



Pickleball

Rules & Regulations

*The New Baltimore Parks & Recreation Department has the right to amend any portion of these league rules at any time in order to ensure fair play.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

A. In the event of inclement weather or poor court conditions, the New Baltimore Parks & Recreation Department will make decisions to cancel and update teams via Rained Out text by 4:30pm or via email.

B. After this time, decisions to play or cancel are made by teams and recreation department workers at the courts.

C. Games must be interrupted or discontinued in the presence of thunder, lightning, or other life-threatening conditions and the courts must be vacated.

D. Any matches that are cancelled will be rescheduled by the New Baltimore Parks & Recreation Department

GENERAL PARK RULES:

A. No Alcoholic drinks or glass bottles are allowed to be brought into the park. No Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the parking lot.

B. Smoking/chewing tobacco, chewing gum & seeds of any kind are prohibited on the courts. Please help us keep the courts clean for play by following this rule.

THE GAME:

- Monday (2.5-3.0) and Wednesday (3.5 and up) will both play Co-ed doubles each week
- You will play a round robin ladder style
- You will play 3 games up to 15 points or a 1.5 hour time limit

- Each week you will be assigned to a court with 3 other players, changing your partner after each game.
- Fill out your score sheet and return it to the staff on site or to the pickle ball duffel bag with your clipboard after games are completed

PLAYING RULES:

*This is just a general rules list, for all USAPA rules visit the site listed below

- **Standard USAPA rules apply to the league.** Ball is considered “good” or “in” if it hits the boundary lines, except for the “kitchen line.”
- The ball is served diagonally across the net to the receiving court using an approved motion. The ball is struck back and forth across the net until a player fails to return the ball in accordance with the rules.
- Points are scored only by the serving side when the server or the rally, or the opposing side commits a fault. The server continues to serve, alternating service courts, until the serving side loses the rally or commits a fault.²
- Two-Bounce Rule. After the ball is served, each side must make one groundstroke prior to volleying the ball.
- Non-Volley Zone (NVZ). An area that extends 7 feet from the net on each side, within which a player is not allowed to strike the ball without it first bouncing. More specifically, the whole court from net to baseline is the same and can be freely used for all play with one exception: volleying. The first seven feet, the non-volley zone, cannot be used for volleying.
- The entire score must be called before the ball is served.
- Placement. The server must serve to the correct service court (the court diagonally opposite the server). The serve may clear or touch the net and must clear the NVZ and the NVZ lines. The serve may land on any other service court line. If the serve clears the net or hits the net and then touches a player on the opposing team then it’s a point for the serving team.
- When serving, at least one foot must be on the playing surface behind the baseline. Neither of the servers’ feet may touch the court on or inside the baseline²
- Scoring. A singles player or doubles team scores points only when serving.
- **For more rules visit <https://usapickleball.org/docs/ifp/USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf>**

Substitutions

Players are responsible for arranging their own subs. We have a list of players interested in subbing for the league. Please contact these players first to see if they are available. If you cannot find a sub from the list, please contact the office immediately. You cannot move up the ladder in a week where you have a substitute.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Will be updated in our offices and be sent out on a regular basis.

Please Contact Zuhair Issa, Programmer for any questions or league information needed.

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