making consistently bad calls or making repeated violations. Servers must call the score prior to each first serve. If there is a scoring dispute that cannot be resolved, revert to the last score that all parties recall and agree on.
17. **PLAYOFFS:** The top (4) four teams will compete in an end of season single elimination tournament. Tiebreakers will be determined as follows: - 1 st Tiebreaker: Results of head to head play among the tied players and teams with first consideration being match results. - 2 nd Tiebreaker: Comparison of sets won and lost head to head. - 3 rd Tiebreaker: Comparison of total sets won and lost during the season. - 4 th Tiebreaker: A coin flip will determine the winner.
18. **LEAGUE UPDATES:** For updated weather announcements please call 757-890-3850 or our RainoutLine at 757-890-3501 ext 26