

FAQ

Where can I learn more about pickleball?

For the official and complete rules, review <https://usapickleball.org/docs/ifp/USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf>.

Also, consider searching the internet for any pickleball topic, including “learning pickleball”, “getting started with pickleball”, “improving your pickleball game”, or even “pickleball championships”. Resources are plentiful, and available in text or video to suit your learning style.

What happens after the summer trial is over?

After the Summer Pickleball Trial the Pickleball Committee will produce a summary report of the Trial’s activities, member participation, and key issues. Working with the Board, the Committee will help to shape the future of pickleball at Central Park. Member feedback is encouraged throughout the Trial (Please email CPTC.Pickleball@gmail.com.) and will be solicited from all members in an end-of-trial survey shortly after September 15th. The future direction will depend heavily on member support and concerns regarding pickleball *and* its impact on our tennis programs. Accordingly, all members should share their thoughts – whether they play pickleball or not.

Note: Feedback is welcome on any topic related to Pickleball at Central Park Tennis Club. In addition to providing feedback on “things that happened”, be sure to let the Committee know about “things that didn’t happen” as well, such as: “I wanted to play tennis outdoors on Monday morning, but the court was already given to a tennis walk-on.” Or “I needed to borrow a pickleball paddle, but couldn’t because all of the club’s equipment was in use or damaged.”

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Members may have one tennis reservation *and* one active pickleball reservation active at any time during the Summer Pickleball Trial – even if those active reservations occur on the same day. Likewise, a member can be named on one reserved tennis court *and* one reserved pickleball court each day.

Can I invite a non-Club member to play pickleball at Central Park during the summer trial?

Non-members and people on the club wait list are not permitted to play pickleball at Central Park during the Summer Pickleball Trial. The Pickleball Committee encourages you to submit your thoughts on the future possibility of guest pickleball players by emailing CPTC.Pickleball@gmail.com.

I enjoyed the May Pickleball Social. Will similar events be offered?

Yes! After the success of the May social and the Board’s approval of a Summer Pickleball Trial, the Pickleball Committee has begun planning a social for June and another near the end of the Trial. Watch your email for details.

My group of friends would like to play pickleball among ourselves. Is that acceptable?

During “Reserved” pickleball slots, each court owner will sign up all the pickleball players on their court, so of course playing with friends is acceptable. During “Open Play” slots, all players who show up can

expect to play equally, and it is the responsibility of all players on all courts to see that each player has the opportunity to participate in an equal number of games. The Pickleball Committee suggests the use of a “paddle line”, where each player places their paddle at the end of the line to signify their desire to play. When a game finishes on a court, all players will leave the court regardless of whether they win or lose and the owners of the paddles at the beginning of the “paddle line” will take over that court to begin a game.

The “paddle line” is just a suggestion. Attendees at any “Drop In” session may devise their own method for ensuring fair sharing of playing time.

Remember that the goal for the Summer Pickleball Trial is to allow all members to enjoy pickleball at Central Park by providing opportunities to learn about the game, have fun playing, improve skills, and meet new people with similar interests and abilities. Each of us should pursue that goal for ourselves and make efforts to ensure that other members can achieve it, as well.

If no one is using Court #18, may I “walk on” to play tennis during a pickleball timeslot or to play pickleball during a tennis timeslot?

No. A primary goal of the Summer Pickleball Trial is to determine the impact of pickleball on tennis and tennis on pickleball. The Pickleball Committee can best gauge these effects by strictly adhering to the tennis or pickleball designation for each timeslot. So, for the duration of the Summer Pickleball Trial pickleball play will only be permitted on Court #18 and only at the days and times specified by the Pickleball Committee. At all other times, Court #18 will be available for tennis only, using the Club’s tennis policy.

If you have specific thoughts on pickleball timeslots that could be added or removed, please let the Committee know via email to CPTC.Pickleball@gmail.com. The Pickleball Committee reserves the right to change the designated pickleball timeslots – even in the middle of the Summer Pickleball Trial –with the consent of the Board of Directors.

A unique situation has arisen on the pickleball court for which no Club or Tennis rule applies. What do I do?

First, all involved players must find a way to amicably settle the situation. While Staff and Committee members can help clarify existing rules, they are not positioned to provide an immediate resolution to a new issue. Second, one or more of the affected members should write an email to CPTC.Pickleball@gmail.com and include the date, time, issue, and other parties involved. A Committee member will consult with the affected Committees and the Board and provide a response as quickly as possible. If new rules are warranted, the Committee will communicate the new rules through an updating of these documents and other communications to the membership.