

GLOUCESTER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

SPRING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES 2026

League Overview:

- League Play is men's and women's 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.
- There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
- League play is six-weeks; Thursday nights. May 7 through June 11
 - 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, 7pm and 8pm. **All players must be present on Thursday June 11th (rain date: Friday June 12th). Playoff games cannot be rescheduled.**
- Games will be scheduled on courts 7-12.
- Time slots for league play: 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm (League Manager will try to accommodate player's work schedules when making the master schedule).
- Rain dates will be on Fridays. If rained out both Thursday and Friday, then schedule the make up game at an agreeable time with your opponent before the next week's matchup.
- There will be four divisions. Men's Advanced, Woman's Advanced, Men's Intermediate and Women's intermediate. 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.
- League divisions will be based on the number of participants and their level of play. 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 10 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, wind or other distractions, you and your opponents may decide to switch sides in the final game after the first team scores 6 points. If one team wants to switch at 6 then the switch has to be made.
- First team to eleven points wins the game. You must win by two.
- Scores will be reported to the Parks and Rec office before the next week's scheduled match by

both teams. It is important to record the correct scores, not just the wins and losses. Email scores to: wroth@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 by Monday.
- 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, rankings will be based on the 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.
- 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 6pm, 7pm and 8pm 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 seem.
- 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.
- Time-outs will only be used for injuries.

Make up games and No Shows:

- No substitutions permitted.
- If a match is missed, you have until the following Wednesday 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 reschedule at a mutual time before the next match. If your opponent cannot reschedule then you will take a forfeit.
- **All schedule changes MUST be reported to Bill Roth prior to the scheduled match. wroth@co.gloucester.nj.us or 856-252-6710.**
- If your team is a no show and you have not contacted the P& R office to tell them that you cannot play, then you will forfeit your games that week.

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