** Pickleball Ladder
 Breakdown**

 **Orange County Sportsplex**

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**What are the Pickleball Ladders?**

A safe place for people of a similar level to come and play and better their skills.

These ladders are **NOT** instructional! You will **NOT** receive instruction or feedback about your play from an instructor. If you are looking for instruction, please look into our clinics. To participate in our ladders, you must know how to play.

These ladders are self-ranked. However, if you have been playing in the ladders for several rounds and staying at the top, we do ask that you move up. If you need help finding where you are ranked please see our website and click on the USAPA Skill Ranking Definition hyperlink.

**How It Will Be Run:**

All sessions will be held on our indoor pickleball courts in the field house (big blue building).

Each Saturday you will receive an email with your ranking and your schedule. The ladders have two time slots for play (9:30am and 10:45am) and your play time is determined by your ranking. We cannot assign a permanent time slot to a player.

\*\*Make sure you are subscribed to receive all emails\*\*

You will be assigned to a court and time each week along with 3 other people where you will play 3 games to 15 with each person on your court. You win by 1 point. After each match, you will record your team’s score on the score sheet. That is how you will be ranked.

Your ranking each week will be based on your score from the previous weeks. You will be assigned to play with people of similar ranking to you each week. The first week people will be assigned at random

We will only have the use of the court 2, so please be respectful of those that may have reserved the front court. We do NOT have any right to use the front court!

These ladders are self-called (much like how open play is run).

\*\*When we have subs, we do our best to match them skill-wise, but are sometimes limited\*

**Commitment:**

We ask that if you register for this ladder, that you are able to make most if not all the sessions.

Each of the ladders have 24 spots available. Once those are full, there is a waitlist you can register for. This list is used to find subs when people are out a certain week, or replacing players that drop out of the ladder.

If you know that you will not be able to make most of the sessions, please sign up for our sub list by contacting Gracie Finch at gfinch@oc-sportsplex.com.

If your availability is dependent on the time you play, please register for the sub list as a time slot cannot be guaranteed.

**Calling Out:**

If there are days you know you will not be there, please let us know when you register/ASAP so that we can find you a sub. If you do not give us 48-hour notice that you will not be at your given time, you will be given a 0 for your score which will impact you negatively in the rankings.

If you give us at least 48 hours' notice or tell us when you register that you will not be there a specific day, your score will not be negatively impacted.

Things can happen last minute, so even if it is not 48-hour notice, please still let us know if you will not be there for your play time so that we can try to find a sub last minute. When people do not show up, it can jeopardize other people’s ability to play.

If your availability is dependent on the time you play, please register for the sub list as a time slot cannot be guaranteed.

**Ranking:**

Each week you will record your scores and based on your scores, you will be ranked. You will then be placed the following week with people who have similar scores to you.

No shows and late notices will be given a 0 for their score that week, which will negatively affect you.