



Edison Pickleball Survey

251

Total Responses

251 Completed Responses

0 Partial Responses

1275

Survey Visits

Pickleball Play Preference Survey for Edison Park

We value your input! The City of Huntington Beach, Community & Library Services Department, is conducting a survey to assist in determining pickleball rules at Edison Park pickleball courts. Please take a moment to let us know your preference for pickleball play format at Edison Park. Your feedback will help us create the best experience for all players.

This survey will close on August 7, 2024.

No Responses

Play Format Descriptions

Open Play Definition for Pickleball Courts

Open Play refers to a system where pickleball courts are available to all players on a first-come, first-served basis. Here are the specifics for how open play operates per court:

1. First-Come, First-Served:

- Players or groups of players use the courts in the order they arrive. There are no reservations or sign-ups required in advance.

2. Game Duration:

- When players are waiting, games are limited to one game up to 11 points.
- A 2-minute warm-up period is allowed before the game starts.

3. Waiting Players:

- Players waiting to play should wait outside the fenced perimeter at their preferred court (numbered 1 to 7).

4. Doubles Encouraged:

- To maximize court usage and allow more players to participate, doubles play is encouraged.

5. Rotation:

- Once a game is finished, the players who were waiting the longest on the outside of the fenced perimeter by the chosen court take their turn on the court.
- The players who just finished their game move to the waiting area if they wish to play again.

Paddle System Definition for Pickleball Courts

Paddle System refers to a method of managing court usage that helps organize the order in which players get to play. Here are the specifics for how the paddle system operates per court:

1. Paddle Placement:

- Players place their paddles in a designated area to form a queue for all courts. The paddles are stacked in the order they arrive.

2. Game Rotation:

- When a court becomes available, the next four paddles in line are used to form the next group of players. Typically, this means the first four paddles in the queue play the next game.

3. Game Duration:

- Games are typically played to 11 points, win by 2. When the game ends, the next group of players (as determined by the next four paddles in line) takes the court.
- A 2-minute warm-up period is allowed before the game starts.

4. Returning to the Queue:

- After finishing a game, players place their paddles back in the queue if they wish to play again. The paddles are placed at the end of the line to ensure everyone gets a fair turn.

5. Managing the Queue:

- All players are expected to respect the paddle queue and wait their turn. The system ensures an organized and fair rotation of players on the courts.

6. Doubles Encouraged:

- Doubles play is encouraged to maximize court usage and allow more players to participate.

7. Inclusive Play:

- The paddle system is designed to accommodate players of all levels, from beginners to advanced. This ensures that everyone has an opportunity to play and improve their skills.

Challenge Court Definition for Pickleball Courts

Challenge Court refers to a system where players can challenge the winners of the current game to take the court. Here are the specifics for how the challenge court operates:

1. Challenge Queue:

- Players or teams place their paddles in a designated challenge area to indicate they are next to challenge the winners.

2. Game Duration:

- Games are typically played to 11 points, win by 2. The winning team stays on the court to play against the next challengers.

3. Challenging the Winners:

- The next challengers take the court once the current game ends. The winners stay on the court until they are defeated or reach the win limit.

4. Win Limit:

- The winning person or team can stay on the court for up to **3 consecutive wins**. After reaching this limit, they must step off the court and place their paddles back in the challenge area if they wish to play again.

5. Rotation:

- Players who have played a game must place their paddles back in the challenge area if they wish to challenge again. This ensures that everyone has an opportunity to challenge and play.

No Responses

Q1

First Name (optional), Last Name (optional)

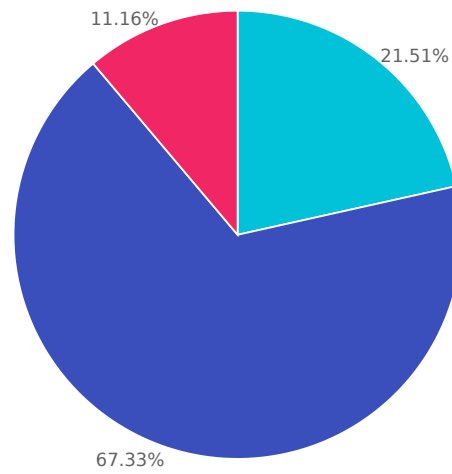
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Field label	Response percent	Response count
First Name (optional)	100.00%	107 Responses
Last Name (optional)	82.24%	88 Responses

Q2

Experience Level:

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



● Beginner

● Intermediate

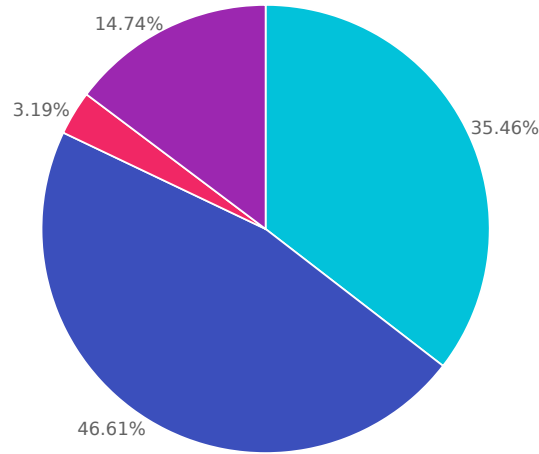
● Advanced

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Beginner	21.51%	54
Intermediate	67.33%	169
Advanced	11.16%	28

Q3

After reading the above descriptions, which play format do you prefer?
Please provide reasons for your preference below.

