Recreational Play

There will be a sign up sheet for courts at each facility. Each sheet will have quadrants of 4 lines of which a player will sign in to play. Once a quadrant has 4 players, those 4 will create two teams and will be next to play on the first open court. Games will be to 11 points, win by 2. In the event players are waiting, a game will end with first team to 15 points regardless of the 2 point win rule. At the conclusion of each game, all 4 players will exit the court, and the next four players on the sign-up sheet will enter the court.

Sign Up Sheet Guidelines

- Each player must sign in individually to play.
- Do not erase or alter anyone’s name other than your own.
- Players must complete their previous game prior to entering their name on the sheet again.
- Groups of players wanting to stay together must skip to the next fully available quadrant and sign up in that quadrant, and will become “next in line” for a court once the quadrants above theirs are full and those individual players take the court(s).

Challenge Court - UPDATED 4/1/18

One challenge court will be permitted when there are at least 3 pickleball courts in a facility. For 3 court facilities - Challenge court play will be suspended when there are 24 or more participants signed in for open play. For 6 court facilities - Challenge court play will be suspended when there are 48 or more participants signed in.

*in the event that Challenge play is suspended, the current challenge match will be played to completion. The court will then transform into an open play court, with any remaining teams being first on the list in the 4 on, 4 off rotation used for open play courts.

There will be a separate sign-up sheet for the 1 challenge court. Sign up for challenge court will be by teams. Each 2 person team will sign up on a line and the first two teams to sign up will play. The winning team will hold a court for 2 games. The next team on the list will then play the winning team. If the winning team wins the 2nd game both teams will leave the court and 2 new teams play. The 2 game limit will be in effect any time there are more than 2 teams waiting to play on the challenge court. Games will be to 11 points, win by 2. In the event there are players waiting, a game will end with first team to 15 points regardless of the 2 point win rule.
General Guidelines for Indoor Open Play Pickleball

- Pickleball is open to all City of Raleigh Pickleball session pass holders or daily pass holders.
- Daily passes ($2) or session passes ($10) can be purchased at any of the community centers listed.
- Participants are expected to follow all facility rules.
- Each facility will have at least 3 courts with paddles and balls, unless otherwise noted on the schedule.
- Each facility will have at least 2 courts that will be open for recreational play at all times.

While the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR) does not have any official or implied relationship with USA Pickleball Association, PRCR does acknowledge USAPA’s role in establishing governing rules for Pickleball play. With that in mind, PRCR pickleball play will utilize the USAPA’s Code of Conduct.

USAPA Code of Conduct

The mission of the USAPA is to promote the growth and development of pickleball. This sport will succeed best if its players embrace the values of good sportsmanship. It is essential that USAPA members and volunteers, in promoting this mission, model good behavior, lead by example, display respect and show self-control.

Every person involved in pickleball (participant, official, volunteer, or representative of the USAPA or spectator) pledges as follows:

I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct or encourage others to do so.
I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of others.
I will not use profanity.
I will treat others with respect.
I will exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.
I will not flaunt my position.
I will observe the Golden Rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me.

The above Code applies in all situations that relate directly or indirectly to pickleball play.

Any person involved in the Indoor Open Play Pickleball Program (participant, official, volunteer, or representative of the USAPA or spectator) found to be in violation of the USAPA Code of Conduct, Open Play Guidelines, or PRCR Facility Rules may be asked to leave the current pickleball session and may also receive a suspension for future play, depending on the severity of the offense.