

Pickleball Court Drying Guide

Dry courts = safe play. If the courts are wet, **please help dry them—don't take a dry one someone else has already cleaned.** It's all part of being a good pickleball community member! As well it makes a huge difference and gets us playing faster. Thank you for pitching in!

1. Remove Standing Water

- Use the **large squeegee** to push away the biggest puddles.
- Clear water **toward the edges** or into drainage areas.

2. Use the Roller

- Once the major puddles of water are gone, use the **roller in a circular motion** (as shown in the training video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adST-woMHvI> to absorb remaining moisture.
- ***Do not step on roller to dry it.*** roll it out several times.
- Use Hook on handle so not sitting on ground when not in use
- **Small squeegees** are great for clearing leftover puddles to the sides.

3. Towel Dry

- Use towels to finish the job:
 - **Drag them along the court, focus on the lines**, which stay slippery the longest.
 - **Wrap them around a broom or squeegee** to wipe surfaces.

4. After Drying the courts put the equipment away properly

- **Squeegees:**
 - When finished with big squeegee take the handle off and put it in the box. Put the blade portion in last so the foam rubber doesn't get bent and broken.
 - Small squeegees can go in the box in one piece.
- **Roller:**
 - Squeeze out excess water. (don't be shy — really wring it out) but don't step on it and hang it up off ground when not in use.
 - Disassemble by removing handle and return it to the **storage tube in the box**. Or hang on hooks in box
- **Towels:**
 - Wring the towels out to get the majority of the water out of them then hang them up to dry completely before storing. Hang 'em up so they don't turn into mildew monsters
 - When leaving courts check with next group if they can manage towels.
 - Fold up towels and place in tote in lock box. the lock boxes leaks and if on bottom they will just get wetter
 - If we have rain coming put towels away even if wet
 - if you arrive in morning and there are wet towels in box, please hang out so they will be dry next time you need them.

Towel Management Notes:

- **Chalmers Park:** Towels are **no longer allowed**. This change was made because towels were often left out, and the city was unhappy with the untidy appearance.

Please help manage towels neatly at all locations to ensure we maintain our privileges.

Please Respect the Equipment

- If something breaks or isn't working (rollers, nets, etc.), **let someone know**(court host or Area coordinator) —it helps DPA replace it quickly. **Thanks for helping keep our courts safe and ready for play!**
- Respect shared equipment—look after it like it's your own