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



● Open Play (First come, first served, per court)

● Paddle System for all courts (Players place their paddles in a queue and play in the order the paddles were placed)

● Challenge Court (Players challenge the winners to take the court)

● Combination of Styles (please specify below):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Open Play (First come, first served, per court)	35.46%	89
Paddle System for all courts (Players place their paddles in a queue and play in the order the paddles were placed)	46.61%	117
Challenge Court (Players challenge the winners to take the court)	3.19%	8
Combination of Styles (please specify below):	14.74%	37
Reasons for your preference		133

Reasons for your preference

1. We need one challenge court and then we need to Que or line up stacking paddles in one place not for each court. Each court lining up paddles is a disaster and causes fights. Need shade and a bench.

2. This way its continuous play instead of waiting for one court and the court with no paddles waiting could stay on all day. Even say a group of 5 stacked extra paddles in rack so the group could stay on
3. It works the best.
4. Open play with more organization. Need a sign up sheet with the time each group started at so the people waiting can take the place of who has been playing the longest instead of choosing a random court and potentially kicking someone off who just started.
5. Waiting times is less can stack multiple paddles in line for all courts all paddles in one line only .works well at Worthy
6. Less likely hood of players cheating and monopolizing courts by placing additional paddles in racks
7. This system works better
8. It only makes sense because any other way means that it is not inclusive to everyone, The open play where you have to search for places to put your paddles. I hate the fact that people don't even have to walk off the court before they can stick their paddles back in there while people are walking up to put their paddles in. I waited 25 minutes the other day to play because if I would've switched, I wasn't sure how much longer I was going to have to wait. it was a ridiculous waste of my time. Also, if you go in as a single player, people do not want to let you on the court if you have only one paddle in that silly holder. If you want to keep the holders, line them up all on one side of the entire area. It's so silly having a walk around and search and call out to people every five seconds asking them what their score is so you know where to put your paddle... it's ridiculous.
9. It allows players to play with other that are their level or challenge better players.
10. The paddle holder system in place is not fair to all players. Unless you are being a hawk on the court where you placed your paddle people will cheat by changing the score when no one is listening. Plus if you pick the wrong court to place your paddle other courts may finish sooner but you still have to wait. Paddles down, in a queue, makes it simple, equal and fair for all. Challenge courts should not be allowed. All the courts should be available to every level of player.
11. The queue system speeds up play for all players. When there is an open court the next four players waiting get to go on. Otherwise, if you are putting your paddles on a particular court (like the present system), the game before you may take a very long time, but other courts finish sooner. So it is like picking the wrong line at the bank. There should be a single line/queue for the first court available. Everybody gets to play more.
12. This opens up available courts much faster
13. I like open play. Paddles need to be placed in a queue when you get to the courts. I think there should only be one line for all 6 courts and whichever one opens up first you go to that court like at worthy. I do like the idea of one challenge court. The team who wins on the challenge court should only get to play two games and then rotate off. There can be a separate paddle queue for the one challenge court .
14. This system worked very well in the past and assured fair rotation of all the courts. Some people are taking advantage of the current system and "hogging" a court for a long period of time.
15. It is the fairest system and the hardest to cheat or pass over other players waiting.
16. There should be 1 challenge court, 2 MAX.
17. It is a more fair system and ensures everyone rotates.
18. Due to the layout at Edison it could be hard to use one paddle system for all courts. People will be interrupting too many games getting to their court. Perhaps use one system for the larger area of 5 courts and use this side with three courts for challenge court and paddles by the other two courts. You could also designate the lower 5 courts to beginning and intermediate and the top three courts for advanced and challenge. In Tustin it's 2 games not one, so 4 on, 4 off and only 1 game is also too many people moving awake too often. If you go with 2 on, 2 off which is what I've seen in most places around s the USA you'll have more people Intermixing which is more The pickleball culture. For those wanting g to play with their own fireside, that's snobbish and Tennis etiquette is more friendly.
19. Makes it more fair
20. I'm often a single player and this system gives me more opportunity to play and feel included. Prior to the current method, I met way more people and everyone enjoyed chatting together while we waited. Everyone seemed happy. Since the current change, too many people are angry and complaining. I no longer feel comfortable going unless I can find a partner to play with because the current system doesn't make it easy for a single player to easily fit in.
21. Faster turnovers! More plays

