

# **PICKLE @ the 'PLEX**

## **FALL LADDER LEAGUE INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Registration opens: **Sept 6, 2019**
- Registration online: <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/pickleball/>
- Registration for each ladder will be limited to 45 players. Additional players will be placed on a WAIT LIST.
- Fees: Members - \$10 League fee  
Non-Members - \$30 Court fee + \$10 League fee

### **DATES, TIMES, SCHEDULE -- BEGINNER LADDER**

- Ladder competition will be weekly on **Thursday mornings** at the Orange County Sportsplex Field House.
- Ladder matches will be played at **9:00, 10:00, and 11:00AM** and will utilize 3 courts.
- **First day for competition will be Thu, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Last day for competition will be Thu, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- There will be 10 days of competition.
- There will be **no ladder competition on Thu, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>** (Thanksgiving).
- **Beginner Ladder Schedule will be posted weekly on Sun, by 5PM.**

### **DATES, TIMES, SCHEDULE -- INTERMEDIATE LADDER**

- Ladder competition will be weekly on **Tuesday nights** at the Orange County Sportsplex Field House.
- Ladder matches will be played at **6:00, 7:00, and 8:00PM** and will utilize 3 courts.
- **First night for competition will be Tue, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Last night for competition will be Tue, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- There will be 10 nights of competition.
- There will be **no ladder competition on Tue, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** (Thanksgiving Week), the facility will be open for Open Play.
- **Intermediate Ladder Schedule will be posted on Fri, by 5PM.**

## **SKILL LEVELS / INITIAL RANKINGS**

- Beginners typically have the proficiencies of a 2.0-2.5 player.
- Intermediates typically have the proficiencies of a 2.5-3.5 player.
- Not sure of how to rank yourself? See [USAPA Rating Info](#).
- The top of the Beginner League will be competitive with the lower part of the Intermediate League, so players in those ranges should get good games on either ladder.
- Initial ladder rankings will be done by the Ladder Manager.
- Initial ladder rankings will be based on tournament ratings (if you have one), your previous ladder position and/or as estimated by the Ladder Team if you are a new player.

## **WEEKLY NOTIFICATIONS**

- Each week you will receive two email messages.
- The first email will provide a link to the Standings and Scores from the week's matches and remind you to let the Ladder Captain know if you will be UNAVAILABLE for the following week(s).
- The second email will provide a link to the next Week's Schedule and Court Assignments.

## **LADDER FORMAT**

- Each week four similarly skilled players will be grouped together and assigned to a playing time and court (Ex. 6PM, Court F1).
- During your assigned hour of play -- you will play 3 doubles games, each game with a different partner from your group.
- Players must be ready to play at their assigned times. Players LATE for their scheduled match may be replaced by an available SUB.
- You will have a 5-minute warm-up period before your 1<sup>st</sup> game.
- Games are played to 15 points. You only need to win by 1 point.
- Players change sides of the net after a team scores 8 points.
- The back courts (B1-B3) will be used for Ladder matches, the front courts (F1-F3) will be available for Open Play/Warm-Up.

## **RECORDING YOUR SCORES / CALCULATING STANDINGS**

- On the Schedule /Score sheet that is provided on-site -- record the points your team scores for each game and the total number of points you scored for the 3 games. Initial your entries to verify your scores.
- Ladder Standings are based on the cumulative number of points you score divided by the cumulative number of points that you could have scored.
- Court assignments will be based on your standing each week. The time you play may change each week.

- Players must complete at least 4 matches to be included in the Final Standings.
- An (R) next to a player's name in the standings means that the player is restricted or limited to moving up/down 4 places on the ladder (each week).

## **AVAILABILITY TO PLAY / SUBSTITUTES**

1. Participation in the Ladder requires a commitment to play when scheduled.
2. You do not have to be available every week, but you should be available to play most weeks.
3. ALL players are assumed to be AVAILABLE TO PLAY, unless they notify the Ladder Captain that they will be OUT.
4. **Before the season starts** let the Ladder Captain know of any future dates that you will be OUT.
5. **Once the Ladder League starts**, let your Ladder Captain know before the weekly schedule is posted that you need to be OUT.
6. **If you need to be OUT after the Schedule is posted:**
  - You must find a Substitute from the players on the BYE/SUB list.
  - The substitute should be ranked as closely as possible to you.
  - Once you identify a SUB, inform the Ladder Captain of the change.
7. Available Players that are not scheduled for a match will be assigned a BYE and be listed as SUBS.
8. If you are assigned a BYE (i.e. available to SUB) for a match, you MUST inform the LADDER Manager if you become UNAVAILABLE.
9. Players on the BYE/SUB list are encouraged to play for recreation and be available to Substitute for a missing/late player.
10. Substitutes earn the score for their match (compete for yourself, not for someone else)
11. Substitutes must be from the Ladder Substitute List for scores to count.
12. NO SCORE will be recorded if fewer than 4 players/SUBs are available in a group (play for recreation instead).
13. AFTER the Schedule is posted, other players depend on you to show up.
  - YOU will receive a BYE for 1 week if you become UNAVAILABLE before the day of the match and NO SUBs are available.
  - YOU will receive a BYE for 2 weeks if you DO NOT SHOW when you are scheduled to play.

## **LADDER MANAGEMENT TEAM:**

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