

Pickleball Protocols

TIER I

Singles Play or drilling only (two players per court) with just one ball per court.

- ◆ Players agree NOT to enter the courts if they have any symptoms or exposure risks as listed by CDC guidelines.
- ◆ Signage installed with social distancing requirements.
- ◆ Volunteer Court Ambassadors will assist city staff in monitoring courts periodically throughout the day to ensure guidelines are being followed.
- ◆ Players are encouraged to bring/use hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Players will label a personal ball that ONLY they will touch during play.
- ◆ Only players participating on the courts will be allowed within the fenced area.
- ◆ All must maintain proper social distance (6 feet apart) whether engaged, waiting, or observing play in and around the court areas.
- ◆ Players are encouraged to place their personal items (backpack, water bottle, etc.) at a safe distance (6 ft.) from other player's items to avoid any surface contact.
- ◆ Errant balls will be returned to the owner of the ball via foot or paddle push of the ball.
- ◆ When not playing, wearing of face masks is encouraged for inward and outward protection of all players, especially when waiting to rotate on to the courts.
- ◆ Switch sides of the court at the end of game only (not at point 6)
- ◆ No handshakes, paddle pumps or physical contact between players.
- ◆ Failure to follow guidelines will result in loss of privileges.

TIER II– Effective June 4

Add Doubles play. This should take place only after players have adhered to the guidelines of Tier I and in accordance with local and state mandates.

- ◆ The same group of four players is allotted a specific amount of time and only with each other.
- ◆ Each foursome of players would be restricted to a single time block of play per day, in order to allow court time for other foursomes.
- ◆ Social Distancing requirements listed for Tier I apply to Tier II.

TIER III

Adds Doubles Play with designated courts by player ability level. This would open up more interaction between players; the same four people would not have to play together for the entire time. It still limits the interaction of large numbers of players with one another.

For example, half the courts could be for beginner to low intermediate, while the other half would accommodate high intermediate to advanced players. The number of courts at a specific venue would help guide how many courts for which levels. There would not be mixing of levels between ability groups. In other words, this phase would not include "open play."

Social Distancing requirements in Tier I still apply.

TIER IV

Resumption of normal court procedures (pre-COVID 19).