22. It works, why change it
23. Please use the system that is in place at Worthy Park. First come, first served per court. Too many people with stay on a court and not rotate out. I've seen groups of 6-8 set up umbrellas, coolers, chairs and monopolize a court for the entire day. This takes an entire court (or more) out of service depending on how many families do this. It should be four off and four on like Worthy Park.
24. 4 on 4 off for the next available court.
25. I've played on courts with and without a paddle system and I think it, by far, works the best and is the most equitable
26. No reservations can play with people more your level
27. Games go faster
28. Almost every court in OC uses this system and it is fair for everyone.
29. Assures no hogging of courts
30. I do not like the Challenge court idea as it's not conducive for beginners or less experienced players to learn and get playing time. First Come first serve doesn't make sense unless you have a group of 4 ready to go on the court. What if you are the only player or just 2 players waiting at a specific court?
31. This is the only one that makes sense.
32. It is easier to manage.
33. This seems like the fairest way of playing on crowded courts. It also has an easy solution to prevent disputes as to who is next.
34. This gives everyone the same opportunity to play in a timely manner.
35. Paddle system will always be the best way for court rules, but I think it would be awesome to have one designated court (ex: court #7) is reserved for advanced court is reserved for the advanced players to challenge in the way you noted.
36. I choose paddle system because this way you don't have to keep going court to court.
37. Paddle System (because it seems to currently work), or Open Play seem like fine formats. Challenge court becomes rough, because the best players are usually the roughest players (not everyone wants to play with them), and turns aren't really taken if the best players only keep playing.
38. It has worked well at Worthy park.
39. Paddle system and some challenge courts
40. A combination of designated courts for open play as well as challenge courts which allows for twosomes to challenge the winners ,making for competitive play. I like the idea that the challenge court winners are limited to three consecutive games as well. Perhaps have two designated challenge courts and five courts for open play.
41. To serve all players at all levels and give them the opportunity to play with players of a equal level
42. Expecting players to give up the court after 1 game is absurd and certainly not happening. Guessing which court will open first is equally absurd. There should be ONE paddle queue for the whole place. When a court opens, the next paddle is up. This is first come first served. Once you and your group get a court, you can play as long as you want. Nothing in your descriptions is actually happening because it is ridiculous.
43. I prefer the paddle system as it allows singles to play in
44. Having to choose a court to wait for does not work. You have no idea how long people have been there. Or some are even doing classes. Best is ONE queue for next available court
45. A beginner would have a hard time enjoying a game against an advanced champion. This is supposed to be fun for all and not add stress to our relaxation time.
46. As a beginner, I dont think challenge system sounds good at all. As a shy and insecure person, I dont want to play with strangers so the paddle system sounds good at all either.
47. All players, regardless of ability level, should be able to rotate more often rather than the best players playing 3 games in a row.
48. So you can play with who you want to play with and level of player doesn't matter.

49. I can see potential for problems with both the Open Play and Paddle System, if dealing with a person who thought the rules were for everyone but him.
50. I'm a single player and go by myself to join in but quit going when the system was changed because I felt uncomfortable adding my single paddle to play. People would finish a game and 2 would leave as a pair to play together so we would need another and I would end up letting another couple take the court. After it happened to me twice I stopped going.
51. This is how it is done at all the courts I have played at. I mainly play at Worthy Park. We really need many more courts. Can you please make some at Murdy Park? Such a great sport and so popular but you have to wait so long in between games because so many people want to play. I would play much more if there were more free courts in HB to play at. Thank you for asking the community.
52. This is more fun and I can play with people my level
53. This is the most organize
54. This is simple and organized and gives everyone a quick chance to play.
55. - most organized and fair system - able to challenge similar levels (i.e a level 3 playing with level 4.5 is not fun) - avoids other people on courts to extend their game as you don't know who will finish first - allows you to watch the game without leaving your paddle somewhere else - this is the current system and working well - the paddle system in past created lots of court tension.
56. More organized
57. Organize and more spread out.
58. Open play and the paddle system, everything has been great so far.
59. Challenge court does not work as beginning players would suffer. Also some kind of online sign up the day of could also work
60. Why don't we limited to Huntington Beach resident only.
61. 4 Courts set aside for Open Play 3 Cours for Challenge.
62. I like the idea of having one challenge court. The 4 on 4 off format is how most city's do it. Paddles system for all courts and one challenge court! The paddle saddle should be in one area and potentially colored to know what color (4 players) goes next.
63. Paddle system reflects the majority of players who come as a foursome & want to play each other. Offering Challenger court on 2 of the courts fosters community building by putting players who may not know each other on the same court. Great way to meet people!
64. There is a group of 8-10 people who HOG courts 6 & 7 and totally ignore court etiquette and courtesy. There were several screaming incidents as they wouldn't vacate the 2 courts and simply rotated/continued to play amongst themselves, despite the number of people waiting in one queue. Very rude and disrespectful, unsportsmanlike behavior. Only the Open Play format put pressure on them to relinquish the 2 courts. If they followed court etiquette, then I would vote for the Paddle system.
65. Open Play for most of the courts and reserve one court for challenge Court like most places
66. Open play but have 1 designated court for challenge.
67. I think this is most equitable. If everyone plays by rules and rotates out after one game', that seems fair.
68. Paddle System is easy and clear. It is the most fair and faster to get on the next available court. First come/next on. Can be a single, double stack, triple, or four stack. Only 1 line up area on the ground easy to set down, stack and move forward. Those holders don't allow stacking. So many problems with "preferred court" It was working just fine at Edison. These holders are a nightmare! One can have one paddle in it for 45 minutes while others at court keep playing!! And the signs! Too many signs from the city!! Just come out and ask the players using these courts. You have created so much confusion and controversy and more command frustration. Keep Edison and Worthy Free and easy and clear. Paddles down. Can stack in any combo. First come/ next play. Advanced challenge players can and do play at other places like Los Cab. Please go back to the way it was.
69. Queuing paddles in one line is preferred as of current paddle holders have been placed near each court and this causes many disputes and frustration. One challenge court may be good
70. Divide courts by one beginner, two intermediate and one advanced Do not allow singles if there are paddles queued. Explain and allow 'skipping' if there is a group of four that wants to play.
71. All formats are fair

