

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pickleball Tournament Rules

### Game Rules

- Games are self- Officiated until the final match. All games will be played according to the international federation of pickleball (IFP) Rule book.

### Registration and Format

- All teams must be registered by October 28,2024 at 9:00a.m.
- Mixed doubles teams consist of one female and one male player.
- Open play consists of teams not playing in any more than 1 tournament a year.
- Participants skill levels are self-rated at registration.
- Doubles and mixed doubles are completed on age categories.
- Designated area will be provided for spectators.

### Equipment

- Staff will provide nets and balls. Limited paddles are available for use.
- Indoor shoes only

### Schedule

- Schedule will be based on number of teams registered in each age group.
- The tournament will follow a 2 game into single elimination.

### Game format

**Start time:** The tournament will have a scheduled start for each age group and division based on the number of teams registered. If a team does not show up for the tournament start time they will be disqualified.

**Rock Paper Scissors:** a game of rock, paper, scissors, will start the match. The winning team will pick either service or side.

**Games:** Each team will play to 11(win by 2) against their opponent. Up to 15 points. The winning team will be granted 2 point for ranking.

**Time Cap:** There is a 30-minute time cap on each game.

**Time Outs:** Each team will be granted 1 time out per game. The timeout will be one minute in length.

**Game Scores:** Each team is required to score their own game and report it to the tournament organizer upon ending the match.

### Standings:

Game One= 2 point

Game Lost = 1 point

NO game shall result in a tie.

## **Rules:**

### **Serving**

- A player or team can only score points when serving.
- Both feet must remain behind the baseline until after the ball is struck
- The serve must be underhand and contacted below the waist.
- Serves must travel diagonally and land between the non-volley zones.
- Only one serve attempt.
- Players must announce the score prior to serving.

### **Serving in doubles**

- Only one play on the first serving team is allowed a serve turn before giving up the ball to the opponents.
- The player on the right at the start of a service turn will be the first person to service for their team.
- The server moves to the other side for the serving team's court. The receiving players should not switch sides.

### **Non-Volley Zone**

- To volley the ball means to hit the ball in the air without a bounce. All volleying must be done with the players feet behind the non-volley zones.

### **Double Bounce Rule**

- Each team must play their first shot off the bounce, The receiving team must let the serve bounce and the serving team must let the return of the serve bounce before playing it
- After two bounces the play can be volleyed.

### **Faults**

- The ball may only bounce once per side.
- If the ball hits the sidelines or baselines the ball is playable
- Serving the ball into an incorrect area.
- Hitting the ball out of bounds
- Volleying the ball before it has bounced once on each side.
- Hitting the ball into the net or hitting the net with your paddle or body.
- Hitting the ball while in the non-volley zone before it is allowed to bounce.
- Touching the non-volley zones with your paddle or clothes while attempting to hit a volley.
- Stepping on or over the non-volley zone line on a follow through.
- Missing the ball when you try to hit it

- Server swing the addle with the intent of hitting the ball but misses.
- If the serving team hits the opponent with the ball and are not able to return the serving team gains a point.