Rally Point Pickleball League

Manual

Team Requirements

Thank you for Registering for the Rally Point Pickleball League.

There are two different leagues and if you fit the criteria, you can join both.

**Leagues:**

* 18 years or older Doubles
* 55 years & older Doubles

Any organized team with a captain to represent it may enter the Rally Point Sports Pickleball League by satisfying the entrance requirements, provided space is available.

Player Eligibility and Overview

**18 Years or Older:** All players must be 18 or older by League Start Date:

**55 Years or Older: All** players must be 55 years or older by League Start Date:

* Players can play in both the 18 & Over and 55 & Over League if eligible

All Leagues will run 6 weeks with regular season play the first 5 weeks and a postseason tournament the

final week.

All Leagues can be played as Mixed or Matched Doubles (one man & one woman Or two of the same gender) based on self-rated skill levels of players.

**LEAGUES:**

Leagues may split more specifically in the future as participant count grows. This will eventually include:

18 & Over 3.5 and below

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55 & Over 3.5 and below

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**TEAMS:** Teams consist of 2 players minimum. Roster can include 2 substitutes for a maximum of 4

players.

**EQUIPMENT:** All teams/players must provide their own paddles and balls.

Fees and Deadlines

**ALL FEES/ ROSTER/ WAIVER DEADLINES:**

**Registration Fee Due:** Date TBA **(** 11, September, 2022) at rallypointsports.com/pickleball

**Roster Due:** Date TBA **(** 11, September, 2022) @ rallypointsports@gmail.com

**Team Waiver Due:** Date TBA **(** 11, September, 2022) at rallypointsports@gmail.com

Late Teams will be accepted AS NEEDED with a $20.00 Late Fee.

\*\*\*A player pool list is available for any team looking for additional players\*\*\*

https://rallypointsports.com

**PLAYER FEE:** $40.00 = 10 matches plus Postseason Tournament eligibility. Pay online or in person with Cash or Venmo.

Games

**PRACTICES:** Teams may use drop-in play times to practice. Drop-in times and locations are available on

the Pickleball page of our website. Rallypointsports.com

**GAME DAYS:**

Games will be played outdoors at the Grand River River Front Park Pickleball Courts

(Behind Walgreens - Type in Corner Stop Ice Cream into Maps, it’s the same location.)

**NOTES:**

Game Schedules: Every Team will play 2 matches every week to be played at a team both teams agree upon

There is a 10-minute grace period for late arrivals, however the clock starts at the official match time.

Matches subject to forfeit if a viable team is not available within 10-minute grace period.

There will be NO MAKE-UPS for any matches unless Rally Point cancels matches for any reason.

**STANDINGS:** Standings will be based on:

OVERALL match Win/Loss

1st Tie-Breaker - Head-to-Head play

2nd Tie Breaker - Total points

3rd Tie-Breaker - Coin flip

If two (2) or more teams have identical win-loss records at the end of the season, the following criteria is

used to break ties and determine tournament seeding.

IF TWO (2) TEAMS ARE TIED:

1st Tie Breaker - Head-to-head play

2nd Tie Breaker - Total points

3rd Tie Breaker - Coin flip

League Play/Postseason Tournament

**LEAGUE PLAY:** The regular season is 5 weeks. League play is Mixed or Matched Doubles.

Teams play two matches per week and a total of 10 matches. Each match consists of 3 sets to 11 points played within a time limit of 55 minutes of play.

There will be a 10-minute grace period, however the clock will start at the official match time.

USA Pickleball Association rulebook governs all pickleball play unless otherwise stated.

**All league play is self-officiated.** There will not be an official or court supervisor on site at every event. It is essential that league rules be followed during game play. If a discrepancy occurs, please take the following steps:

1. Check the rule book. http://www.usapa.org/ifp-official-rules/

2. Ask other players who are playing on a court next to you to help clarify rules.

**Both Teams should bring at least one ball in case the other team did not bring one for the match.**

**SCOREKEEPING:** Scores should be sent via email by both team captains and approved by the opposing team. Scores must be turned in to Rally Point Sports after each match and scores must be emailed to rallypointsports@gmail.com by 12 pm the following day.

**POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT:** A postseason tournament will be scheduled the week following the end

of the regular season for the top 6 teams in each division. Teams are seeded for postseason play based

on regular season record.

Team Captain

**TEAM CAPTAINS:** The Team Captain:

* is the official representative of a team.
* is responsible for fielding a team in accordance with the official schedule.
* is responsible for ensuring his/her team’s compliance with league policies and procedures.
* is responsible for the conduct of his/her players during all games.
* is responsible for team waiver on file with Rally Point Sports.
* must advise each player upon signing team waiver that no accident insurance is provided, and that the player participates in all games at his/her own risk.
* is responsible for determining lineups for each match and reporting scores.
* shall, upon request, present any information necessary concerning disputes or protests.
* ensures that every player is registered with Rally Point Pickleball. If unregistered players participate, match will be forfeited.
* Submit match scores to Rallypointsports@gmail.com

Code of Conduct

Rally Point Sports has established the following Code of Conduct for all players or spectators to assist the city in retaining responsible care and treatment of facilities, personal, and other players on site.

No player, manager, coach, spectator, or official under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be allowed

at the facility. NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARKING LOT.

Any team allowing the consumption of alcohol or drugs at the facility and adjacent grounds by their

players shall forfeit the game and shall be removed from the league immediately for the remainder of

the season and **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUND ON ANY FEES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE TEAM AND/OR**

**PLAYERS.**

There shall be NO SMOKING on or by the courts by players, coaches, managers, or officials. Violators will be asked to leave.

Players suspended cannot play again until reinstated by Rally Point Sports staff after a meeting.

Additional disciplinary action for players, coaches, managers, and fans will be as follows:

1. Abusive/offensive language directed at another player, official, or spectator - 1 game suspension

2. Threat of physical abuse - Suspension for current game or more based on severity

3. Defacing, damaging Town property on site – Severity based, 1 game suspension to full current season

4. Destroying Town property or equipment - Permanent suspension. (Depending on circumstances and repair/replacement cost).

\*If suspension occurs at last game of regular season, suspension will carry over into any post season tournament.

Additional disciplinary action for any violation or offense not specified will be at the discretion of the City and Rally Point Sports.

**Contact Caleb Kaufman at 616-427-7268 or email Rallypointsports@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.**