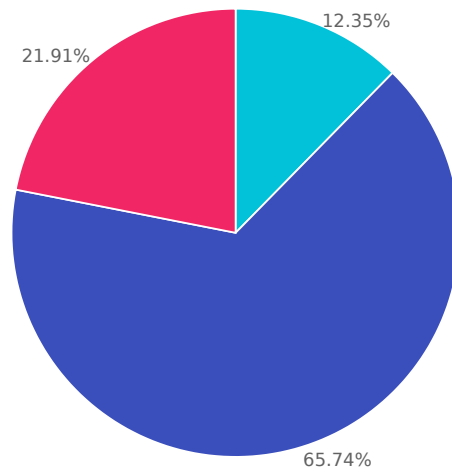
72. Moat equitable
73. There should be one queue for courts 1 – 3 and another queue for courts 4-7. That way the next people in line that have been waiting the longest get on the first available court
74. Two community paddle cues: One for courts 1-3 and one for courts 4-7. The separate bins for each court ruin the social aspect and make it difficult to know where to place your paddles, ie which game is closer to completion. Optional: Have one challenge court on both sides. Maybe split the two cues by skill levels.
75. Yes, this is not rocket science it's really simple. We put our paddles down and the first available court that is open. We can take it.
76. Keep it simple, the paddle system works perfectly everywhere else I play. The current system just causes chaos.
77. Challenge court but only 1 court is challenge court and the rest is open play
78. Paddle system for 6 courts challenge court for 1 court
79. I like the flexibility of all the combined styles. It all starts with first come-first served, then if someone decides to play again they can get back in line. If for any reason you don't wish to play the Challenged winners, then you don't have to.
80. Paddle system has the least disputes. Challenge court is the most fun as long as you're winning. If there is no wait I prefer challenge court if there are people waiting I think you have to go to paddle system.
81. Hold court until done
82. I like the open play Format But leave 1 court open for people who like to play challenge. Also it would be very helpful if there is 1 court Available For beginners and low intermediate. these courts should be labeled as such. If they are sitting empty, others can play on them But expect That if beginners show up that they either need to play with them or come off the court. It is very frustrating as an intermediate player to wait half an hour to play a game and have an advanced player beat you in 5 minutes and send you to the back of the line again. Thank you for Helping us Set up These rules. (I have been playing for 4 years and quickly stopped going to the courts by Huntington high school Because of the System of beginners and advanced players waiting in the same line to play. This results In problems especially when there are single players mixed in, needing partners different levels.)
83. Paddle system is the most efficient of the styles I've seen. I've noticed that the line moves quickly and the system keeps people from hogging a court and also from people jumping the line.
84. Old system was best
85. All paddle systems need to be on one side of the court not spread out all around! Too hard to navigate based on when the score is at and order of play.
86. Paddle system needs to be ONE cue - not spread out . This was the original system and it was PERFECT
87. i liked the old lineup with all the paddles on the ground in a single line
88. Paddle system for 5 courts. Reserve 1 court for advanced challenge court, and 1 court for beginner's challenge court. If that is too complicated, then I vote for paddle system for 6 courts and 1 challenge court.
89. Fair & equitable system BUT Paddle placement should be limited to ONE side & with RULES to prevent conflict
90. this gives everyone a fair chance to play. It forces everyone to play different players and helps you meet new friends
91. I thought the original system with paddles on the ground gave a better mix of play and was more fairly balanced. What we have now is chaotic as the paddle holders are too spread out and there is no organic mix of play which is a big part of the pickleball community.
92. It's the fair way to do it and ensures the quickest method of getting on a court. It's similar to a bank - you wait in a single line and when you're at the front of the line you go to the next available teller.
93. If there are limited courts and they are always full then the paddle system allows for for a better "everyone plays" rather that really good players dominating the court time. If there are enough courts then a few could be designated "Challenge" that way the best players can play the best where paddle system is completely random on who you will play and could be a complete mismatch of skill levels.

94. This ensures consistent rotation of players into games. If a group of players want to play together rather than where their paddle is in the queue then they need to defer until the group paddles are in line on the queues for a court.
95. The way the paddle holders are placed now, it is too hard for people to tell exactly what it is They are waiting for, and only The holders on courts closest to the fence are used because you can't see the others, or people don't want to walk over to the individual court to place paddle.
96. Paddle system but one or two courts reserved for challenge play
97. The court layout does not work well for the paddle system. Folks will be walking through games and there are too many courts to keep track of. The current system should work if folks let it. Problems come from the old school people who played here when there were just a few temporary courts and they've decided it should be the paddle system creating tension. (This is the way it's always been mentality) The current system works fine as long as folks adhere to the system/occasionally you get some entitled folks who hog the court. Most times and days it's not a problem. Weekends and some holiday mornings are the busiest. My opinion is stay with the system you have, and people will figure it out.
98. The paddle system is working at worthy Park. It might also be nice to have one challenge court.
99. Open Play, Challenge Court and a Pay to Play court.
100. allows all courts to be shared equally no need for challenge court as the advance players can stack their four paddles together

Q4

Would you like the ability to rent courts out for private play?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



● Yes

● No

● Maybe

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	12.35%	31
No	65.74%	165
Maybe	21.91%	55

Q5

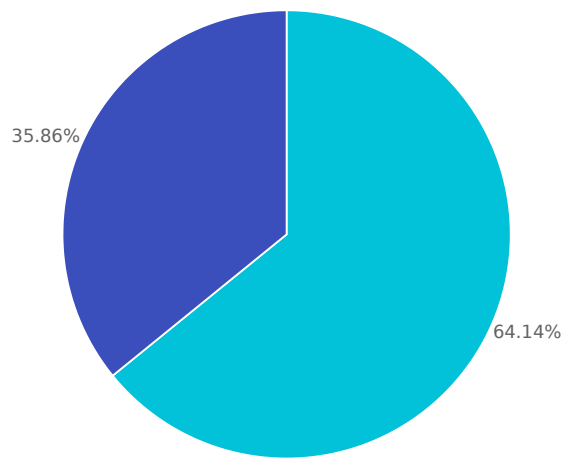
Current Rules Feedback:

The current rules for the Edison Park Pickleball Courts are as follows:

- Play is limited to one game up to 11 points if players are waiting.
- A two-minute warm-up period is allowed.
- Doubles play is encouraged.
- Please wait outside the fenced perimeter at your preferred court (numbered 1 to 7) until it is your turn to play.

