



2021 Pickleball Rules

City of Boulder Park and Recreation's Adult Pickleball Leagues are governed by **IFP** rules with the following exceptions and modifications:

1. **Leagues** are defined as follows:
 - **Competitive** – Consists of teams with skill levels ranging from Advanced, Intermediate to Experienced. Generally high 3.5 & above players.
 - **Recreation** – Consists of teams semi experienced. Generally, 3.5 & below players
2. **Team Rosters:**
 - A team must contain two (2) players, 18+ years old. However, we do recommend having a sub or two just in case. Everyone on your team must sign the roster.
 - Players may not appear on two (2) teams within the same division.
 - **Substitutes** – In the event **one** player cannot make the scheduled game, teams may use a substitute if they are the same skill level as the league they are subbing for. Competitive Players shouldn't be subbing for recreational teams.
 - **You may not play with any players who have not signed your roster.**
 - **Playoffs:** You may not add anyone to your roster during the week of playoffs.
3. **Game Time/Forfeit Procedure:**
 - A team must have at two (2) players to begin.
 - Teams will be given a ten (10) minute grace period if a team does not have the minimum number of players to begin. If a team still does not have enough players after the 10-minute grace period has expired they will be forced to forfeit.
 - If needing to forfeit, managers must contact the athletics office (303-413-7477) 3 hours before their scheduled game. If notified properly, there will be no forfeit fee charged to the team.
 - **Three no call/no shows – Removed from the league. NO REFUND PROVIDED.**
4. **Set Up/Tear Down and Reporting of Scores**
 - Teams that are scheduled for the first set of games will be required to set up their own nets. Nets will be located in the gym closet and can be accessed with a key that they can get from the front desk.
 - Teams will also grab a scoresheet from the front desk attendant.
 - After individual games/matches are done teams will write the score of that match on the score sheet.
 - Teams that play the last games of the day will be required to tear down nets and put them back in the gym storage closet.
 - The last set of teams that play will turn in the score sheet to the front desk attendant. Scores are typically updated within 24 hours of the last match.
5. **Game Play**
 - Recreational Teams will play 3 games per match.
 - Competitive Teams will play 4 games per match
 - **Playoffs** - Teams will play "best out of 3" series to determine who advances.
 - **Scoring** – Games are played to 11 points, win by two (2). (No cap)
 - **Serving** – The ball must be contacted below waist level.

- Home team will decide if they want to serve first. Visiting team will get to pick which side they want to start on.
- Teams change sides after each game and alternate serving as well.
- **Officiating** – All matches are self-officiated.
- Questionable calls will be resolved in favor of the opponent.
- Receiving team calls ball “in” or “out”.
- If doubt exists between partners, the ball must be declared “in”.
- **Makeup Games** – Teams unable to make their games will be required to take a forfeit.

6. **Inclement Weather Policy**

- **The City of Boulder** Parks & Recreation Department will make every effort to play games each day and reschedule if necessary. In the event that the recreation center was to close because of inclement weather than games would be cancelled. Teams will be notified via email from teamsideline.com.
- Teams may also call the Recreation Center where your games are hosted at for cancellation information.

7. **Jewelry**

- All exposed jewelry or items that are could be hazardous or potentially dangerous may NOT be worn during the game.

8. **Blood Rule**

- Any participant who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his or her uniform/apparel must leave the game. The participant may not return until either the bleeding has stopped, the wound has been covered and bandaged, or the uniform/apparel has been changed.

9. **Smoking and Alcohol**

- No smoking or alcohol of any kind will be permitted in any facility.
- No player, manager, or coach shall participate in the game while intoxicated.

10. **Awards**

- ALL teams in each division will advance to an end of the season single elimination tournament.
- Awards will be given to the championship team
- Tie Breakers in league play between two (2) or more teams will be determined by the following;
 - Lowest Number of Forfeits
 - Winning Percentage
 - Head to Head
 - Head to Head Differential
 - Total Points Differential
 - Coin Toss

CITY OF BOULDER PARKS AND RECREATION-ADULT SPORTS

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The objectives and purposes of the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department Adult Sports Leagues shall be to foster, develop, promote, and regulate amateur sports in the City of Boulder; to establish rules and regulations governing all teams participating: to engage in any activity that will be beneficial to the participants and the leagues' well-being, and to extend the sports as wholesome recreational activities.

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Boulder Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change any and all rules, regulations and policies whenever due cause warrants a change. When a change is made, all managers of teams affected by the change will be notified immediately.

GENERAL POLICIES

The regulations stated under General Policies will govern all adult sport leagues: basketball, softball, dodgeball, volleyball, kickball and soccer.

Animals: No animals will be allowed in any sport complex with the exception of service animals with clearly marked insignia.

Bottles and Kegs: No bottles or kegs are allowed at the sport complexes.

