

# 2025 CLIFTON RECREATION PICKLEBALL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **Eligibility:**

- All players must be 18 yrs. of age or older by January 1, 2025.
- Open to both residents and non-residents.
- All team members must be registered with the Clifton Recreation Department.  
During registration you must indicate your partner.
- League levels will be run based on self-rated skill level of players.

## **Cost:**

- \$65.00 per individual / per resident
- \$75.00 per individual / per non-resident
- \$25.00 discount for all 2025 Pickleball Bage Holders

## **Game Rules**

The International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) rulebook will be used to govern all pickleball play unless otherwise stated by the Clifton Recreation Department. Please visit the following website for more rule clarification: <http://www.usapa.org/ifp-official-rules/>

## **League Equipment:**

- Teams must have their own rackets and warm up balls.
- The home team (first team listed on schedule) is responsible for providing game balls for each match.

## **League Play**

- League divisions are as follows:
  - Women's 3.5 or below
  - Men's 3.5 or below
  - Mixed Doubles 3.5 or below
  
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- The league will last 8 weeks. Each team will play one match each week. A match will consist of 3 games to 15 points, capped at 15.
- League games will be played on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. There will be a 10-minute grace period for late arrivals, clock starts at scheduled game time. After 10 minutes, the late team is awarded a forfeit loss for the first game. If, after an additional 10 minutes, the late team has not arrived they will forfeit the match. A forfeit loss will be entered into the standings with a 15 – 0 score. There are no make-ups for any match unless cancelled by the Clifton Recreation Department.
- League play will be conducted at the Pickleball Arena or Anzaldi Park (depending on the size of the league).
- Any fair method can be used to determine which team has choice of side, serve or receive. Teams switch sides after each game.
- All league play will be self-officiated. If a discrepancy occurs, please take the following steps:
  1. Check the rule book.
  2. Ask other players who are playing on a court next to you to help clarify rules.
  3. As a last resort, have the court supervisor help to finalize the decision.
- All scores are to be called in to the Clifton Recreation Department – give team names, scores and date of play to the department staff.
- League Champion = Team with the highest number of wins for the season. Standings will be based on the overall win/loss record. In the event of a tie:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time breaker = head-to-head play
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> time breaker = total points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> time breaker = playoff game
- Winners will earn account reimbursement for the league and discount on next league/tournament, plus Clifton Recreation spirit wear (T-shirt, cap, etc.).