Do you agree with the current rules?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	64.14%	161
No	35.86%	90
Please explain your choice		122

Please explain your choice

1. Stacking paddles for each court
2. Paddles placed in a queue and as courts come available players play.
3. I agree because it gives people freedom to play without added stress but need to have a sign up sheet with times groups started so people in queue can take the place of groups that have been playing the longest instead of randomly picking a court to wait at

4. One line for all paddles like worthy
5. Get rid of the paddle holders. First come first served on all courts
6. Because it is inclusive to everyone, and if people only have an hour or an hour and a half to play, they will still be able to get on a court more than like twice. There was absolutely nothing wrong with the rules that we had before, and I know at Worthy, they threw that whole new system right out the door in an instant, and it was easier for them to do so because, everybody lined up on one side.
7. bad idea to have a line at each court. Paddle should be placed in a queue, and when court comes available, the next set of four players play.
8. Above
9. I've seen "cheating" with the current rules with groups "reserving" their court by keeping extra paddles in the rack, thus preventing others from putting paddles in. Their group of friends never come off the court as others are waiting. they may stay on the court for over 90 minutes. I've seen it and complained to them. I have witness a few arguments over the use of the courts, exactly counter to the social aspect of pickleball. Also the current system prevents a single player or couples from finding a court to play.
10. These current rules give a large group the opportunity to hoard more courts. That do not share with the other players. They bring their chairs and sit inside the courts! Playing for hours!
11. Current system does not foster a sense of community. People stack paddles so nobody else can join in the play. If 2 people are waiting ant the current 4 people finish and leave they have nobody to play with. Continuous flow for everybody is guaranteed through the queue system
12. It is easily taken advantage of by some people to stay on a court for a long period of time.
13. Allows people to stay on after their turn is up if people are waiting in the wrong queue.
14. There should be only on line to wait for the players for ALL COURTS! When a game is over the next four go to THAT court. DONT pick a specific court to play on as they are all the same and that's when the problem starts. People don't want to leave the court their playing on so when asked their score they lie and stay that they "JUST STARTED"! That's why there should be just one line for ALL COURTS!!!!
15. It is hard to follow and it seems like many people don't follow those rules and just stay on a court.
16. 2 on, 2 off. That way you get two games, and each with different players. Thats the pickleball spirit. Also, rank your courts. Lower 5 beginning in intermediate. Upper 3 advanced and o e challenge court.
17. I want to be able to be able to play as a single player because my schedule is busy and I can't always pre-plan with another player. I don't like waiting outside the fence. I want to socialize with everyone while waiting to play. And I like the rotation of playing with various people. When groups shown up and keep playing together then single people like myself end up leaving because it's not an inclusive setting.
18. Takes too long to play multiple games
19. I like the paddle system. Get off the court if there are four paddles.
20. Same as I explained earlier.
21. The last bullet point does not align with the Paddle System option which does not utilize a "preferred court".
22. Not waiting outside a specific court. One paddle que for all courts with exception of 2 challenge courts one for expert and one for intermediate level.
23. It's too confusing to pick a cord and then it ends up maybe one game goes longer than next and you're waiting longer in 1 court than if you would just happen to pick another court. Court system works if games are timed and that can't happen
24. Fair
25. Takes to long to find a court. Especially since groups of players hog the court or lie on the score!
26. A group of players can effectively hold 1 or 2 courts for long periods.
27. Doesn't seem fair to all players.
28. As mentioned above, waiting at a specific court doesn't make sense. What if the current game is super long whereas a different court or courts become available sooner?

29. Rules must be followed or things get out of hand, I do hope the better rules I'm voting for will be put in place.
30. You shouldn't have to wait for a specific court. There should just be a queue for the next available court
31. Too much time going around to find a court. Also, having to ask players what the score is so we know how much time is left.
32. Although people fight over there because they cannot agree on "where the line starts" (on the North or East side of the courts...groan).
33. You have to wait for a specific court and sometimes have to wait longer than others
34. Having the paddle holders at each numbered court, you don't know which court to put your paddle at because you don't know who's gonna be done with the game. So you wait 25 minutes or you're running around asking everybody what the score is and if you don't have your paddle in the paddle holder. Then they start playing another game or they yell at you for coming on the court!
35. My experience has been the waiting area is set up by the east two entrances rather than waiting for a specific court, it's the next court that becomes available at the end of a game. I have found for the most part people are cognizant of what open play means and respect the General premise, when your game is over, the next foursome waiting takes the court
36. We have 7 courts. In a perfect world I would like to have two challenge courts. One beginner court. Three intermediate courts. And one advanced court
37. this is not followed
38. Same response as above.
39. Playing one game to 11 is not enough. Especially if you've been waiting 20 min to get on the court. Maybe do 1 hr. Plus sometimes we go to practice - or no game so that rule wouldn't apply.
40. I think it should be a time limit, not a game limit. As a beginner, we sometimes just want to volley and practice, not play a real game. Additionally, especially when players have un-matched skills, a game could be very quick, or conversely, last an eternity if players are very evenly matched.
41. This is a city park. No one should be able to play multiple games if others are waiting.
42. Seems fair to all.
43. Common sense.
44. Not everyone is able to play doubles. It's not fair that I can't play because I come alone. I don't like waiting outside the gate. Sometimes I get ignored and the players on the court start a new game like they didn't notice me standing there.
45. Yes
46. Paddles should be gathered in one area instead of one for each court. Some games take longer than others and people can come up after people have been waiting and get to play because they were lucky to pick a court that was further along in their game.
47. Easy to get to know people when they are at court waiting
48. Makes sense
49. It would be nice to not have to pick a specific court to wait at.
50. It's very confusing and people are not playing fair. Placing multiple of their own paddles in the saddle to hold the next game. Large groups monopolize courts not letting others join. It's too hard to see what's going on in each court. It also separates everyone. We should be here enjoying each other instead we are spread out trying to figure out who will let us join. The current system is exclusive and NOT inclusive.
51. This is standard protocol at clubs and other public courts.
52. Other cities have the same Open Play system. I personally prefer the Paddle System but given that there is a group of people who disregard the queue and court etiquette, I see no equitable way to enforce nor police the Paddle system. There is too much drama. If the Edison Park manager is willing to be the "court enforcer/monitor" of the Paddle System, I am more than happy to line up in a single queue for the next available court.
53. the current rule is uniformly observed by most public courts, because it's fair and allows everyone a chance and choice to play on their preferred courts. One designated challenge court would satisfy the urge of more advanced players who prefer more challenging competitions.

