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Clark County Pickleball League Rules

Fees

League fees are \$10 per person per week for a total of \$140 for the seven-week league. Fees must be paid before the registration deadline.

Rosters

Each team may have a maximum of four players on their roster. The roster must be filled out completely and submitted to Clark County staff at the first day of league play. Players are not legal until they have signed the roster. Illegal players will result in a match forfeit for each match played and possibly a player suspension. Rosters must be finalized before the third week of the league. All players must have their personal identification with them. Clark County staff reserve the right to check player IDs at any time. Minimum player age is 18.

To minimize forfeits and maximize play you may pick up another player from your specific league if a roster player is unable to play. Please write your player's name and what team they are from on the scorecard. This will have a penalty of 2 pts to start each game.

Equipment

Players are responsible for having their own paddles. Balls and score sheets will be provided by Clark County. Players may use their own ball if both teams are in agreement, and the ball meets USA Pickleball specifications. All players must wear closed-toe athletic shoes.

Officiating

Games are self-officiated. Players are asked to be honest and play with integrity. If players are found to cheat intentionally and consistently, they may have games forfeited and possibly be asked to leave the league. If a discrepancy occurs, ask all players in the game, and check the league rules. If the discrepancy remains unresolved, ask Clark County Pickleball Monitor for clarification. Clark County Leagues follow the [USA Pickleball Official Rulebook](#).

When protesting rules, the player/coach must tell the league monitor before resuming play. The opposing team will then be notified. A player protest must follow the same procedure, let the league monitor know which player you are protesting and get that player to sign the score sheet and get his/her first and last name. An email or written statement must be turned in to the Clark County Sports Unit before 12:00 noon the following workday.

Forfeits

No refunds will be given for forfeits. If you know before your scheduled game time that you will not be able to field a team, call the Sports Unit Office at (702) 455-8241 so that the other team can be notified. The sooner you call, the better.

There will be a five-minute grace period for players to arrive at court. After five minutes, a forfeit will be awarded for the first game. After 15 minutes, the match will be considered a forfeit.

League Play

Leagues are divided into Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles categories with Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced skill levels making a total of nine different divisions. League Supervisor reserves the right to move individual players from leagues in which they are not of skill level.

Beginner = Below 3.0

Intermediate = 3.0 – 3.5

Advanced = 4.0 and above

During play, you may sub in and out of the game at any time with any legal roster player from your team. For mixed doubles there must be a male and female player on the court at all times. Teams will flip a coin to see who serves first. Each match will consist of the best out of three games. Games will be played to 11 points, and teams must win by two points. Games must be played within 45 minutes. If the last game is not completed at 45 minutes, the team with the most points will win that game. Each team may have one timeout per game that will last one minute. A member from each team must report scores to County staff.

League champions are determined by the number of regular season wins. If the top teams have a tied record at the end of the season, the tiebreaker rule will be in effect: If the tied record is head-to-head between teams, then the greater number of points scored between each other will win tie breaker. If any team has a forfeit during the season, they are eliminated from all tiebreakers.

Prizes will be provided for league champions.

Coach and Players Guide of Conduct

COACH - One person is designated as a team spokesman/woman.

PLAYERS - A person who actively participates in game(s) (even if sitting on the bench), and who is on the official roster.

SPECTATOR - A person who comes out to watch the games for entertainment with no physical involvement in the game.

OFFICIAL - Person (or People) on the field/gymnasium, who is there to administer the official rules.

PARTICIPATION - Any involvement in the Clark County Parks & Recreation Department activities, such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, registering for classes or attending any non-sporting event.

RECREATION ACTIVITY - Any class or event sponsored by the Clark County Department of Parks & Recreation.

LEAGUE SUPERVISOR - The full-time Parks & Recreation Department employee designated to organize and supervise the activity. The League Supervisor has the authorization to make a ruling on any Code of Conduct discipline not covered in the Manual or National Federation Code of Conduct.

1. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

At any time, lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official, player or spectator. Officials are required to suspend any player immediately from further play and report such player to the League Supervisor. Such player and/or coach shall remain suspended until the League Supervisor has reviewed his or her case.

MINIMUM & MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreation activities for one year and probation for the following year plus at the beginning of the following year the case is subject to review by the Parks & Recreation Department.

2. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

Refuse to abide by the official's decision during or after a match/game. Officials are required to suspend the player or coach immediately from further play and report such player or coach to the League Supervisor. Such player or coach shall remain suspended until the League Supervisor has reviewed his or her case.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for two league games, placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

3. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

Be guilty of obscene gestures and language or objectionable demonstrations of dissent to official's decision. Penalty: The degree of infraction of this tenet of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and probation for the following year, plus at the beginning of the following year, the case is subject to review by the Parks & Recreation Department.

gestures or objectionable demonstrations of dissent towards the official's decision occurs after the game or match. Also, player will be suspended from further league play, if League Supervisor deems necessary.

4. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

Discuss with an official, in any manner, (including the use of foul language) the decision reached by such official unless said player or coach is also the manager or captain. Penalty: the degree of infraction of this tenet of good sportsmanship shall be the official's judgment draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and probation for the following year, plus at the beginning of the following year, the case is subject to review by the Parks & Recreation Department.

COACH AND PLAYERS GUIDE OF CONDUCT CONTINUED

5. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing player. Officials are required to suspend the players immediately from further play and report such players to the League Supervisor.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

6. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official, or spectator. Officials are required to suspend immediately from further play and report such players to the League Supervisor.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and probation for the following year, plus at the beginning of the following year, the case is subject to review by the Parks & Recreation Department.

7. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:

Be guilty of abusive attacks or threatening statements upon any player, official, or spectator. Officials are required to suspend players or coaches immediately from further play and report such player or coach to the League Supervisor. Such players shall remain suspended until the League Supervisor reviews his or her case.

8. NO COACH SHALL:

Appear on the field to coach under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other unknown substances in such a manner as to not have control of his facilities.

Officials are required to suspend players or coaches immediately from further play and report such player or coach to the League Supervisor. Such players shall remain suspended until the League Supervisor reviews his or her case.

DISCLAIMER

These rules are intended to govern participant conduct only. Nothing in these rules creates a mandatory duty upon Clark County or any of its employees. Clark County retains full discretion to apply, enforce or waive these rules and regulations as appropriate.