Pleasant View Soccer Complex – No alcohol is allowed.

Sportsmanship and fair play will be the hallmark of all adult sport programs.

The Rules Committee that governs all Boulder Parks and Recreation Adult Sports will be composed of the Recreation Supervisor and the Program Coordinator for the respective sport.

TEAM REGISTRATION

In the event that we receive the maximum number of team entries during registration, the following priority will be used for teams on the waiting list.

One, teams that played in the same league and classification last year or teams moving up a classification.

Two, teams that were first added to the waitlist.

Three, teams that contain the highest percentage of City of Boulder residents.

Entry Fees and deadlines vary with each sport or league; please refer to the entry fee listed under each sport.

Entries must be received by the published deadline or late fees may be incurred. Teams will not be considered entered until their entry fee has been paid in full.

Dividing Teams: The Boulder Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right and authority to place teams into leagues or divisions so competitive parity can be achieved.

Limit of Team Entries: The number of team entries will be limited due to facility availability. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. To assure team entry, team fees must be paid at the time of registration as designated on the specific league information.

ROSTERS

Each player must sign the roster/waiver form before playing to be considered an eligible player.

Teams may have as many players on its roster as desired. All rosters must be turned in either typed or printed in a neat manner. Teams may add players at any time during the season unless designated by specific league rules.

Refunds: Absolutely no entry or player fees will be refunded once the deadline has passed.

Players may play in as many leagues as they want but only one team per league. Players must sign a roster/waiver for each team they play with.

Participants must be 18 years of age in order to play in the Adult Sport Leagues.

Current varsity athletes in the particular sport from either high school or college are ineligible during "on" season.

NO OFFICIAL PRESENT RULE

In the event that an official fails to be present and the two teams wish to play:

1. The game supervisor must be notified.
2. The absent official form must be signed by both team managers and the game supervisor.
3. At the game's end the form must be given to the game supervisor.
4. The scores will then be entered into the official record.

In the event that an official fails to be present and the two teams do not wish to play, a make up game will be scheduled at Program Coordinator's discretion.

Release of Liability: It is the manager's responsibility to see that each player is aware and agrees that there are certain inherent dangers and risks involved in playing and participating in the sports of basketball, softball, dodgeball, volleyball, kickball and soccer. By accepting the role of manager you assume the liability for all players who have not signed the roster. All players must realize that they may be exposed to possible injury in connection with participation in the sport. All players are to be notified that the City of Boulder, the affiliated facilities, affiliated teams, and any staff members will not be held responsible for injuries.

City of Boulder Player Code of Conduct

Definitions

Manager - A person designated as the team spokesperson. One who is either a player or non-player

Player - A person who actively participates in the game, whether it is playing or sitting on the bench, and who is on the roster.

Spectator - A person who comes out to watch the games for entertainment with no physical involvement.

Official - A person on the field to administer the official rules.

Participation - Any involvement in the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department activities such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, registering for classes, or attending non-sporting events.

Recreation Activity - Any class or event sponsored by the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department.

Program Coordinator - The full-time Parks and Recreation employee designated to organize and supervise the activity.

Team names may not reference; race, gender, ethnicity, religion or anything else that may be ruled on as offensive or inappropriate by the Sports Rules Committee, including offensive language or slang.

No player shall:

1. At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official, player, or spectator.
2. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
3. Be guilty of obscene gestures, objectionable demonstrations, or dissent of an official's decision.
4. Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing player.
5. Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor on any player, official, or spectator.
6. Be guilty of using foul language (swearing) or abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator.
7. Appear on the field under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he/she is inclined to cause harm to him/herself or another player.
8. Misuse or destroy City of Boulder property or facilities.

Officials are required to suspend the player immediately from further play and report the player to the Program Coordinator.

Minimum Penalty: Removal from the game, suspension from the team's next game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from all City of Boulder recreational activities for life. Case is subject to review the following year. Police involvement.

No player shall:

1. Discuss with an official in any manner the decisions reached by an official. Exception: The manager may confer with the official(s) in a reasonable and civil manner.
2. Smoke while coming off or going onto the field of play in any recreation facility.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and probation for the following year. Case is subject to review the following year. Police involvement.

1. Any player being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported again for the violation of Code of Conduct will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
2. Any player removed from a game must leave the field, court, or facility immediately. This includes any and all city property and any other property used by the City of Boulder for programs. Failure to do so will carry a maximum penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.
3. Any person on probation who violates the Code of Conduct will be placed on suspension until the case can be heard by the Sports Department staff.
4. Any person wishing to appeal a decision reached by the Program Coordinator should do so by calling the department at 303-413-7465 within 72 hours of the sports staff decision.
5. Any ejected player must pay appropriate fine and sit out the designated number of games prior to playing again.

Failure to comply will result in suspension of playing, per Program Coordinator's decision.

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