54. When we have played at edison, I was never told the court rules or seen people leave after 1 game. Must I play doubles? My wife and I are just learning
55. Your new preferred court system does not work!we have to walk around all three sides watch listen to find out the scores which game will be done next. Can wait 20-30 minutes for one court while the other 6 can play another game! Some so frustrated leave and go home. It's so bad. Needs to be first come next play.
56. It should not be the preferred court to wait for. It should be the next available court the next four in the Que play.
57. But this is not being implemented due to paddles being placed near each court please change immediately also allow for stacking in the que
58. current rules didn't explain paddle stacking.
59. Fair and well organized
60. If there is no preference for players, that seems not right. It should be when a court is open and it's their turn, they can play. If they have a preference to a court, players can allow others waiting to go ahead of them, as they wait for their desired court.
61. Most inclusive
62. Some games can take longer. If you pick a court where they stay on, you have a longer wait, even if you were there before other courts finish.
63. There should be one queue for courts 1 - 3 and another queue for courts 4-7. That way the next people in line that have been waiting the longest get on the first available court
64. No, the last one is the whole problem. It's like queue up at a grocery store and you've got a pick which line you think is gonna go the fastest.. why would I stand at court one when court opens up and I'm not allowed to go over there and play because that's not where I was standing. You guys are making this way more difficult than you need to. It's really really simple. One line 1st court open you go to!!!'
65. It's confusing and not efficient. It also discourages individuals to show up and get a game. It's much less communal.
66. Every rule is fine except the last rule
67. I think it's fine, but if the paddle system is recognized nationwide we should go with that. I'm 50/50
68. However, one game up to 11 points goes quickly.... then you have to get back in line. Maybe it should be 2 games up to 11 points.
69. Depending on price it would be nice to rent but for me personally this would only be needed if I were to rent all courts like for a church youth activity or large family or work event. But I think it should be reasonably priced. Otherwise I prefer to rotate in for free.
70. The Paddle system makes more sense. It's truer to the "first come first served" model. For example, on the Open Play system you may be the first person waiting for a certain court, but that particular game may run long. So you could be waiting longer to play than someone who came later, who happened to wait for a court with a faster game. Best just to have people wait in the same queue, and whoever's in front goes to the next open court. Challenge Court is an inefficient use of the space that lets more skilled players dominate court-time. Maybe there are other players who welcome the challenge, and if so maybe reserve a court for that play style. Otherwise it's a waste of court time for other players.
71. Nah
72. See above. Would be helpful if there were a couple of courts labeled as beginner and challenged.
73. These rules seem fair, easy to follow, and difficult to misinterpret.
74. Rules are fair
75. There should be one queue not per court. It was faster this way.
76. As long as the paddle cue system goes back to the old way instead of court by court
77. i like the rules

78. The current system does not factor in the fact that each game varies speed so someone arrive first might be waiting for 15 minutes at a court, while another group might arrive much later but luckily picked a court that has a fast game. Also, waiting at each court makes it hard to see if there are paddles waiting because the perimeter of the courts are so far apart. It makes it difficult to have a pickup game for single players looking for a partner. It also does not promote community through lack of interaction with people since we have to wait so far apart from each other.
79. Agree with all EXCEPT the doubles encouraged should be MANDATORY when courts are FULL
80. very simple rules to understand. Its not overly complicated
81. I agree with everything except where the waiting paddles are placed which should be in the front - all lined up for everyone to see, not at each respective court
82. This is confusing the way it is written. I agree with the first 3 rules. If I understand the 4th rule, it is not applicable to the Paddle System since you're not waiting for a specific court. With the Paddle System you play on the next available court so it doesn't matter which court you prefer. If the point of rule #4 is simply to state that you wait outside the fenced area, then yes that is fine.
83. Doubles should be mandatory when courts are full. Would be nice if waiting area was near the trees for shade.
84. I agree with the rules except for the last one. There is a good camaraderie when people sit inside the fenced area like Worthy.
85. It is ok but prefer paddle system
86. No renting course because it will be costly and the general community will not be able to utilize the courts, they should be open for all because not everybody can afford to pay and rented courts just like rented teetimes tend to go to people with big bucks that knock the local community out
87. See above. It works fine if people use it and understand it.
88. should be paddle play
89. If courts are all being used, only doubles should be allowed.
90. this is standard rules and it's been working fine - keep it.
91. easier to play with friends
92. This currently prevents a group from monopolizing the last 2 courts.
93. I do not agree with wait at the court
94. The most commonsense pickleball rules.
95. Prefer a single line system to next open court
96. I would change the third point to be play will be doubles play. If no other players waiting for a court then singles play is allowed (Or some words to that effect)
97. The paddle rule is preferred as it is a first-come, first-serve setup that allows all players a chance to play in order of arrival vs waiting at a specific court.
98. It's less efficient
99. Should be first come first served on the NEXT available court with one waiting line.
100. Get to pick who and which court level to play with

