



Johns Creek Team Pickleball (JCTP) Recreational League

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COST PER PERSON: \$95 PER PERSON

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REGISTRATION

The team captain signs up on CivicRec as team captain, this is to hold your team's spot and no payment is required at that time. Please do not sign up here if you do not plan to be the captain.

Once the captain signs up, they will be sent instructions of submitting rosters, getting the players on your team signed up and how to proceed with payment. Each player pays individually. Payment will be required before the first week of matches.

If you are interested in playing, but don't have a team, please email Joshua.Humphries@johnscreekgga.gov. It is not guaranteed you will be placed on a team but we will do our best.

If you have a team but need additional players, please email Joshua.humphries@johnscreekgga.gov.

RULES

(All rules below are subject to change based on League Director and Coordinator's discretion of what's best for the league.)

1. ETIQUETTE:



The **Johns Creek Team Pickleball (JCTP) Recreational League** is a socially competitive Pickleball league. The league staff encourages cheering for teammates, with respect to the players on the court. Teammates are only allowed to stay on the sides of the court and not go beyond the service line on each side. If teammates wish to leave the court, please wait until between points or games. Players need to refrain from making line calls and taunting opponents from the sidelines.

Prior to each team match, if the public is playing on the designated courts prior to the warm-up time; please politely warn them that the JCTP matches will be starting on the courts. Allow the public at least 5 minutes to finish playing before taking the court over.

Once a team match is finished, please relinquish the Pickleball court to the public.

2. RULES:

The league will follow the rules of the USAPA (United States of America Pickleball Association)

3. BALLS:

The league is providing match balls for the season. If both teams agree, they can use a personal ball of their choice.

4. SCORING:

The scoring will be as per the USAPA guide lines.

Woman's Doubles - First to win 2 out of 3 sets. Each set is to 11 points, win by 2

Men's Doubles - First to win 2 out of 3 sets. Each set is to 11 points, win by 2

Mixed Doubles Match 1 – One game to 15 points, win by 2

Mixed Doubles Match 2 – One game to 15 points, win by 2

IF THERE IS A TIE - The **TIE BREAKER** will be a half court (skinny singles) singles game to 15 points, win by 2. This will be **RALLY SCORING**. All 4 players on the team have to participate. Every 4 points (total,) team members rotate.

If both players agree, full court singles can be played.

Both Team Captains need to provide a team line up for the tie breaker.

5. ORDER OF PLAY*:

Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles (Always played last)

**Please note we want to encourage friendly competition, so if your opponents are short a player at the start of the match it would be nice if you start the match with players present first. By the time you start the match with the player who is late, if they are still short a player you have to take a default for that set. This only applies to the regular season. The order of play in playoffs will be Woman's Double, Men's Doubles then Mixed Doubles.*

6. DRAW:



Both captain's must submit the starting line-up to the opposing team captain 5 minutes before the start of the match.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS:

A team can substitute a player (same gender). The substitution player has to be registered and signed up. Once a player has been substituted during a game, the same player CANNOT go back in for the same match. However, they can go back in for a different match.

8. SUBS

There are NO subs allowed during playoffs and finals.

9. LIMIT OF NUMBER OF PLAYERS

There is NO limit of the number of players each teams can have. All players have to be fully paid and registered through the city of Johns Creek. Each team must have at least two women and two men.

10. WARM-UP TIME:

You warm up with your teammates prior to the match starting. Warm-up allotted time will be up to league coordinator's discretion. All teammates are encouraged to warm-up together at this time. A *five-minute* warm-up is allowed between matches. Matches start promptly at the designated start time. This must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

11. SERVICE ORDER:

The home team will be determined by "the toss". Whichever team wins "the toss" can choose to be the home team or away team and can decide on whether to serve first or choose the side. ("The toss" can be determined using a coin or the bottom of the paddle. One captain calls one side of the coin or paddle bottom and if they are correct, they get to choose.)

12. CHANGING ENDS:

After every set players change ends. If the game goes to three sets, change ends at 6 points.

13. COACHING/LINE CALLS:

Coaching is NOT allowed throughout the match. Spectators cannot coach. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team. Only the two players (singles) or four players (doubles and mixed doubles) can make the line calls. Team members along or near the court cannot make line calls. Upon a player request, one of the captains will act as the line judge for the match. Only the players in the match may ask for a line judge. If the captains are unavailable, a volunteer from another team will be the line judge. Line judges can help with any disputed calls only when asked by the players playing. The call the line judge makes is final.

