



## **DROP-IN GUIDELINES**

Effective Oct. 1, 2023

**Purpose:** The purpose of our **Drop-In Program** is to provide the opportunity for ALL club members to play during peak times. All club members are welcome. Drop-in is a good time to practice your game and meet new people. We encourage players to introduce themselves and mix up play when possible. Be a Pickleball Ambassador!

During scheduled **Drop-In time** the courts may be used for games, drills, or ball machine practice until all the courts are full and players are waiting. With all courts full and players waiting, drills and ball machine practice ceases and only games are allowed.

When the courts are full and players are waiting raise the red flag at the corner of court 5. This indicates to all players that the courts are full and players are waiting and the following procedures are in effect:

Players engaged in drills or ball machine practice should finish their current drill, or bin of balls, then vacate the court.

Players waiting to play will place their paddles in the holders between courts 7 and 16. Only one paddle per player. When a court opens the first four players will proceed to that court.

Order for players waiting is Left to Right, Top to Bottom. To preclude a constant movement of paddles a ball will be hung above the next set of paddles in line. When they depart to play the ball will be moved above the next set of paddles. The top left paddles go first then the next set of paddles on the top. Once all the paddles on the top have gone the leftmost paddles on the bottom will play. When the bottom row is complete it will start again at the top left.

Four players will play a game to eleven (11) points and then vacate the court. When vacating the court they will announce, loudly and clearly, that court #XX is open.

The next four paddles in line will then play on the vacated court and continue the process.

All players waiting to play should be ready to enter the courts as a group.

Should there be less than 4 paddles in a grouping, the player or players should proceed to the vacated court and ask those vacating to play with them. Hopefully, they'll be good pickleball ambassadors and play.

When passing through another court, wait until a point is completed, ask for permission to enter and pass through, and thank the players while passing.

Only four (4) players should be on any court when the courts are full.

Once there are open courts and no players waiting the red flag should be stowed.

When players ARE NOT waiting to play and there are available empty courts .....

- 1) Four players will play a game to eleven (11) points.
- 2) If no other players are waiting to play, the same four players may continue to play another game on the same court.
- 3) More than four players can be on a court, i.e., there may be rotating players sitting/waiting on the bench. HOWEVER, once the courts are full, only four players can be on the court i.e., no players can be sitting/waiting on the bench.