

Tillsonburg Pickleball Club

Dedicated Court Program & League

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Thank you for your interest in the Tillsonburg Pickleball Club's Dedicated Court Program & League.

If your question isn't answered here, please contact us at Tillsonburgpickleballclub@gmail.com. A member of the Board of Directors will be happy to assist you.

1. Getting Started

1.1 What is a league?

Think of it as organized pickleball.

Instead of showing up and playing with random groups each time, you'll be placed in a division with players of a similar skill level. Each week, you'll play a series of games against others in your division.

As the season goes on, if your results show you've improved, you may move up to the next division. If another division is a better fit, you may move down. This helps keep games fair, competitive and fun for everyone.

The goal isn't to "win the league"—it's to make sure everyone enjoys playing with others of similar ability while having the opportunity to improve throughout the season.

1.2 Why is the club introducing league play?

Members have asked for more organized and balanced play. The league is designed to match players with others of similar playing ability, creating enjoyable and competitive games while giving everyone the opportunity to improve throughout the season.

1.3 Who can join?

Any Tillsonburg Pickleball Club member may register.

1.4 How long does the league run?

The league will run throughout July and August.

1.5 What is the goal of the league?

Our goal is to provide organized, balanced and enjoyable play while giving every player the opportunity to improve throughout the season.

2. Registration & Fees

2.1 What is the cost?

The cost is \$50 for the season.

2.2 What value do I receive for the \$50?

- Dedicated league court time
- Organized weekly league play
- Weekly rankings through Pickleheads
- Opportunities to move between divisions
- Saturday Ladder Play at no additional cost
- A fun, social and competitive environment.

2.3 How do I register?

If you would like to participate in our league, please e-transfer **\$50** to **Tillsonburgpickleballclub@gmail.com**. Your payment will reserve your spot in the league and give you access to dedicated league court time.

We will be running **trial sessions** over the next couple of weeks to answer questions, work through any concerns, and gather feedback before the league officially begins.

Registration is open now and will remain open until **July 10**. During this time, you are welcome to come out and see how the league works before deciding to register.

2.4 How many players can register?

The daytime league accommodates 54 players (18 players in each of three divisions). If participation is higher than expected, session lengths may be adjusted from 1 hour 20 minutes to 1 hour, increasing capacity to 72 players.

2.5 How many players are in each division?

Each division is limited to 18 players, allowing six players per court across three courts.

2.6 What happens if the league fills up?

If demand exceeds available spaces, additional sessions may be added where possible. If required, a waitlist may be created.

2.7 What if the daytime session is full?

Evening league sessions are also available, subject to availability.

3. League Format & Divisions

3.1 What happens during the first week?

The first week is an assessment week. Players participate in Pickleheads round robin sessions and their overall results determine their starting division.

3.2 Will I be judged by one game?

No. Placement is based on your overall results during the assessment week.

3.3 How are divisions determined?

Pickleheads ranks players according to their overall results. Players are then grouped into balanced divisions.

3.4 Can I choose my division?

No. Divisions are determined by results to ensure fair competition.

3.5 What if I miss the evaluation sessions?

Players who miss the evaluation sessions will initially be placed in Division C. Weekly results determine future movement.

3.6 What if I'm placed in the wrong division?

Movement between divisions occurs weekly based on results.

3.7 How do I move up to a higher division?

Weekly standings are reviewed through Pickleheads. Players move based on win percentage and point spread.

3.8 How do players move between divisions?

Top-performing players may move up while lower-performing players may move down to maintain balanced competition.

3.9 What if I don't like being moved?

Movement is a normal part of the league format and helps keep matches fair, balanced and enjoyable.

4. League Schedule

4.1 How often will I play?

Morning players may play up to three sessions per week. Evening players typically play up to two sessions per week.

4.2 Do I have to play all three league sessions each week?

We encourage players to participate in as many scheduled sessions as possible. Missing an occasional session is not a major issue, although it may affect your weekly standing since rankings are based on playing results.

4.3 Can I play whenever I want?

No. Once assigned to a division, you'll play during your division's scheduled session. Division start times rotate throughout the week for fairness.

4.4 Can I play with my friends?

League play is based on balanced competition. There will still be opportunities for social play outside league sessions.

4.5 What if I can't attend one of my scheduled sessions?

Pickleheads manages player availability and waitlists whenever possible.

4.6 Will evening league be different?

No. The format is the same. The schedule may be adjusted depending on registration numbers.

5. Pickleheads & League Management

5.1 Do I need to know how to use Pickleheads?

No. Simply register, show up and play. The organizers handle the setup.

5.2 Will the trial sessions be posted on Pickleheads?

Yes. Trial sessions will be posted as they are created. Members can also view standings and weekly movement there.

5.3 I can't find the league session on Pickleheads. What should I do?

Go to the Home screen, tap Nearby, select Tillsonburg Community Centre, then tap Round Robins to view available league or trial sessions. If you're still unable to locate your session, please contact the club.

5.4 What happens if a session is full?

Pickleheads automatically manages a waitlist. When a player withdraws, the next eligible player is added automatically.

5.5 What happens if someone cancels?

Pickleheads manages player availability and adjusts sessions where appropriate.

6. Still Have Questions?

6.1 Contact Us

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