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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 24-166

DATE July 18, 2024

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS – PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS – AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES AND APPROVAL OF NEW PICKLEBALL COURT RULES/WAITING SYSTEM AND UPDATED TENNIS RULES FOR NON-PAY TENNIS FACILITIES

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 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the proposed changes to the Community Recreation Centers section of the Schedule of Rates and Fees as set forth in Attachment A to this Report, to be effective September 1, 2024;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to amend the Schedule of Rates and Fees to incorporate the aforementioned changes;
3. Approve the revised Tennis Court Rules for RAP’s non-pay facilities as set forth in Attachment B to this Report, to be effective September 1, 2024;
4. Approve the Pickleball Court Rules and Waiting System for RAP’s non-pay facilities as set forth in Attachment C to this Report, to be effective September 1, 2024; and
5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Rates and Fees for Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Non-Pay Tennis Facilities

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Schedule of Rates and Fees is a compilation of over a hundred alphabetized sections and pages, which outline – among other things – RAP’s established rates and fees for the use of various facilities.

RAP is proposing to amend the Schedule of Rates and Fees to the Community Recreation Centers section to increase the existing rates for tennis courts at non-paying tennis facilities and establishing

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new rates for pickleball courts at non-paying tennis facilities, as shown in Attachment A.

Tennis rates for outdoor facilities at various recreation centers and venues have remained unchanged for more than 20 years. Over this period, RAP has faced new and/or rising costs associated with permitting and maintaining courts and buildings, including utility costs, maintenance and recreation salaries, retention pay, and the rising costs of materials and machinery. As the cost of providing services to the public continues to rise, RAP remains committed to providing quality and affordable recreational opportunities to both residents and visitors; therefore, RAP is proposing new pickleball court rates and increased tennis court rates (both of which would apply at non-pay tennis facilities) to help recover these costs.

Staff surveyed and researched similar rates and fees for the use of both tennis and pickleball courts associated with recreational facilities in communities surrounding Los Angeles, which are summarized in Attachment D. The new and increased rates proposed in this Report remain lower than the average in surrounding communities.

The proposed Standardized Rates and Fees section for Tennis and Pickleball will establish a range of rates and fees based on the following criteria:

- Daylight vs. Lighted Use
- Subsidized Recreation Centers vs. Non-Subsidized Recreation Centers
- Recreation and Revenue Generating

The proposed changes to the Community Recreation Centers section of the Schedule of Rates and Fees will streamline and clearly define the permitting process for both staff and users. In an effort not to overly burden tennis and pickleball communities with a large, one-time increase in fees, RAP staff proposes more modest increases over a period of four years, as detailed in Attachment A.

Tennis - Court Rules

RAP staff proposes amending the existing Tennis Court Rules at non-pay tennis facilities to require a RAP-issued permit for private tennis instruction (see proposed Rule 6 in Attachment B). This amendment would assist RAP staff in managing their venues while minimizing the potential for conflicts between community members during popular programming hours.

Pickleball - Court Rules and Waiting System

RAP staff also proposed establishing a new set of Pickleball Court Rules and Waiting System at non-pay facilities, which are included with this Report as Attachment C. RAP's Pickleball Committee gathered feedback from nearby municipalities and local pickleball organizations, and the insights and examples shared by surrounding jurisdictions informed staff's development of these regulations. RAP staff anticipates that the proposed Pickleball Court Rules and Waiting System would facilitate staff's management of the non-pay facilities and minimize the risk of conflicts between community members during popular programming hours.

RAP has made a concerted effort to address the new demand for pickleball. A committee has been established to inventory existing pickleball courts and develop a strategy for adding additional courts to the park system. The goals include:

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- Recruitment and hiring of trained instructors
- A concentrated plan to build dedicated facilities
- Increase access to our current facilities
- Increasing youth and adult pickleball recreation opportunities at both indoor and outdoor facilities

Currently, RAP has 20 multi-use indoor courts, 34 multi-use outdoor courts, and 16 standalone dedicated courts, with an additional 12 dedicated courts coming online in the Valley Region by the end of 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

RAP anticipates that revenue generated through the proposed changes to its Schedule of Rates and Fees will be necessary to offset increased utility costs, labor costs, retention pay, and rising costs of materials and machinery. This revenue will be deposited into the Department of Recreation and Parks General Fund and special accounts, and will be used to fund staffing and maintenance needs.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP’s Strategic Plan by supporting:

