

YMCA OF FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST

# PICKLEBALL

## OPEN PLAY, ETIQUETTE AND ROTATIONAL PLAY

Brown Family YMCA is committed to fostering a recreational environment where there is **Respect** for yourself, **Respect** for others, and **Responsibility** for your actions. Please obey the following rules:

- › Behave in a manner that respects others so that programs and facilities can be used and enjoyed by all.
- › Behave and act in a manner that is respectful of YMCA property and staff.
- › Enhance the experience for all skill levels by modifying play to make the game reasonably fair for everyone.
- › No foul language or inappropriate comments are permitted.
- › Players hold themselves accountable to follow rules and posted etiquette and rotational play system.
- › Members will bring their own paddles and pickleballs.

We follow USAPA Rules:

### Courtesy

- › Limit initial warm-up time to 5 min.
- › Introduce yourself prior to a match.
- › Call out the score at the start of each serve. Ensure it is loud enough for all players on the court to hear.
- › Line calls are decided by the partners on the side that the ball drops. If you're not sure, the ball is in.
- › If your ball enters another court, yell "BALL." Do not enter the court.
- › Do not walk around courts when play is in progress.
- › A first-to-11 score system is used. When 10 or more people are waiting, we will use rally scoring. Games will be played to 15 points, win by 2 points.
- › Rotate quickly off the court upon completion of the match.

### Rotational System

- › A Next-Four-Up system will be utilized.
- › Players waiting for a court will sit or place their paddle on a bench or designated area in order of arrival.
- › The next four (4) players on the bench get the next available court.
- › If one or more of these players wishes to wait to play with someone else, they relinquish their spot in line. No one moves up in line, but individuals may move back in line.
- › Do not move paddles of other players.
- › Moving paddles will only be an option when there are enough players to continuously rotate on all courts. Eg. Four players cannot isolate themselves on a court and ask remaining players to rotate on the remaining courts. It is the expectation that everyone has equal playing time, regardless of their skill level.

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- › Enhance the experience for all skill levels by modifying play to make the game reasonably fair for everyone.
- › Outdoor Court 1 is a Challenge Court for more skilled players during open play. If less than 8 skilled players are in attendance, Court 1 will be open to all. Limited to 3 continuous games.
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- › Members will bring their own paddles and pickleballs.
- › Players will set up and take down nets and return chairs.

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- › Rotate quickly off the court upon completion of the match.

### Rotational System

- › The courts are separated into 3 levels: A.) Beginner, B.) Intermediate, C.) Advanced 3.0+
- › Players should play on the court that reflects their skill level. Competitive games are fun and increase your skills. Playing at an inappropriate level negates that.
- › A Next-Four-Up system will be utilized.
- › Players waiting for a court will sit or place their paddle on a bench or designated area in order of arrival.
- › The next four (4) players on the bench get the next available court.
- › Each court has their own paddle rack and paddles are placed in sequence. Do not move anyone else's paddle. You may move your paddle backwards (never forward) in order to play with a specific group. When four come off, the winners place their paddles ahead of the "losers."
- › Never have two paddles in the racks. (i.e. one on Court A and one on Court B.)
- › Moving paddles will only be an option when there are enough players to continuously rotate on all courts. Eg. Four players cannot isolate themselves on a court and ask remaining players to rotate on the remaining courts. It is the expectation that everyone has equal playing time, regardless of their skill level.
- › The question of "Do winners stay on?" will be determined by the number of people waiting to play.

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