

GMP 2025 SPRING LADDER PLAY STRUCTURE AND RULES

The ladder is designed to match players with similar skill levels. Players will move up and down the ladder each week based on the ranking system detailed below in 6-8 round robin games.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to the first 30 players per division. Payment must be received to secure your spot.

Players are automatically signed up for a free Roanoke Valley Pickleball Club lifetime membership if they have not done so already. Players must register with Global Pickleball Network to see court assignments each week (free sign up). In addition, a DUPR account will be created for anyone without one where scores will also be posted. (DUPR is one of the foremost pickleball rating systems currently in use.)

WHO CAN PLAY

Play is open to both men and women, 18 years of age or greater. Men and women will not be separated into different divisions. Games are doubles, but players rotate partners.

DESCRIPTION OF PLAY

Each week, players will compete in two, 4 or 5 person round robins. Four person round robins will play 3 games to 15. Five person round robins will play 4 games to 11. All play will follow USA Pickleball rules unless otherwise noted. The ladder captain will make any rules clarifications.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Specific court assignments will be posted on Global Pickleball Network weekly prior to play. Ladder play will begin promptly at 6pm. If you wish to warm up, please arrive earlier. Players should arrive by 6pm or may be considered a no show.

RANKINGS

Players will be ranked based on the following:

points earned by your team / points earned by your team + points earned by your opponent

For example if you win 15-3, 15-10, 15-5, your percentage would be

$(15 + 15 + 15) / (15 + 3 + 15 + 10 + 15 + 5) = 71.43\%$

This system not only rewards a player for points scored, but takes into account whether the winners beat the losers by a little or by a lot. The win/loss % ranges from 100% ($33 / (33+0)$) if the winners win all their games 11 - 0, vs 52% if the games are all 11 - 10 ($33 / (33+30)$).

Medals will be assigned based on the calculation above. The tiebreaker for medals will be the games W/L % and the second tiebreaker will be the average rank.

WEEKLY PLAY & CANCELLATION

Players who cannot attend league must contact the ladder captain by noon on Thursday. Canceling after noon on Thursday or not showing up by the start time of your game will result in a no show. No show players may be withdrawn from the ladder and may forfeit medals.

There is never a point penalty for missed weeks. Players are always welcome to play. However, to be eligible for a medal, you must play at least 50% of ladder league sessions.

REFUNDS

No refunds will be given unless you are able to be replaced, and no refund will be issued once league play has begun for the season. Any refunds issued will be minus Stripe fees and any insurance costs incurred per player.

DUPR

All scores will be recorded in DUPR unless otherwise noted.

EQUIPMENT

Games shall be played with a Franklin X-40 pickleball. Only USAP approved paddles may be used.

INTERRUPTION OF A MATCH

Any games played in full will be counted. If a game is terminated due to WEATHER or INJURY, then the team in front will be awarded whatever points are needed to bring their score to 11 or 15, and the team behind will get the same number of points added to their score. For example, if the score is 8-0, the team in the lead gets 3 or 7 points added to their score and the team behind will get the same 3 or 7 points. HOWEVER, at least one of the teams must have 6 or more points in games to 11, or 8 points if games to 15. If not, the game will not count. Additionally, any games scored in this way will not be entered into DUPR.

INCLEMENT/EXTREME WEATHER

Players will be informed by email or text if play is canceled due to weather or other emergencies. No refunds will be given for canceled play.

TIMEOUTS

Each team is allowed 2 timeouts (1 minute each) per game. Players may also have 1 medical timeout of no more than 15 minutes per match. Like any other rule, please use common sense.

SPECTATORS

Spectators shall not be asked their opinion of any rule or line call.

CONFLICTS AND DISPUTES

Conflicts that occur during matches should be settled by the players on the court. Players are responsible for knowing the rules, enforcing them while on court and conducting themselves in a manner representative and adhering to the USA Pickleball Code of Conduct regarding good sportsmanship. We will not mediate matches or settle disputes between players regarding these types of conflicts.

USA PICKLEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

Every person involved in pickleball (participant, official, volunteer, or representative of the USA Pickleball or spectator) pledges as follows:

I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct or encourage others to do so.

I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of others.

I will not engage in the use of profanity.

I will treat others with respect.

I will exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.

I will not use USA Pickleball records or materials for personal gain.

I will observe the Golden Rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me.