

# USS Pickleball Rules

To accommodate a growing roster of players, to encourage fellowship and fair competition, and to provide an equitable opportunity to play, the following USS Pickleball Rules will be enforced, effective May 30, 2023.  
USS reserves the right to adjust the rules at any time.

1. Pickleball at USS is a friendly, welcoming game. Everyone who plays at USS wants others to learn and improve. If you are playing with newer players, we expect all players to play a “soft” game and encourage each other.
2. Respect of fellow members and USS rules is expected. Respect your opponents’ line ruling. No arguing. Fierce competitors can play elsewhere.
3. Pickleball at USS is self-regulated. We count on players to let USS staff know when to buy equipment, adjust the schedule, offer lessons, and communicate concerns. USS is dedicated to providing a good experience for everyone. USS does not determine individual skill levels; neither do other players. Be respectful of player’s self-determination of their skills and level of play.
4. Players use the simple paddle rotation if 15 players or less are in the room (1 line of paddles). If 16 or more players are present, players use a double paddle rotation, rotating back and forth between the 2 lineups. The 4 players who are up switch partners with every rotation. \*See additional sheet for double paddle rotation details.
5. When your paddle is up, you play. If you are not available when your paddle is up, the next paddle and player, plays.
6. You can adjust your own paddle to the end of the designated lineup if you are not ready to play, but not forward. You cannot adjust another player’s paddle.
7. Many accidents happen on our Pickleball courts, some serious. It is up to individual players to know their physical limitations and it is required to wear closed-toe court shoes. Players participate at their own risk. If you need assistance to ambulate or are wearing street shoes; you cannot play safely and you will be politely directed to sit out.
8. Check the weekly calendar beside the MP1 doors for scheduled Pickleball start and end times. Wait before entering so the activity before is not interrupted. Pack up and leave at the scheduled end time to respect the next group's time and allow USS staff proper time to clean and reset the room. Be respectful of all groups using MP1.
9. On busy days of 16 players or more, all games are played to 9 points. If there is a tie, the game ends at 11 points, regardless of a 2-point difference. All players will adhere to this adjusted scoring rule.
10. Please help USS staff keep the courts and room tidy and clean.



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