

League Overview:

- League Play is mixed doubles teams that have been pre-determined during registration.
- At least one of the doubles partners must live in Gloucester County.
- All players must be 18 years of age and older to participate.
- League play is six-weeks; Thursday nights. September 3 through October 8
 - League play will be the first 5 weeks. The championships will be held on the 6th week.
 - The semi-finals and finals will both be played on the 6th week; 6pm and 7:30pm.
- Games will be scheduled on courts 1-3. Courts 4-6 will remain as part of an open meet-up.
- Time slots for league play: 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm.
- Rain dates will be on Fridays. If rained out both Thursday and Friday, then schedule the makeup game at an agreeable time with your opponent on Saturday or Sunday.
- There will be two divisions. Division A will be “advanced players” and division B will be “intermediate players”. There will be a cap at 12 teams per division. First come first served.
- Chose the division you feel you and your teammate belong. The Parks and Rec staff has the authority to adjust the divisions.
- If one player on a team is advanced and the other player is intermediate; the team will play as advanced.
- The league will follow the International Federation of Pickleball Rules.
- Teams may warm up for five minutes beginning with the scheduled match time. If a full team does not show up by the end of the warmup period, then that team shall forfeit the first game of the match. If the first game is ruled a forfeit, then the second and third games will be declared forfeits 15 minutes after the originally scheduled match time. If both teams do not show up as required, then double forfeits will be declared.
- In the playoffs, the entire match will be ruled a forfeit at the scheduled match time.
- All games are to be played with Franklin X-40 pickleballs. If you do not have a Franklin pickleball, the Parks & Rec office will supply one for the match.

Game Play:

- A match consists of three games.
- The winning team is the team that wins 2 of 3 games.
- The team listed on the schedule first is the team that serves first each week; you switch sides after every game. If there is an issue with sunlight or other distractions, you can decide if you want to switch sides after the first team scores 6 points.
- First team to eleven points wins the game. You must win by two.
- Scores will be reported to the Parks and Rec office by Sunday night by both teams. It is important to record the correct scores, not just the wins and losses. Email scores to: egibbs@co.gloucester.nj.us
- Play your third game even if you have won the first two, as ties for the final week will be based on a point differential. These points may be used to determine your ranking for the final/championship week. **Remember, this is NOT BEST 2 OF 3! PLAY ALL 3 GAMES!**
- Scores and rankings will be posted on Mondays.
- Standings will be on the basis of:
 - 1) OVERALL match Win/Loss
 - 2) Head to Head

- 3) Tie-Breaker score differential. If there is a multiple-way tie, ranking will be based on score differential for those teams in the tie. The team with the highest differential will be ranked the highest of the teams that have tied. The rest will be ranked in order of differential points.

Playoffs:

- Seedings are based on standings per above.
- The top 4 teams of each division will play in the championship tournament on the 6th week.
- The championship semi-finals and final games will be the best of 3. Games to 11 win by 2. These games will be at 6:00pm and 7:30pm on the 6th week.

Self-Regulated Games:

- Each court will be self-regulated by the players. Please do your best to ensure that you are calling balls in and out of bounds fairly.
- Each team calls their own balls in or out on their own side of the court. If your team is unsure or did not see the ball, then the opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on the line calls made.
- Line calls should be promptly signaled by hand or voice, regardless of how obvious they may be.
- No player should question an opponent's call unless a player should ask the opponent's opinion if the opponent was in a better position to see the call. An opponent's opinion, if requested, will be accepted.
- If you feel like one team or another is not calling balls fairly, please contact the league manager to mediate and watch over the game. The Parks and Rec Department will have pickleball rules available if there are questions on calls.

Make up games and No Shows:

- No substitutions permitted.
- If a match is missed, you have until Sunday night to complete the game at a mutually agreed upon date and time.
 - If you cannot make the assigned game time, you may request the other team to reschedule at a mutual time Friday, Saturday or Sunday. If your opponent cannot reschedule then you will take a forfeit.
 - All schedule changes must be reported to the parks and rec office prior to the scheduled match. egibbs@co.gloucester.nj.us or 856-589-0047.
- If your team is a no show (you have not contacted the P& R office that you cannot play), you will forfeit your games that week and you may not be invited back to play in future leagues.

League divisions will be based on the number of participants and their level of play.

Have fun, be courteous, & enjoy the friendly competition.