



Outdoor Courts – Operating Guidelines

Schedule

Our schedule is at www.playtimescheduler.com; we're in the Highland Region and our courts are indicated by a brown dot with a yellow halo. There are 18 spots available per time slot.

- **Paddle Up System:** To determine who plays in what order, use the 'paddle up' system – line up your paddles in a row against the fence and take to the courts in that order.
- **Level Play:** You'll notice two time slots per day (10 a.m. and 12 p.m.) for Level Play where courts are designated for 2.0-2.75 and 3.0-5.0. You don't need to know exactly what your rating is as 2.0-2.75 is beginner to low intermediate while 3.0-5.0 is intermediate to advanced. Please select the court corresponding to your level to allow full access.
- **Ratings:** If you'd like to better understand what your rating may be, take a self-assessment using Pickleball Canada's Skill Level guidelines at <https://pickleballcanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Pickleball-Canada-Skills-Self-Assessment-Chart.pdf>
- **League Play:** Friday afternoons may involve League Play, such as a round robin, followed by a Legion Social. If you sign up one week, allow others to sign up the following week so that everyone has equal opportunity to participate in these events. Note that the timing of League Play may change based on facilitators' and/or Legion availability.

Court Access

- Courts are open from sunrise to sunset.
- Court closures will take place from time to time for events hosted by our Legion partner, some of which take place outdoors (e.g. Read by the Sea). Playtime Scheduler will be updated accordingly and closures will be communicated to members.
- The courts are available to members and guests:

Member Access

- We have combination locks on the gates. The code, which was emailed to members on June 1 and will be emailed to new members upon joining, is the same for all three gates. **Don't share the code with any non RJPC members.**
- Ensure the gates are locked when leaving if there's no one else there.

Guest Access

- It's the member's responsibility to ensure their guest(s) sign a waiver if they're not a member of Pickleball Canada and pay the \$5 drop-in fee:
 - The waiver is required only once per calendar year; it's available on the Resources section of our website and under Files on our Facebook page.

Depending on your device, it may be fillable online. Alternatively, print, complete and scan it. Email completed forms to riverjohnpickleball@gmail.com.

- E-transfers can be made to the RJPC bank account via jelcarruthers@gmail.com. We have a box for cash and waivers but no place to erect it until the washroom facility is completed.
- A guest can play three times per calendar year. For insurance purposes, they should become a member of RJPC after playing three times.

Court Rules for Everyone's Safety

- Adhere to the rules as outlined on the signage at the courts.
- Wear clean court shoes on the courts.
- Eye protection is strongly encouraged.
- For the safety of all players, don't play on the courts when it's misting/raining as they quickly become slippery underfoot.

Equipment & Amenities

- Members are responsible for bringing their own paddles and balls to the courts.
 - While we have loaner paddles, in the long term they're intended for learn to play sessions and beginners who are initially trying out the sport.
 - There are a few outdoor balls available to get us started and we have others that Pickleball Nova Scotia donated to us for use at RJPC events (e.g. tournaments). Pickleball Canada recommends the Franklin x40 Optic yellow outdoor ball. In the near future, one of our board members may volunteer to coordinate a bulk order that RJPC members can partake in so that we can get a cost volume discount; stay tuned for details.
- A squeegee and broom is available inside the courts until the storage room in the washroom facility is ready. Use them as necessary to clean the courts. There will also be a leaf blower available once we have a place to store it.
- The washrooms facility is still being worked on but isn't completed yet. A portable toilet is available onsite in the interim.
- Five benches have been generously donated by RJPC members and additional seating will be available in the future.
- To protect the integrity of our fencing, don't hang bags off the fence.

Have fun! And kindly bear with us as we complete the washroom facility and all the other finishing touches.

Questions or constructive comments? Email riverjohnpickleball@gmail.com to the attention of Operations.

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