Any additional comments or suggestions regarding play format or court rental?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 162

1. Install lights please . The rest of the park has light for basketball and tennis
2. Don't allow classes on Saturday morning or summer evenings when is working tax paying citizens use courts and it's busy use courts for lessons on off times
3. No court rental fees public courts..
4. There's room for two more courts behind wall. Should be used lights at night?
5. Let us just have a good time at Edison like we used to!
6. No court reservation... no fees
7. Perhaps court rental would be ok, but not at a low price that would be routinely used or misused. But renting a court for a birthday party, for example, would be ok at a higher price point, say \$50 for a few hours.
8. Thank you Casey for listening to our community! I sincerely hope we can get this resolved
9. The current system creates cliques and destroys sense of fair lay
10. Thank you for accepting community input.
11. There should be only 1 line or que or ALL courts. This makes the most sense and it's the fairest way to wait!!!! The people waiting the longest get to play next. The way it is now is that you must ask people the score to see where you want to wait. People consistently say that they just started to play
12. The previous method of lining up paddles in one location was so much quicker. And people were much more social and happy. I never felt awkward showing up to the courts with that system and I really hope it gets voted back in. I don't think court rentals are fair. We all pay taxes for our city parks and should have equal use of them. Rentals should only be allowed at private facilities in my opinion.
13. Great crowd that meet there and usually very friendly. All want to have a good play time
14. Four on, four off is the least complicated.
15. Too much time being dedicated to leagues and lessons which monopolize court times. We pay a lot of taxes and our court times are limited when we are on our off time on weekends and after work.
16. Maybe designate one court as a challenge court and one court for beginners. Many people are in between categories. I'm not a true beginner but have not moved up to intermediate. Maybe a beginner+ court? ♀
17. See above
18. Players need to be present at all times, they should not be allowed to place the paddles and leave the park only to return at a later time and demand to play.
19. When the City holds classes at the pickleball courts, signage should be provided that this is happening. Sometimes we go to the courts, and they are all locked off for classes. We would have liked to know in advance. Thank you so much.
20. Most courts I have ever played at limit the challenge court winners to two games
21. Since the courts are separated, three on one side four on the other. I think that you should put the paddle holders on the side of the Edison center building. Put three paddle holders together for the 3 left side courts and then put the four paddle holders together for the 4 right side courts. That way we're only feeding off of two paddle holders for each side. For one for each side. This way we're not running around and trying to figure out to where to put our paddles on. And not asking or interrupting someone's ongoing game. This would be similar to the old way of just putting your paddles on the ground in a line. Which worked great for everybody. We were very happy with the old way and do not like these new paddle holders.

22. You could evaluate the cost and benefit of a court rental reservation during peak times only. Outside of peak times it would be no cost and open play. Of course having a rental cost eliminates the beauty of the city having a great exercise and physical activity potential for no cost to our Huntington Beach residents. I play Pickleball at both Golden West college with 24 courts as well as that Edison. I think that those that want a reserved court have ample opportunity to play at Golden West. My recommendation is to keep Edison available at no rental program.
23. I think court rental is a terrible idea. As a Huntington Beach resident I pay \$12,000 a year property tax. That means I have to work all day to pay my taxes. When I am done with work, I would like to enjoy amenities in my community that taxes pay for. I would like first come first serve and no reservation system. Access to all at all times. That means no lessons or tournaments on hours after working people work. We are the cities, best source of revenue, and I would like to be able to use those amenities when I am not making money to pay that revenue.
24. build more courts. definitely do not rent courts.
25. Get the long haired dude giving daily lessons on multiple courts out of there.
26. suggest having one night a week (Sunday from 6pm-8pm) where you play "challenge court" to encourage competitive play
27. Keep pickleball fun! Too many rules won't help. Keep it simple. And encourage respectfulness from the players. There are those of us who go often (almost daily) and know the key people. It shouldn't be difficult to know when to let other people play and get off the court.
28. The city could have one court reserved for the challenge system if people like that. Or have special days when they advertise an event like that.
29. Why is this an issue? We've been playing tennis at Edison forever and it seems to be fine without such policing. Please write in a plan to review the rules annually. RN this is a hot sport, but the fad will pass and such strict rules may not be needed in the future. We are super happy to have the pickleball courts and free paddles at Edison. The purpose should be to introduce sports and activities to everyone, and should make every effort to be as open and accessible and encouraging to everyone to enjoy the facilities. Edison pickleball courts is not Los Cab or for only experts, but also a place where teens or a mom with her kids or beginners like me and my husband or anyone can come check out this popular sport without pressure or intimidation.
30. Bring back the old method so myself and other single players can play. It worked great because there's a lot of single players and we were easily included. Doubles and groups of 4 stacked their paddles so single players don't disturb them from playing together. That system worked great! And I vote no to renting the courts It's a public park and should be available to everyone.
31. Please keep the courts open for beginners as well. We enjoy the courts and don't want to be forced to play others in challenge courts. I like being able to play with my son at our own pace.
32. I dont think we should have to pay for courts. People can go to GWC if they want to pay. Please build more free courts.
33. Current rules are good and working fine
34. It would be nice to have a small barrier between courts to keep the ball inside the court and not interfering other players.
35. Can we convert some of the tennis courts to pickle ball as well? Thanks for the survey!
36. No
37. None
38. Edison Park pickleball courts should be used by Huntington Beach resident only.
39. Have a web camera so it is easy to see how crowded the courts are.
40. Appreciate giving players the chance to weigh in before things get memorialized. Appreciate to the city developed the courts; thank you!
41. I highly recommend that the Edison Park manager do the rounds on the weekends and observe the players. You will instantly see the court 6 & 7 hogs. I believe that they should get a "3 strikes you're out" warning!
42. No to court rental, because it would take away public access on public courts. Mile Square park is an example of that, which everyone hates it.
43. I would also vote to have one court dedicated as Challenge Court when full.

