

Plover YMCA

Pickleball Courts:

Rules of Drop-In Play



Schedule for Daily Court Play:

Open play is open 24/7

7:00am – 11:00am | Drop-In Play

All courts in rotation. Use 4-on/4-off system.

12:00pm – 4:30pm | Open Play

All courts available. Groups may stay on court & play within their group.

3:30pm – 7:30pm | Mixed Use

Courts 1-2: Drop-In Play (4-on/4-off system)

Courts 3-4: Open Play if needed (All courts are open play after 7:00pm)

Exceptions to scheduled Drop-In Play and Open Play times for League days & other special events will be posted on bulletin board located near the front.

Rules for Drop-In Play:

1. Play limited to one game to 11 points (win by 2) if players are waiting.
2. Follow 4-on/4-off rotation system. All four players vacate court when game is finished. On Challenge Court, winning players may stay until they lose, except when paddle rack is full, at which time winners must vacate the court after two wins.
3. Place paddles in appropriate slots on court paddle rack to ensure fair rotation.
4. Courts & paddle racks are designated by skill level during Open Play:
 - Court 1 – Advanced (4.0–5.0+)
 - Court 2 – Intermediate (3.0–3.5)
 - Court 3 – Beginner (2.0–2.5)
 - Court 4 – Flexible Use (All Levels / Developmental)
5. Evaluate your level of play to determine which courts you choose to play on asking the pickleball coordinator or Pickleball ambassador. If in doubt as to your appropriate skill level, see list of player qualities for each skill level posted by the courts.
6. Players finishing a game place their paddles in paddle rack after vacating court if they wish to play again.
7. Players may not have a paddle in the paddle rack and be playing simultaneously.

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8. All players must be present when their court becomes available.
9. No new game can be started without checking the paddle rack for waiting players.
10. Groups of 3 must immediately obtain a 4th player or relinquish open court to next group; however, they may continue to hold their place on the paddle rack while searching for a 4th player.
11. Please be kind & accommodating & fill in groups of 4 whenever possible so that everyone gets their turn in order. If a foursome has that 1, 2, or 3 paddles in front of them wishes not to split up their foursome, they do not have to. They should place their paddles accordingly in the paddle rack and newer arriving players may place their paddle(s) in front of them.
12. Paddle racks fill from left to right with "Next" indicator showing who has the next game. This indicator should be shifted when the incoming players take the court.
13. If more players are waiting to play than available spaces in the paddle rack, players shall wait by placing their paddles under the paddle rack from left to right. Waiting players should move their paddles to the rack as space becomes available.
14. As a courtesy to others, please wait or watch from central/side aisle & wait for play to end before stepping onto any court.
15. Stop play when a ball rolls into your court and safely return the ball to the correct court.
16. Pickleball is designed to be a game for all, so even if you are a pro at the sport, please don't shy away from mixing up with players of various skill levels.

Rules for Open Play:

1. Groups may stay on the court and play within their group (no paddle rotation required).
2. Open play is offered 24/7.