

2025 FALL 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 percentage of points earned in round robin games.

WHEN

Eight Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30pm.

The season will begin September 2, 2025 and end October 21, 2025. The final evening of October 21st will be a prize play night.

WHERE

Walrond Park. 6824 Walrond Drive, Roanoke, VA 24019.

COST

\$35 per player.

REFUNDS

Full refund minus any Stripe/Insurance fees will be given if you decide to drop by Sept. 1st if we are able to fill your slot.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

You will be assigned a court each week. Ladder play will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. If you wish to warm up, please arrive earlier (the courts are reserved starting at 6:00 pm).

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 either a 4 or 5 person round robin. Four person round robins will play 3 games to 15, win by 1. Five person round robins will play 4 games to 11, win by 1.

Players should change ends of the court when one side has 8 points (in a 15 point game) or 6 points (in an 11 point game) to minimize the effects of the sun and wind.

All play will follow USA Pickleball rules unless otherwise noted.

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)).

For tiebreaks when determining medals and court winners, see details in the Prize Night section below.

MISSED PLAY

There is never a point penalty for missed weeks. Players are always welcome to play.
To be eligible for a medal, you must play at least 50% of ladder nights.
To be eligible for a prize on prize night, you must play at least 25% of ladder nights.

PRIZE NIGHT

October 21st is prize night.

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

There will be a prize for the winner of each court. This will be determined based on points earned on prize night. The tiebreaker is number of wins on prize night, then GPN points on prize night, then overall W/L%, then total GPN points.

SIGN UP

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

By registering for the league, all players are automatically signed up for the Roanoke Valley Pickleball Club (free lifetime membership). DUPR accounts will also be created for each player if they do not already have one.

WEEKLY PLAY & CANCELLATION

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

If there are four other players on a court with a no show, they should play three games to 15. If there are three other players on a court with a no show, the three players will have their point percentage carry over from the previous week (without any penalty).

SCORE SHEETS

A score sheet will be distributed each Tuesday. Please fill out the score sheet after each game. Please return your clipboard and score sheet to the ladder captain at the end of play.

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