

Fall 2020 Tennis League Rules

1. **AGE MINIMUM:** All players must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to participate.
2. **PLAYERS:** Teams are made up of two players each. A substitute may be called in for only one player per team. Substitutes can be other registered players or someone from the Subs List.
3. **LEAGUES:** Four (4) teams will be needed to make any league with a max of 12 teams. The league style will be Round Robin
4. **FEE:** \$12 per resident and \$17 per non resident
5. **LOCATION:** The league will be hosted at Back Creek Park in Yorktown
6. **TIME:** The first match will start every Tuesday at 7 p.m. If the minimum number of players do not arrive within 5 minutes of their match time, that team will forfeit
7. **ROSTERS:** Rosters must be turned in by September 2nd. Changes to the roster must be approved by the Recreation Supervisor in charge of the league.
8. **RULES:** Matches are governed by USTA. There are no referees for matches. This League is **Self-Officiating:** Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.
9. **WARM-UP:** The warm-up period before a match will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
10. **NO SHOWS/FORFEITS:** If a person/team fails to show, it will be recorded as a forfeit. If neither opponent shows, a double forfeit will be recorded.
11. **MATCHES:** Matches will be best 2 out of 3 sets. Teams will switch sides after each set.
12. **FIRST SERVE:** The team listed first on the schedule shall initiate the first serve for their match.
13. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutes are allowed to enter the game at the start of a new set or if player is injured and is unable to complete the set.

14. **RESULTS:** Score cards will be provided at the start of each match. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the score of the match to the Park Attendant on site. Both teams need to initial the score card to verify the results of the match.
15. **CONDUCT:** All players are expected to adhere to the rules of pickleball, the principles of good sportsmanship, and proper pickleball etiquette at all times. Please be civil and courteous at all times. Play should be continuous with no lengthy interruptions. Be cordial, but do not let socializing during the match delay or prolong play. Gross and/or repeated displays of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for suspension or disqualification from the league.
16. **HONOR CALLS:** Players/teams must make line calls on their side of the court diligently, clearly, and impartially. If you, or your partner, do not clearly see your opponent's ball "out", then you must assume it is "in". Players must also make honor calls on their own shot's legality (double hits, double bounce, foot faults, net violations etc.). Players may also honor call their own shot that they clearly see out if their opponent was unable to see it. Please report any players making consistently bad calls or making repeated violations. Servers must call the score prior to each first serve. If there is a scoring dispute that cannot be resolved, revert to the last score that all parties recall and agree on.
17. **LEAGUE UPDATES:** For updated weather announcements please call 757-890-3850 or our RainoutLine at 757-890-3501 ext 26