



Hagerstown Field House: Adult Pickleball League Rules and Policies

1. Eligibility

- Players must be 18 years or older.
- Divisions Offered:
 - **Beginner (2.0–3.0):** For players new to pickleball or sports in general. No prior experience required—just a willingness to learn in a fun, supportive environment.
 - **Intermediate (3.5–4.0):** For players with a solid grasp of rules, strategy, and court positioning. Best for those seeking a more competitive, structured level of play.

2. Scheduling

- Schedules will be released at least one week before the first match.
- Scheduling requests may be submitted at the time of registration, and we will do our best to accommodate them.
- Matches will be played in a mixed doubles format (male/female).

3. Match Format

- Each team plays 2 matches per night.
- Each match consists of 3 sets to 11 points.
- Matches are limited to 50 minutes.
- All 3 sets are played to determine standings and point differential.

- **Time Expiration:**

- If time expires during a set, the team leading at that point wins the set.
- If tied, one final rally is played; the winner of that rally wins the set.

4. Officiating & Scoring

- League play is self-officiated.
- Final scores must be reported to the court marshal immediately following each match.

5. Equipment

- Players must provide their own paddle.
- Game balls will be provided by the league.
- Players must wear non-marking court shoes.

6. Check-In

- All players must be registered and paid in full before playing.
- Prior to each match, players must check in with the court marshal, who will direct you to your assigned court.
- Players arriving late must notify the court marshal before joining play.

7. Substitutions

- If you are unable to play one week, you may arrange for a substitute player.
- Please email the league director ahead of time to confirm the substitution.
- Substitute players do not need to pay the guest player fee but must pay the \$10 admin fee if they have not already.
- Playoff matches: Substitute players are not permitted.

8. Forfeits

- A team arriving **10 minutes late** forfeits the first set.
- A team arriving **20 minutes late** forfeits the entire match.

9. Standings & Tiebreakers

- Standings are determined by match wins.
- Ties will be broken in the following order:
 1. Head-to-head results
 2. Point differential
 3. Total points scored

10. Playoffs

- The playoff format depends on the number of teams registered each season.
- The League Director will provide playoff details once the season schedule is finalized.
- Substitute players are not permitted during playoffs.

11. Sportsmanship

- Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
- Players are encouraged to resolve disputes respectfully and communicate clearly with opponents.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including excessive arguing, profanity, or disrespectful behavior, may result in a warning, suspension, or removal from the league without refund.