PICKLEBALL LEAGUE PLAYING GUIDELINES

The New Westminster Parks and Recreation Recreational Pickleball Program strives to provide pickleball for individuals of all abilities and skill levels based on the principles of low cost to the participant, maximum participation and socialization, and most importantly...FUN! As such, the following guidelines have been developed, to help facilitate the conduct of play:

CODE OF CONDUCT:

All customers, visitors and volunteers are expected to treat each other with respect, dignity and fairness. As such, the following is prohibited:

- Behaviour, actions or language that promotes discrimination, racism, hatred or is demeaning.
- Aggressive acts, threats, violence or profanity.
- Illegal behaviour or destruction of property.
- Use or possession of alcohol, cannabis, drugs or other intoxicating substances.
- Use or possession of weapons.
- Any action or interactions with children or youth deemed harmful, abusive, coercive, manipulative or illicit in nature.

Teams that violate the code of conduct may be dismissed from the NWPR Pickleball league with no money refunded.

Help us make the league a safe place for everyone and report any unusual behaviour to a staff member or league coordinator or league host.

THE PLAYERS:

1. Teams are expected to play doubles, with up to six spares (substitute players).

2. Players must be at least 19 years old to participate in this league.

3. A spare player can take the place of a regular doubles player. However, the spare must attend the entire match from beginning to end and cannot substitute out once play has started. *Substitutions can only be made after each game, total of three games in the match.*

4. All players and spares must be listed and confirmed upon registration. Additions or changes may be done prior to the commencement of the third week of play (each season) by submitting the changes to the league coordinator. *Spares may play on other teams in the NWPR Pickleball League.* A pick-up players list is available from the league coordinator and can be used for emergency substitutions throughout the season.

5. Players must play in at least 30% (4 out of 13) of the regular season games in order to be eligible to participate in the playoffs, thirteen weeks of play. Spares can only play for one team in the Playoffs.

6. Players concerned about injuries during play should use protective equipment. Players should also wear appropriate attire and footwear suitable for the sport.

THE GAME:

All playing guidelines are set and as such are not subject to modification. All rules as stated in the International Federation of Pickleball Rulebook (www.pickleballcanada.org) apply, except for the following amendments:

1. The league consists of 12 teams with 14 weeks of play.

2. Matches are three games, with each game played to 11 points. Teams switch sides of the court after each game.

3. Matches have a maximum time limit of 45 minutes. Teams may warm up on the court up to 15 minutes before their scheduled match start time. Teams must vacate the court promptly at the end of their allocated match time.

4. If a team is not ready to play within 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, they default the game. The score will be recorded as -1 / 3 in favour of the team present.

5. Matches that start late (within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled start time) must finish by the end of their allocated match time to allow the next group to start on time.

6. Teams will referee their own games upon mutual agreement between both captains. Both teams must keep score, and captains must meet after the game to confirm and report the final scores to the league host.

7. Each team is responsible for providing their own equipment of paddles and ball.

ALL THE REST:

1. Season stats will be updated weekly and posted on the City's Sports Leagues Webpage, www.newwestcity.ca/sportsleagues. Failure to report the scores to the league host will result in a tie being awarded to both teams.

2. Each game will be played to 11 points, with one point awarded for each game won.

3. Point System:

WIN	1 POINT
LOSS	0 POINTS
DEFAULT	-1 POINTS

4. Team rankings will be determined by the team with the greatest number of points. If two teams are tied, the winner of the games between the two tied teams will be used. Should the two teams still be tied, the total scores per game will be calculated. End of season standings will be available prior to the playoff schedule.

5. The New Westminster Parks and Recreation Pickleball League coordinator shall retain final authority over rule interpretation and dispute resolution. League fees are non-refundable.

Team Captains may contact the league coordinator, with any questions or concerns:

leagues@newwestcity.ca