

LADDER LEAGUE RULES

All ladder players should familiarize themselves with game and ladder rules on a periodic basis as updates may take place. Pickleball Club ladder games are governed by the USAPA Rule Book except for certain specific club ladder rules. These rules are established to maintain consistency of play and record keeping within and between different levels of play within the ladders.

General Information

- The format of play is designed so that players play mostly with others of similar skill levels. Your ranking on a ladder is based upon your winning percentage (the ratio of points won to total points possible). The ladder is a competition, not a training forum. Players will move up or down the ladder based upon their winning percentage. The results of the ten most recent weeks of play will be used for this calculation. Each week, players will be placed in groups of four in the order of their ranking on the ladder for match play. Players assigned to be a substitute will be taken into account in setting up matches.
- You are expected to play every week unless you email the ladder captain that you will be absent.
- All players will play three 15-point doubles games in a round-robin fashion with the other three players of the foursome. Each game ends when one of the teams wins its 15th point (no need to win by two points). At the start of each game, players may draw for the first serve or choice of side. The four players may agree to the sequence of partners prior to the first game. To minimize the effects of sun and wind, players will change ends of the court when the first team has eight points.
- Missed games are not made up. Percentages are based only on games that are actually played.
- After the games are finished, players record their scores on a score sheet available at the court site. Record the individual game scores and total points for the three games. There is a maximum of 45 points possible (15 x 3) as games do not have to be won by two points.
- Each week the standings and schedule will be posted on the pickleball ladder website.
- All communication with ladder captains must be by email. Phone calls inquiring about ladder positions, court assignments, etc. will **NOT** be accepted.
- To join the pickleball ladder you must be an SCPD Pickleball Club member in good standing. You must also read and familiarize yourself with Ladder League Rules.
- Player schedules and times will be published on the ladder link of the pickleball ladder website 24 hours prior to ladder play.
- Any player without internet access or email will need to find an "email buddy" to assist.