



Adult Pickleball Official League Rules

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Broomfield Recreation's Adult Pickleball Leagues will use current USAPA rules with the following exceptions and modifications:

Player & Team Conduct

The CCOB staff is here to make sure there are no patterns of misconduct with individual players and/or teams that impede us from providing everyone a safe & fun environment. Therefore, CCOB staff reserves the right to assign consequences for player or team conduct at our discretion. Consequences may include ejection from a game, ejection from a facility, suspension(s) for a future game(s), and/or removal from the league. If misconduct occurs, CCOB staff will utilize the following tools:

- Documentation of the conduct
- Verbal conversations clearly stating the misconduct
- Meeting with the team manager &/or player(s) involved
- Possible ejection from the game & facility, suspension(s) from future game(s), and/or removal from the league

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Continual use of foul language
2. Patterns of behavior that are perceived by CCOB staff as taunting or instigating
3. Engaging in -or- escalating conflict with players, staff, or spectators
4. Player/team conduct not covered above will be subject to the [CCOB - Code of Conduct](#) and will be enforced by the program coordinator

League Definitions

- a. Advanced (Competitive) - Consists of teams with skill levels ranging from Advanced and Intermediate. Generally high 3.5-4.5 players.
- b. Intermediate (Intermediate) - Consists of teams with a solid skill level and understanding of the rules. Generally high 3.0-3.5 players.
- c. Beginner (Beginner) - Consists of teams new to the sport. Generally, 3.0 & below players.

NOTE: League may be combined if there are not enough teams to run independently.

Team Rosters

- a. A team must contain at least two (2) players who fit the league age and skill criteria. Max roster size is three (3) players.
 - i. Male Leagues = Both players must identify as male
 - ii. Female League = Both players must identify as female
 - iii. Mixed/Co-Ed League = One player must identify as male & one player must identify as female
- b. Players may not appear on two (2) teams within the same division.
- c. Substitutes - In the event one player cannot make a scheduled game, teams may use a substitute if they are the same skill level as the missing player and as the league they are subbing for. Teams must have at least one player that is a registered member of each team. If no players from the original roster cannot make a scheduled game, the team will be given a forfeit.
- d. Playoffs - One sub will be allowed but must be on the team roster and have subbed during the season.

Game Time & Forfeit Procedure

- a. A team must have two players to begin
- b. Teams will be given a ten minute grace period to get the minimum number of players to begin. If a team still does not have enough players after the 10-minute grace period has expired, they will be forced to forfeit.
- c. Each match shall not exceed 45 minutes. If you start a third game and time expires, the score will be recorded at that time regardless.

Game Play

- a. Regular Season - Teams will play all 3 games in a match, **time permitting**.
- b. Scoring - Rally scoring. Game played to 15 points, first team to 15 wins.
 - i. Playoffs - Teams will play best 2-of-3 games to complete a match.
- c. Tie Breakers in league play between 2 or more teams will be determined by the following:
 1. Lowest # of forfeits
 2. Head-to-Head
 3. Total Points Allowed (lowest)
- d. Balls - Will be provided by Broomfield Recreation, however players may use their own balls for play.
 - i. If another ball is used, both teams must agree to play with that ball or teams will defer to Broomfield Recreation Ball.
- e. Serve - First and Third games - serve is determined by "Rock-Paper-Scissors". The second game service will be opposite of the first game. Teams change sides after each game. The loser of "Rock-Paper-Scissors" will pick their preferred side.
- f. Officiating - All matches are self-officiated. If doubt exists between partners, the ball must be declared "in".
- g. Makeup Games - league supervisor will reschedule games if games are canceled due to building closures for inclement weather

Awards

Awards will be given to the league champion team only as determined by the league playoff/tournament. Regular season rankings are used to determine tournament seeding, not to determine a league champion.