



The Woodlands Township Pickleball Ladder League Rulebook

LEAUGE INFOMATION:

- Fees are \$40 for Woodlands residents and \$45 non-Woodlands residents.
 - *Fees are non-refundable upon completion of initial court assignments*
- **League communication will be done via email.** Please ensure that you have a current email address on file with The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department.
- **League Coordinator retains the authority to modify or deviate from the League Rulebook as deemed necessary**

LEAUGE PARTICIPANTS:

- ***All participants shall keep in mind that The Woodlands Township Ladder Leagues are intended to be both social and recreational in nature. For this reason, The Woodlands Township will not utilize any rankings (USAPB) when determining participant placement.***
- ***Leagues, league participants will maintain final ranking with new participants added to the bottom of the league.***
- No partners required; each participant is assigned to a court (4-5 participants per court)
- Participants may share a position with one additional participant. This must be declared to the League Coordinator prior to the commencement of league play.
 - Any participant(s) sharing a spot without declaring will result in a 'sub' status for any date played by a player whose name does not appear on the court assignments.
 - Participants who no longer wish to share a spot will be ranked based on their previous personal ranking and shared ranking combined.
 - Each participant must play three (3) dates and specify on the reported scores which partner is playing each week.
 - In the event that this minimum is not met then the shared position will receive a 'sub' status on the final week(s) of the ladder dependent on the number of dates each participant has played.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated; league participants will treat other participants as they would expect to be treated.

LEAGUE PLAY:

- League play will consist of (8) weeks.
- The top finisher of the league will receive a championship shirt.

- Participants who are unable to attend the scheduled match are responsible for finding a sub to take their place.
 - In the event a participant must drop themselves from the Ladder League, it is their responsibility to notify The Woodlands Township and find a permanent sub.
- In the event a participant is tardy, they are required to inform the participants at their court.
 - ***Any participant who is more than fifteen (15) minutes late and does not notify either, The Woodlands Township or the participants at their court, shall receive a 'No Show'***
- A total of four (4) games are played amongst 5 players at each court. Participants will rotate between partners.
 - The order of partners is as follows:
 - 1 & 2 vs 3 & 4 – 5 Bye
 - 2 & 4 vs 3 & 5 – 1 Bye
 - 1 & 5 vs 2 & 3 – 4 Bye
 - 1 & 3 vs 4 & 5 – 2 Bye
 - 1 & 4 vs 2 & 5 – 3 Bye
 - **Scores are to be recorded and submitted via the Team Sidelines website by the participant with the highest overall score at each court upon the conclusion of league play. QR Code will be available to scan at the courts for the submission page.**
 - *Preferably scores will be submitted in the order that participants appear on the court assignments*
 - *At the end of all games, two players are tied with the most total points, then a tie breaker must determine who moves up. Tie breakers are as follows after total points cannot decide a winner: (1) Most games won; (2) Most points in a game; (3) Head to head winner.*
- Upon completing all scores, weekly court results will be posted to TeamSideline and accompanied by a deadline to notify The Woodlands Township of any errors with the recorded scores.
 - Following the deadline, court assignments will be made based on the recorded scores and will not be revised.
 - All notifications must be made via pickleball@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov

SCORING PROCEDURES:

- Matches will be played to 11 points, must win by two (2) points.
 - Scoring Example:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Total
Player 1	11	BYE	8	11	6	36
Player 2	11	5	11	BYE	11	38
Player 3	8	11	11	11	BYE	41
Player 4	8	5	BYE	9	6	28
Player 5	BYE	11	8	9	11	39

- Players will be moved up and down the ladder each week based on the scores from the previous week.
 - Example Week 2 assignments after Week 1 of play on Court 3 (Out of five (5) total courts):
 - Player 1 – 36 points (Remains at Court 3)
 - Player 2 – 38 points (Remains at Court 3)
 - Player 3 – 41 points (Moves up to Court 2)
 - Player 4 – 28 points (Moves down to Court 4)
 - Player 5 – 39 points (Remains at Court 3)

- A 'sub' player **CANNOT** move a participant **UP** a court or jump a regular participant; the sub **CAN** move a participant **DOWN** a court if they are the lowest score.
 - Exception: A 'sub' may move a player up in the event that of court re-alignment due to a 'No Show'
- Participants remaining at a court (positions two (2) and three (3) and four (4)) will be adjusted based on their score within their current court.

NO SHOWS:

- 1st Offense:
 - 'No Show' participant will be dropped two (2) courts and placed in position four (4) of that court.
 - Participants who 'No Show' within the bottom two (2) courts will be placed at the bottom of the ladder.
- 2nd Offense:
 - The participant will be dropped to the bottom position of the ladder league.
- 3rd Offense:
 - The participant will be removed from league play and a permanent sub will be assigned.
- If a 'Sub' is a 'No Show' more than twice they will be removed from the 'Sub' list.
- If a court does not play due to a 'No Show', participants will be moved up or down according to where they are located on the court.
- In the event of a 'No Show' it is encouraged that any participants available play under the following formats:
 - *4-Person Court*
 - In the event of a 'No Show', this would leave four remaining players on a court. Players would play three total games, rotating partners, as you would in normal doubles play.
 - *3-Person Court*
 - *2 vs 1*
 - A single participant will line up against a doubles team. The single participant will serve the entire game. During the game, a point won by the singles player is worth 2 points, any points won by the double team are worth 1 point. At the end of each game, each participant rotates clockwise.
 - Single participant wins – 2 points
 - Doubles participant wins – 1 point
 - *1 v 1 - Round Robin*
 - In this format, the three players at a court may play 1v1 in a round robin fashion, with one player sitting out each game. This will result in a total of two games played per player.
 - *2-Person Court*
 - If only two participants are available, then those participants may choose to play singles in order to determine who will move up.
- There will no be refunds given to participants that 'No Show'.

LEAUGE CANCELLATIONS:

- Notifications will be posted on *teamsideline.com/thewoodlandstownship* and will sent out through email. Please check the website and league page for pertinent information.
- The Woodlands Township utilizes www.noaa.org (ZIP 77381) to determine weather related cancellations.
 - Cold Weather: If the temperature is below 40 degrees, play will be cancelled.
 - Hot Weather: If the temperature is above 100 degrees, play will be cancelled.
- The Woodlands Township will ONLY notify participants in the event of cancellations.
 - *If no league communication is received, then play is on as scheduled*
- Cancellation Procedures:
 - Evening leagues:
 - Falconwing court conditions will be checked at 5:30 p.m.
 - Forecasted air temperatures will be checked for league start time, according to the above procedure, at 5:30 p.m.
 - A decision for cancellation will be made by 5:45 p.m. and participants will be notified.
 - If the event of substantial changes in either court condition and/or weather after designated times and preceding league start times, TeamSideline will be updated with a cancellation notification. Additionally, an email notification will be sent out to all participants on the league roster and 'sub' list as deemed necessary.