



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.

- **Player rotation system:** To determine who plays in what order, it's recommended that you use one of three approaches: 1) the 'paddle up' system – line up your paddles in a row in the box and take to the courts in that order, 2) 'first/second place paddle up' – winners of a game coming off court put paddles on one side of box and second place on the other after which you alternate sides for play for next game, or 3) 'round robin.' The majority of players can choose the system at the start of a session.
- **Level Play:** You'll notice two time slots per day for Level Play. You don't need to know exactly what your rating is as 2.0-2.99 is beginner to low intermediate while 3.0-5.0 is intermediate to advanced. Please select the time slot 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 often involve League Play, such as a round robin, followed by a Legion Social. 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 to members and accompanied guests.
- 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 and the washrooms. **Don't share the code with any non RJPC members.**
- Ensure the gates and all doors in the washroom facility are locked when leaving if there's no one else there. For the gates, you must spin the numbers to activate the lock.

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.
- 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:

- Change into clean shoes before playing and wear the correct shoes, preferably court shoes.
- Wear eye protection.
- Never play on a wet or semi-wet court.
- Keep hydrated.
- Use sun protection.
- Alcohol is not permitted.
- Learn how to use our AED, which is located in the right hand door of our washroom facility (same door code as the court locks) by watching this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s30ZFoQ3rc>. In short, if someone has suffered cardiac arrest at the courts/outside the Legion (they're not breathing, unconscious and have no pulse), follow these steps:
 - Check for a response from the victim by shaking them by the shoulders and talking loudly to them.
 - If they're unresponsive, immediately call 9-1-1.
 - Get the AED as quickly as possible from the washroom facility.
 - Turn the AED on and follow the audiovisual prompts.
 - **Note:** DO NOT remove the AED from its metal box unless it's an emergency. When the box is opened, an alarm will sound to let everyone in the area know there's an emergency.
- Stop play if a ball from another court lands on your court. Yell "ball" if the ball came from your court to warn other players.
- Communicate with your partner and be conscious of where they are on the court.
- Do not walk across an active court; wait until the play has stopped.
- Don't back up on the court when going after a ball; turn your body instead.
- **Immediately report any injuries** and/or the use of the AED to riverjohnpickleball@gmail.com

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 and charge it.
- The washrooms facility is still being worked on but isn't completed yet. A portable toilet is available onsite in the interim.
- Benches bleachers, picnic tables and a shade shelter are in place for members and guests.
- To protect the integrity of our fencing, don't hang bags off the fence.

Have fun! And kindly continue to 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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