14. DEFAULT RULE*:



If the home or away team player does not show up on time for his/her match, there will be a 15-minute default time should a substitute player not be available. If during the default time, the player does show up, there will be no additional warm-up time allotted to the arriving player.

EX: A team does not have any female players at 6.00pm. At 6:10pm, a female player shows up for the team, the arriving female player is not allowed any warm-up time.

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If a team defaults a match, the courts where the match was scheduled are considered public courts and cannot be used for team practice.

15. LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All players must register with the City of Johns Creek.

There will be no refunds once the schedules are sent out, for any reason.

Any team caught playing with unregistered players:

- 1st offense: Individual Match Default (Each match unregistered player played in)
- 2nd offense: Team Default – One Match
- 3rd offense: Team Default – Entire Season and Playoffs

16. RECORDING/SENDING IN SCORES

The JCTP scorekeeping method is the same as USAPA.

The winning team must report the scores to the league coordinator within 24 hours. The losing team captain's signature should be on the final score sheet.

The coordinator of the League will provide 24 hours deadline to captains to provide the scores. All unreported scores after the deadline will be recorded as loss for both teams.

17. INCLEMENT WEATHER MATCHES

Matches can only be made up because of inclement weather (Wind/Rain), no exceptions. *Matches can only be cancelled because of inclement weather one hour before the scheduled match time.* League coordinator will make the final decision on weather cancellation. Team captains and the league coordinator will work together to schedule a makeup date.



If a match is rescheduled and the inclement weather match cannot be completed during the season and one team cannot play during the inclement weather, that team will lose the match via default.

If a match is rescheduled and the inclement weather match cannot be completed during the season and both teams cannot play during the inclement weather week, both teams will lose the match via default.

18. CAPTAINS

Information from the coordinator of the League will only be e-mailed to the captain.

19. PLAYOFFS

Every team makes the playoffs, your season record will determine the playoff seeding. At the playoffs it will be single elimination.

20. PLAYING TIME

The league staff is not in control of playing time. This is a recreational league, the captain must ensure teammates get a fair amount of playing time.

21. LEAGUE DIRECTOR RULINGS

Match disputes and grievances will be handled by captains only and in this process:

1. Match disputes must be e-mailed to the League Coordinator within 48 hours. Once e-mailed, a decision will be made within another 48 hours.
2. If the captain disputes the ruling of the League Coordinator, the captain can appeal the ruling to the Assistant League Director. Within 48 hours of the Assistant League Director's ruling, the captain must e-mail League Director, regarding the dispute and why the League Director should reverse the ruling. Once e-mailed, a decision will be made within another 48 hours. All decisions made by the League Director are final.

22. AGE REQUIREMENT

Must be at least 18 years of age prior to the end of the JCTP season, unless approved by League Coordinator.

Captain's Responsibilities

The responsibilities of team captain are as follows:

- Scores must be reported by Thursday. If, by the end of the season, the match hasn't been updated, the match will count as a loss for both teams.
- Keep match balls provided by the League coordinator.
- Set the line-ups for the team, i.e. who plays woman's double, men's double, or mixed doubles
- Find out which dates teammates cannot be at a match during the season.



- Make decisions on substitutions.
- Know the JCTP league rules and be familiar with the official USAPA Pickleball rules for matches.
- If there is a line dispute at any point during a match, please act as the line judge. Please be fair to both parties involved.
- Resolve any conflicts on the court and inform the League Coordinator of any incidents that may occur on the court
 - Need to control and take charge on the court
 - If the conflict involves you, please select a co-captain to act as captain for the remainder of the match
- Listen to any issues your teammates have with the other team and talk to the other captain about them.
- Stay in contact with your team and inform them of information passed to you from the league coordinator.
- Coordinate with League Coordinator for weather makeups.
 - Please let league staff know when a make-up match is going to take place
 - If match is not completed a week before the playoffs, it is a double default
- No team members should be directly contacting the League Coordinator regarding league matters. Only team captains should address the League Coordinator with any questions.
- Make sure everyone on your team is enjoying themselves. This is a fun, social league where enjoyment comes first and competitiveness comes second.

Thank you for being a captain this season. We hope your team has a great time!