

# WARREN PICKLEBALL - OPEN PLAY RULES

- **The spirit of Open Play is that everyone gets to play with different players in a recreational and fun setting.**
- Players must sign-up on Warren CourtReserve in order to play. There will be only one member account per person. Do not show up if you are not signed up (we may send you home). We have CourtReserve links at [www.warrenhealthclub.com](http://www.warrenhealthclub.com) and Warren Pickleball Center Facebook page. You can download the mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play Store. Upon arrival, pay at front desk, sign in neatly, and starting in 2024 you will get a wrist-band at desk once paid and you are required to wear it during play. Anyone observed without a wrist-band will be asked to go to front desk to get one. If you signed up to play and do not show and leave yourself signed up, we will seek payment for that signup. There is an automatic waitlist, so when someone cancels, the 1<sup>st</sup> person on waitlist will be notified by email and given the open spot. **Do not go to courts before the scheduled start times (Please wait in lobby). Towards the end of play you may hear the whistle blow indicating to end play, so courts are vacated 5 minutes before the scheduled end time (leaving courts empty for next rental players). If you wish to chat with players upon leaving, please exit the court area and do so in our lobby.**
- Court 4 is for Advanced Players, Courts 5 and 6 for Intermediate, and court 7 is for Beginners (if there are no beginners, other players can use court 7). Play on the skill level courts you signed up for. We reserve the right to move players to an alternate skill level court, that differs from the skill level you signed up for.
- At start of open play 1<sup>st</sup> 4 on the court can play, and waiting players should place paddles in the paddle racks/box, stacking left to right. The paddles on left go in next. Warm up should only take a couple of minutes – this is open play, not a drill session.
- The first four players in the paddle rack will move to the open court and play **a single game to 9 points, win by one. During slower times and when there is no wait we may play to 11 win by one.**
- **If there are 4 or more players waiting, 4 go off court and 4 new players come on. If there are only 3 waiting, 3 come off, and one of the winners can stay.** Upon completion of the game, the losing team players will leave the court and put their paddles back in the rack, behind the last paddle on the right. **When there are only 2 players waiting**, the winning team can stay on the court for one more game, and they can stay together or split up, and play the next two players in the paddle rack **(Once again, winners option to splitting (We encourage to split to mix it up). All players will leave the court after having played two (2) consecutive games** and may return their paddles to the paddle rack.
- Players waiting in the paddle rack may offer up their spot in line only to the next player in the paddle rack. Players wishing to play together should keep their paddles together in the paddle rack but not mess with the order of paddles. If a player goes to a court by mistake, they may return to their position in the paddle rack while waiting for a court to open up.
- If there are no players waiting, players may continue to play for another game. Waiting to play means your paddle is in the rack/bin – you see a court you want to play on, put your paddle in the rack/bin and players must come off court at end of game if there is paddle in rack/bin. If there are no players waiting, singles may be played.
- Individuals found changing the order of paddle stacking are subject to loss of playing privileges. A Player may not be playing, and have an extra paddle in a rack while you are playing. Any players not conforming to these open play rules may be subject to lose playing privileges.