- Goal No. 6:** Building financial strength and innovative partnerships
- Outcome No. 1:** RAP’s operating budget meets the needs of the park system for all Angelenos
- Key Metric:** Annual spending on recreation and parks per resident, adjusted to reflect price of living
- Result:** Equity in fees for permit applicants as well as costs to RAP

This Report was prepared by Juan Aynat, Principal Recreation Supervisor I, Valley Region.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

- Attachment A: Proposed Changes – Schedule of Rates and Fees, Community Recreation Centers Section
- Attachment B: Tennis Court Rules
- Attachment C: Pickleball Court Rules
- Attachment D: Cost Analysis – Pickleball and Tennis
- Attachment E: Publishable Schedule of Rates and Fees, Community Recreation Centers Section

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTERS

Revised July 2024 ~~Revised June 2019~~

FACILITY USE FEES – INDOOR AREAS

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Room Rental

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50 person maximum	\$25.00	\$80.00
100 person maximum	\$40.00	\$120.00
Over 100 persons	\$70.00	\$200.00

Subsidized Center (Use either room or group size to determine fee):

50 person maximum	\$20.00	\$50.00
100 person maximum	\$30.00	\$75.00
Over 100 persons	\$40.00	\$120.00

**An additional \$25.00 per permit will be charged for Social Gatherings with Refreshments and it shall be deposited into the MRP Fund Account.*

***Any use (class, meeting, activity, etc.) where fees/admissions are charged, or donations are collected, either on-site or off-site by any entity (for-profit, non-profit, or individual) must pay this fee.*

Kitchen Rental **\$75.00**

Use of Gymnasium – Sports Practice Groups

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(If a participation fee is charged, use the Income Generating Activity rate above)

Recreation Center:	\$60.00 per hour
Subsidized Center:	\$50.00 per hour
Use of Scoreboard:	\$30.00 per hour <i>Plus staff fees</i>

FACILITY USE FEES – OUTDOOR AREAS

From the fees below, \$10.00 per hour is to be deposited into the **Regional Municipal Sports Account** – for sports facility refurbishment.

Youth Sports Groups – refer to **YOUTH SPORTS GROUP** page for fees that pertain to practice and organized game usage.

Exclusive Use of Outdoor Sports Facility (Basketball court, athletic fields, etc.)

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Recreation Center		
Daylight Play:	\$35.00	\$70.00
When Lights are Used:	\$45.00	\$90.00
Boot Camps/Private Workshops	-	\$80.00
Casting Session <i>50% to be deposited into the Facility MRP Fund Account</i>	-	\$100.00
Tennis Fee (Non-reservation)	\$8.00	-

[Start of new rate proposal]

Exclusive Use of TENNIS and PICKLEBALL Courts (non-pay tennis facilities)

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~~10%~~ 20% to be deposited into the recreation center MRP Account to be used for facility operations.

The Fees below are per court/per hour.

	<u>Basic Hourly Rate</u>			<u>Income Generating Activity Hourly Rate</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2028</u>	
<u>Recreation Center - Non- Subsidized</u>				
<u>TENNIS:</u>				
Daylight Play:	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	<u>\$35.00</u>
When Lights are Used:	\$8.00 \$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>PICKLEBALL:</u>				
Daylight Play:	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	<u>\$35.00</u>
When Lights are Used:	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>Recreation Center - Subsidized</u>				
<u>TENNIS:</u>				
Daylight play:	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	<u>\$30.00</u>
When lights are used:	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	<u>\$40.00</u>
<u>PICKLEBALL:</u>				
Daylight play:	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	<u>\$30.00</u>
When lights are used:	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	<u>\$40.00</u>

*Open play (*Free*) is available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Exception: Park program/activity and/or authorized permits.

*Income generating rate will be applied to permits for private instruction, club teams, and authorized tournaments.

*Public and private school teams fall under the basic hourly rate.

*Tournaments: An additional one-time fee of \$25.00 per court for all authorized tournaments.

*Additional staff fee at a rate of \$30.00 per hour if necessary. [End of new rate proposal]

REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

Permit for Two Hours or Less (minimum)*	\$50.00
Permit for Three Hours or More (minimum)*	\$100.00

*To be deposited into the Center's MRP Fund Account. Should only be refunded if the Permittee performed basic clean-up and litter pick-up. If not, the amount shall be transferred to the MRP **Fund** Account.

CANCELLATION FEE

More Than 2 Weeks Prior to Event	50% Refund of Fees
Less Than 2 Weeks Prior to Event	No Refund of Fees

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Furniture Rental

To be deposited into the center MRP Fund Account.

