



FAMILY RECREATION CENTER OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL COURT RULES & GUIDELINES

Open gym is unstructured free play and hours are subject to change without notice

When you participate in a sporting event or practice, there is enhanced risk of being in direct contact with anyone 65+ years of age for 14 days following play

BACKGROUND

1. Pickleball is a paddle sport played with a whiffle ball on a badminton-sized court and a tennis-style net. Unique rules favor players with less mobility and allow senior players to compete successfully with younger competitors.
2. Pickleball is enjoyed by people of all ages and athletic abilities thanks to its ease of play and straightforward rules. Community members have benefited from increased comradery amid peers since both doubles and singles can be played.
3. Killeen Recreation Services in an effort to facilitate both the competitive and recreational levels of play have created the below standard operating procedure.

EAST COURT - COMPETITIVE COURT (3.5 level or higher)

1. All players must sign in on the provided clipboard on the east court table.
2. Players signing up for games on this court should be rated at a 3.5 level or higher, per the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) player skill rating definitions.
3. Four (4) Players will play a game of best of 3 sets.
4. The winning players will remain on the court for the next game and the two (2) losing players will clear the court and allow the next two (2) new players signed in on the east court table to start a new game. If the two (2) losing players wish to play again, they must sign up again on the clipboard on the east court table.
5. If the same players win two (2) games in a row, after their second win they will clear the court to allow a new game with four (4) new players to begin. If the two (2) winning players wish to play again they must sign up again on the clipboard on the east court table.

WEST COURT - RECREATIONAL COURT (all skill levels allowed)

1. All players must sign in on the provided clipboard on the west court table.
2. Players signing up for games on this court understand that this is for recreational play, and while score is kept, players are not "playing to win."
3. Four (4) Players will play a game of best of 3 sets.
4. All players will clear the court after one (1) game and allow the next four (4) players signed up to start a new game.
5. Players must sign up again on the clipboard, each time they wish to play another game. This will allow all players involved to know who is playing next.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In the spirit of sportsmanship, all participants and spectators shall: Conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates the qualities of civility and sportsmanship at all times. Not use vulgar, abusive, racist, sexist, demeaning, or intimidating language at any time. Not engage in cheers that are vulgar, inappropriate, or demeaning. Refrain from throwing objects for any reason. Not become inebriated or belligerent. Fighting will result in automatic shutdown of open gym. No refunds or rain checks will be given. Respect your fellow players don't be the one that shuts down the courts. Patrons involved in the fight will be suspended.

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