

## 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.

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