PPPC Court Usage Policy (2025)

The home courts of the Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club (PPPC) are the 12 outdoor courts located in Spruce Grove adjacent to Henry Singer Ball Park. The courts are owned by the City of Spruce Grove (the City) and are free for the community to use on a first-come, first-serve basis, outside the PPPC organized scheduled play.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a fair and orderly procedure for court usage for all members of PPPC. Our goal is to ensure organized pickleball play, instruction, clinics, and tournaments are equitably accommodated at the public courts. This policy provides clear guidelines for all members, allowing room for walk-on use by members of the public.

1. CITY RULES & REQUESTS: PPPC members must follow the rules set by the City and comply with any requests from the City regarding the pickleball courts.

2. COURTS 1 & 2: Courts #1 & #2 should be vacated, if being used, to accommodate any public who come to use the courts. Captains should be observant of the public coming on to the courts and rearrange court usage as required.

3. 30 MINUTES PUBLIC ALLOTMENTS: As stipulated by the City, all walk-on play by members of the public are allotted one hour of play on a first-come, first-serve basis. As a matter of courtesy, members should make courts #1 & #2 available, as needed, to members of the public for that hour.

4. CLUB PLAY PRIORITY: A benefit of membership is being able to participate in organized play. PPPC members must accommodate organized club play as the priority. This means members who are not scheduled to play can't claim a pickleball court for their own personal use, or as a member of the public, if doing so would adversely affect the regularly scheduled PPPC program.

5. PUBLIC PLAY: PPPC members participating in pickleball play outside of their set scheduled day and time may play on any available, unassigned court until such time that that court space is required for scheduled play or it is needed by a member of the public(courts #1 & #2 only).

6. PPPC CAPTAINS: Volunteer captains lead the club's organized activities (i.e. round robins, all levels drop-in, clinics, etc.). Their duties include court assignments. PPPC members must respect the court assignments as set by the captains. If more than one captain is organizing play for PPPC members at the same time, they should cordially coordinate which courts will best suit each group. No one rating group is given preference over another.

7. SPECIAL EVENTS: On those occasions when special events affect the regular schedule, the Board always tries to book extra events so they alternately affect different rating levels in order to minimize the inconvenience to any one group. This includes school bookings which may be difficult to reschedule. PPPC members who feel adversely affected and have concerns should raise those concerns directly with the Board.

8. COURT CLOSURES: Periodic court closures may be necessary for maintenance and safety considerations. As a PPPC member, you are expected to adhere to any City closures and not make any comment to the City or question staff's decisions or directions.

9. SAFETY CONCERNS: If PPPC members deem conditions render a court unsafe (e.g. damaged or dirty surfaces), play should be suspended until the unsafe conditions are addressed. The courts should be vacated if lightning, thunder, or other weather conditions threaten the safety of the participants or the spectators.

10. PROPERTY DAMAGE: PPPC members must not intentionally damage the courts, spectator area, equipment, or another member's property.