

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

This program involves converting one court (court #5) into a hybrid pickleball/tennis court.
4 pickleball courts lines will be painted in a light color (light blue is suggested)
Pickleball players will bring their own nets, paddles, balls

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PLAYERS ON COURT #5

A. MONDAY-FRIDAY Free First Come/ FIRST Serve

1. Maximum of 4 people on a pickleball court
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 5
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
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 #5 CAN BE RESERVED FOR \$12/HOUR FOR PICKLEBALL OR TENNIS
2. No one person can reserve more than 2 hours/day

SCENARIOS: For Mon-Fri

1. **8:15** Tennis players playing. **8:30** a group of pickleball players arrive to play.
The tennis players have an hour to play, they must then turn the court over to the pickleball players at **9:30**
2. **9:30** Pickleball players are playing, **9:45** tennis players arrive to play,
The pickleball players have an hour to play, they must then turn the court over to the tennis players at **10:45**
3. **10:45** the tennis players are playing, **11:00** tennis players arrive to play
The tennis players have an hour to play, then must turn the court over to the waiting tennis players at **12**
4. **12:00** Tennis players are playing, **12:20** pickleball players arrive to play
The tennis players have an hour to play, then must turn the court over to the pickleball players at **1:20**
5. **1:20** the pickleball players are playing, **1:45** pickleball players arrive to play
3 other pickleball courts are open, so they choose a court and start playing
6. **1:45** pickleball players are playing, **2:15** more pickleball players come to play, then at **2:30** more pickleball players are playing. Now all 4 pickleball courts are full,
7. **2:45** another set of pickleball players arrive, they put down a paddle on one of the courts

- The court the paddle was put down on has an hour to play then must turn the court over to the other pickleball players at **2:45**
10. **3:00** tennis players arrive to play, all pickleball players have one hour to play, then must give their courts over to the tennis Players at **4:00**
 11. **3:10** Pickleball players show up to play and a court is open, so they can play on that court until **4:00** when the tennis players have the right to play as they were next in line.

SCENARIO FOR WEEKEND PLAY

IF COURT #5 is reserved 11-1. If other pickleball players show up they must ask the people who reserved the court if they may share and play on one of the other courts during the time reserved. The people playing can only reserve and then play at most 2 hours.

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

1. NOISE

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 #5 which makes the distance from those homes farther with the closest homes to court 5 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, 16 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 #5 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 a parking problem 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

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)

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.

Alternatives: We can change it so that the court is only available select hours (such as mon,wed, fri 8-12, 9-1 and tues,thurs 4-8, sat 8-12, sun 3-7 with a reservation. However, that would go back to limiting play time and encourage crowds wanting to play. (But the max people of 16 on court #5 would still limit people playing)

Or We can have "no play" pickleball hours, i.e at prime home time hours, as in the morning no play until 9, and the evening from 6-on.,

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

Sincerely,
Polly Badt.
Donna Burkons.
Joan Blanchard.

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