44. We would like to keep Edison Park courts available for open play for the community. We don't want these courts turning into high level competitive play with courts that are rented out/reserved thereby pushing out beginner players. Right now the vibe at Edison is very friendly and open where beginner players are welcome to join in and try to learn. Thank you for building these courts. There are being used daily and have made our SE HB community better.
45. Worthy has racks we do not use. It's paddles down. We want Edison to be the same back to our old system paddles down. No reservations!!! That is Agape in Fountain Valley. And Goldenwest No challenge system as has been done at Worthy. The winning team never leaves not even after 3 games unless people watching call them on it. Becomes confrontational. These aggressive teams can stack four paddles and play amongst themselves in our paddle system Open play is always available whenever all 7 courts are not filled. People find the best times Edison courts are more open. Once filled then paddles go down in one line. The line is closest to the community center by the fence opening near the parking lots just like what we had. It's clear to all arriving. Keep the parks free and clear about one program
46. It would be nice if a person through parks and rec would help manage the order of the courts.
47. Please don't have lessons after 8:30 am on Saturday or 4-6 on weekdays unless it's only one court rental same limited to two courts max
48. It's really nice to be able to play with random players who are at your level. It creates a sense of community. And it reduces animosity if some players are a higher skill, level than others.
49. We need more courts in the Huntington Harbour area!
50. Renting out courts will just allow those with money unfair access , not equal under the law.
51. There should be one queue for courts 1 - 3 and another queue for courts 4-7. That way the next people in line that have been waiting the longest get on the first available court
52. I don't like the idea of court rental because then it's less "public" and more "private" because people with more money will just rent the courts all of the time.
53. How much would the court rental be? and how many games is your limit?
54. Not sure if they are as I usually play mornings but lighted courts would be awesome.
55. I'm generally against the idea of renting out recreation spaces. It prioritizes those who are more well-off financially, which goes against equitable access to our parks. If you are going to do so, keep it a free reservation system if possible, limit it to one or a very limited number of courts, and make sure the space is open when it is not being reserved (or when people inevitably don't show for their time).
56. Can you add wind screens?
57. Thanks for doing this. Hopefully it will keep games moving, fair, and fun, which is the point.
58. Go back to the Old system of single paddle line up please - maybe one challenge court for advanced only
59. Put all the paddle systems on one side of the courts and clearly identify the courts.
60. Go back to the original put you paddles down and line up system
61. single paddle line is more enjoyable and makes the game more social as long as people are not hogging a single court
62. Appreciate the new courts but the ASPHALT surface is substandard Concrete courts with contrast colors are the STANDARD (ex. Worthy courts) & back fences oughta be taller to minimize chasing errant shots maybe LIGHTS for winter months ...?
63. thanks for creating the courts!
64. Go back to the original lineup style of cue. Everyone hates the new cue system.
65. FV1B8
66. I think these courts should be limited to Huntington Beach residents only.
67. Rental of courts should be limited to one or two courts at any given time unless there is some sort of public tournament going on.
68. Court rental should be outside of core hours of 8:30 - 4:30. Rental of courts after that time would be best to handle crowds.
69. The system at Worthy Park works excellent.
70. Keep the current rules.

71. Use the open play on 4 courts and use the paddle system on 3 courts.
72. All players must be present before getting in line to play. A player may not jump ahead of players in line to play but may move back in the line to join friends. A player can not put a second paddle in line to save a spot while already on a court playing or any other reason.
73. I think the Edison courts should be open for all to use without court rental fees.
74. If you do allow rentals, it should be limited to 1 or 2 courts if you want players to continue to play at ECC
75. Please no rentals, no sense in monetizing unless there is a plan for expansion or improvement.
76. Please budget to level and paint the courts- I am not sure if this was a patch before the larger park remodel. The courts all have minor elevation changes which effects play.
77. You may want to take a look at the posted rules at Goldenwest College.
78. The 'paddle system' is fairer for singles who play and is more difficult to game the system as players can more readily see if players are putting down multiple paddles, the courts are also better utilized.
79. Allowance of private rentals would provide additional revenue to the city, and can be done on off-peak times so it doesn't impact public open play.
80. Turn those tennis courts into pickleball courts
81. Thank you for this survey!
82. Provide one change court
83. One single long racking system so that the next four up on the next available open court is the most fairest format to play.
84. Love the courts. Designated courts based on level of play would make it much better.
85. Add challenge court
86. Keep open play and add challenge court
87. Please add lightsssss
88. Please install lights. Thank you!
89. Maybe a single court that is available for special occasions. Make it expensive enough that it wouldn't be rented out on a regular basis but maybe for parties. \$50 for 2 hours? This could earn money to help keep the courts in good condition.