



What Is Open Play Pickleball?

All you need to do is register in PlayTime Scheduler prior to playing on the courts and show up at a predetermined time.

Benefits of Open Play

Here are a few of them:

- Provides an opportunity to play with different players.
- Provides equal access during high demand periods.
- Helps improve skills by playing against different opponents.
- Offers a relaxed and friendly environment.
- Provides a way to meet new people and make friends.
- Helps build a sense of community.
- Provides opportunity to play when you are free without commitment of booking.
- Fair and equal for all members of the club.

Principles to Help Guide SPC Approach to Managing Courts

- Managing Public Courts – not a private club
- In line with SPC Goals and Objectives
- Fair and Transparent processes
- All members are equal.
- Respectful of members requests

Open Play Guidelines

- If the courts are **not full**, players can stay on with their group. If less than 4 players are waiting to play, while it is encouraged that members welcome them to play and rotate, it is not required.
- If all courts are full and there are members waiting, the Open Play process will start during periods which are deemed Open Play.
- Paddles are entered in the racks provided from right to left, on a first come, first served basis.
- Play is to 11, win by 2, while there are less than 9 players waiting. If there are more than 9 players waiting, play to 9, win by 1. Once your game is over, you must leave the court to allow next players to enter.
- If there are less than 6 paddles in the racks, then winners stay and split, and the next 2 players join them. If there are more than 6 paddles in racks, then it is 4 players off, 4 players on.
- If there are beginners, they should be encouraged to play together, and paddles grouped accordingly. If there are not 4 beginners, members will allow them in the rotation and be respectful.
- If 4 players leave the court and want to continue to play together, they may place their paddles in the next open 4 space. It is recognized they will not go back on courts until those that are waiting get an opportunity to play. While we should discourage this, it is acknowledged some members will want to play together and, as such, will have to wait longer between games to do so.