

**ONE YEAR PILOT PICKLEBALL PROGRAM
PALISADES RECREATION CENTER**

This program involves converting one court (# 7) to be a hybrid pickleball/tennis court.

2 pickleball courts tape will be used during the pilot period (light blue is suggested)

Pickleball players will bring their own nets, paddles, balls

We are looking into tape

All pickleball participants will register with the recreation center. Registration will be monthly and you can register for the quarter.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PLAYERS ON COURT # 7

A. Tuesday and Thursday Free First Come/ FIRST Serve

1. Hours 9:00am-1:00pm, 4:00pm-8:00pm
2. Maximum of 4 people on a pickleball court, total of 2 pickleball courts on court 7
3. Palisades staff will come down periodically to observe and monitor rules that are being followed. A log will be created to record any concerns during the pilot phase.
4. A sign will be placed on court #7 with pickleball hours and rules.
2. Players waiting for a court: Place your paddle/racquet down to be next in line to play
 - a. Pickleball players put your paddle down by the court you wish to play on, let the players know you are waiting and announce the time, the players have **one hour** to play,
 - b. Tennis players put your racquets down by the gate, let ALL of the players know you are waiting and announce the time, all players on all courts have **one hour** to play,
3. ALL Players PLAYING at the time the waiting players show up will have one hour to play, (regardless of when they started playing) , they then must relinquish the court(s) to the waiting players
4. All players waiting to play must wait outside tennis court 7
5. No one person may bring more than one net
6. No one person may organize more than 4 people playing on one court
7. No camps, No Compensated/paid Lessons, No paid activities, No activities other than pickleball or tennis, and No other organized group activities unless permitted by the park
8. No dogs, animals, music, amplified sound, food, smoking or profanity and alcohol
9. Be courteous and polite to all players and people waiting
10. Permitted activities have priority
11. In consideration of our neighbors and other patrons please keep noise level down and refrain from using inappropriate language, or exhibiting loud and disruptive behavior, otherwise this may result in forfeiture of court time
12. It is highly encouraged for pickleball players to use "green zone" paddles, paddles that are softer in sound

B WEEKEND PLAY USE RESERVATION SYSTEM:

1. COURT #7 CAN BE RESERVED FOR \$12/HOUR FOR PICKLEBALL OR TENNIS
2. No one person can reserve more than 2 hours/day

This program minimizes the concerns that we have been made aware of:

1. NOISE

The City of Los Angeles has just sent out a BID to add acoustic dampening windscreens around courts 7 and 8 to assist with minimizing noise to the nearby homes. Therefore court 7 is the main court we want to utilize.

We understand by sound studies we have looked at that pickleball can be 70DB within 100ft.

The closest homes to the tennis courts we were playing on (courts 7&8) were 100ft, so we suggest using court #7 which makes the distance from those homes farther with the closest homes to court 7 144ft. Thus moving the court lowers noise to homes.

We understand that not only is the problem the individual sound of pickleball, but the number of people playing. So by limiting the number to 4 on a pickleball court, 8 max on the tennis court. (Whereas when we were playing before the number could be as high as 42 people).

So this will also lower the noise level of paddles hitting the ball by more than half.

Also limiting the number of people will lower the overall "crowd" noise as people cheer, clap etc.

By having courts available daily, this will also disperse crowding. Before when we were playing we could only play 3 days a week, 4 hours a day. So daily availability will spread out people from showing up all at one time

If this is not enough then a sound barrier can be installed.

Also we can set a rule that only "green zone" paddles that reduce the sound up to 50% can be used. (list of which will be posted). These can be checked out/rented at the park.

(Options to purchase paddles or get donations for paddles)

(Options for sound barriers that can be considered: Acoustifence, Carsonite, audio seal blanket, Spendianan Willis Acoustics & Noise control LLC, average cost \$24,000

2. Sharing a Tennis court

Tennis players will always have a chance to play as 3 courts will still be only for them, and court #7 will be on a first come/first serve.

The max one would have to wait to play at any time would be an hour, except on weekends when the court can be reserved for 2 hours.

3. PARKING:

We understand that there was no increase in parking problems when we were playing before.

However this program reduces the number of people to max of 16/hour as opposed to 40/hr or more people who would stay for up to 4 hours.

4. PAINTING LINES ON THE TENNIS COURT

We have seen that light blue or yellow is the least obvious/confusing

Painting of lines will be determined after the pilot program is assessed.

5. COST: If the monies for painting the lines is no longer available, then we, the people for pickleball in the palisades, can do a fundraiser to help raise the monies needed. The green zone paddles could be rented out by the Park, thus paying for the purchase of paddles, or we can see about getting donations)

Recreation and parks will be covering the cost for lines after the pilot.

6. CONTROL

The Rules & Regulations are to minimize any problems

Players will help regulate each other

END NOTE: This is a program that will probably require some tweaking, that is why it is a pilot program, so that we can tweak it as needed. So we (myself, Donna and Joan) are immediately available to assist in any changes that are needed.

Please let us know of your concerns, as there are alternatives, but we feel this is the best program.

Please give us a chance to prove that this can work and be acceptable to the community.

Sincerely,

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Addendum: if there were pickleball courts in many parks, this would disperse the number of people even

more.

PICKLEBALL COURT RULES & WAITING SYSTEM

Court Rules:

1. RAP issued permits must be obtained for private instruction. Visit the park office for pricing and availability. (L.A.M.C. SEC. 63.44)
2. Court reservations are available on a limited basis.
3. No activities except racquet sports are allowed on the courts.
4. No food, drinks, pets, or music are allowed on the courts. (Exception: Service Animals.)
5. Profane/abusive language and/or unsportsmanlike behavior is prohibited.
6. Children must be properly supervised at all times.
7. Routine maintenance and RAP sponsored recreation programs have priority.

For concerns about violation of court rules, contact the park office.

Pickleball Waiting System:

When people are waiting, the following group/open play rules apply:

1. Those waiting shall place their paddle in the Paddle Rack in the first available open slots. The "Next" indicator shows who has the next game and is shifted left to right when the incoming players take the court.
2. If there are more players waiting to play than available spaces in the Paddle Rack, players shall wait by placing their paddles under the Paddle Rack on the ground and then move the group of paddles to the rack when a spot opens.
3. Pickleball play is on a rotational basis (4 on/4 off or 2 on/2 off) when all courts are in use and players are waiting. No new game can be started without checking the Paddle Rack for waiting players.
4. Games are played to 11 points, win by 2.
5. All players must fully vacate the court at the end of a game, and call out, "open court." Players finishing a game must place their paddles in the Paddle Rack after vacating the court if they wish to play again. Players may not have a paddle in the Paddle Rack and be playing simultaneously.
6. The next waiting group will take the vacated court. Groups of 4 (doubles) players must be present when their court becomes available when players are waiting.
7. If a foursome that has 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 second slot on the Paddle Rack and newer arriving players may place their paddle(s) in front of them.