	<u>Recreation Center</u>	<u>Subsidized Center</u>
Table Rental:		
Less than 10	\$100.00	\$75.00
10 or more	\$125.00	\$100.00
Chair Rental:		
Less than 100	\$75.00	\$50.00
100 or more	\$125.00	\$100.00

STAFF FEES

At the discretion of the Region Superintendent, some events or activities may require additional maintenance, security, traffic control and/or event monitoring staff, due to size, location, scope of activities, or other factors. Part-time staff fees are established in the GENERAL INFORMATION section. Full-time staff fees will be charged at the current overtime rate.

GROUPS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF FEES

The following groups or agencies may be issued permits for non-sports use of community recreation center buildings without charge, (subject to non-discrimination certification) except for the refundable clean-up/breakage deposit. If the building is normally closed, the agency must pay for the cost of the Department employees(s) required to be on duty as indicated on the preceding page. If the facility is used for fee-generating activities, whether collected on or off-site, the Fee Generating Activities or Businesses ** Facility Use Fee applies. Groups must clean up the facility when done or they will be required to pay hourly staff fees.

1. Civic and Service Clubs, Chamber of Commerce
2. Recognized Self-Help/Anonymous Groups (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous)
3. Government agencies (e.g. LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials).
4. Private, Parochial, and public schools are only exempted from fees if there is a written reciprocal agreement between the center and the school by which the Department receives an equivalent value in facility use, materials and/or other in-kind as determined by the Principal Recreation Supervisor.



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TENNIS COURT RULES

Tennis etiquette and sportsmanship are expected to be followed while using Department tennis courts.

1. When players are waiting and courts are occupied:
 - a. Waiting players should respectfully state their intent to play to current court occupants upon arrival.
 - b. No courts can be held, nor can priority of the right to use the courts be established by the placing of a sign or object on the court.
 - c. Courts may not be held by one person. Two players must be present.
 - d. When players are waiting: warm up, rallying, or match play cannot exceed 30 minutes regardless of the score.
2. Unsupervised, non-tennis playing children shall not be permitted on the courts at any time.
3. No bicycles, skate boards, roller skates, roller blades, motorized vehicles or pets are allowed on the tennis courts. (Exception service animals.)
4. Tennis or rubber-soled heel-less shoes must be worn during tennis play.
5. The Department of Recreation & Parks may occasionally reserve the courts for park programming and or Department issued permits.
6. A Department issued permit must be obtained for any private tennis instruction. Visit the park office for more information. (LAMC. SEC. 63.44.G)
7. A maximum of 6 tennis balls are allowed on the court during tennis play. (Exceptions: Recreation Center programs or department issued permits.)

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.

For more information, please visit us at laparks.org/pickleball



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Part A - Pickle Ball Court Reservation Cost Comparison

Municipality	Reservation Fee	Drop-in Play	Membership Fee	Private Instruction	Comments
Santa Monica	N/A	\$3 Resident \$5 Non-Resident	NO	Prohibited	Private Instruction Prohibited Violators are subject to prosecution
Santa Clarita	N/A	\$3			
West Hollywood	\$8	Free	NO		
Downey	\$7	Free	NO	Independent Contractor	Private Instruction Contracted Instructor rate 70/30 split
Manhattan Beach	\$10 Resident \$14 Non-Resident + monthly pass	\$3 Resident \$4 Non-Resident	YES	Prohibited	Monthly Pass: \$10 Seniors \$15 Resident \$20 Non-Resident
Beverly Hills	\$9 Resident \$13 Non-Resident	N/A	Membership Required	For Lessons: Call the Pro Shop	For Lessons: Call the Pro Shop
Long Beach	\$10	\$5	N/A		
Calabasas	\$13 Resident \$20 Non-resident + membership card	Yes with fee	Not Required		

Part B - Tennis Court Reservation Cost Comparison

Municipality	Reservation Fee	Drop-in Play	Membership Fee	Private Instruction	Comments
Santa Monica	\$14	\$4 Resident \$5 Non-resident + membership card	YES	N/A	\$14 Reservation Card \$65 Adult Resident Quarterly pass
Santa Clarita	N/A				
West Hollywood	\$8	Free	NO	Concessionaire	
Downey	\$7	Free	NO		
Manhattan Beach	\$10 Resident \$14 Non-resident	Reservations Required		Prohibited	Monthly Pass: \$10 Seniors \$15 Resident \$20 Non-Resident
Beverly Hills	\$10 Resident \$14 Non-resident	Not Available	Membership Required	For Lessons: Call the Pro Shop	Annual Membership Card: \$12 Resident \$23 Non-Resident
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