



IN-SEASON SCHEDULE:

As anyone playing pickleball recently at Match Point can attest, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of residents utilizing our courts. This is not surprising given the fact that pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America and Naples has the distinction of being known as “The Pickleball Capital Of The World”.

Over the past few weeks, the Pickleball Committee has been inundated with emails and comments from residents expressing their concerns regarding the difficulty they are having in securing court reservations for afternoon play, the inefficiency of having reservation play, and the need to have additional courts to meet the demand.

The Pickleball Committee's goal has always been to provide programs, events, and opportunities for residents of all skill levels so that everyone can enjoy the sport at our Match Point facility. We recognized early on that with the continued expansion of the Naples Reserve pickleball community, our biggest challenge would be the limited number of courts available for a community of our size.

For some time, our committee has been actively exploring various options for adding more pickleball courts should funding become available. These efforts are ongoing and have included preliminary conversations with potential contractors about project scope and approach, interaction with the County about potential permitting requirements, which would necessarily include addressing the capacity of the Match Point parking lot, and so on. What we have learned is that

for a number of reasons, any project will be a complex undertaking that will likely require a community vote under our communities' recently revised Bylaws. We will continue exploring options, but we wanted the community to know that this will be much more than a seemingly straightforward undertaking and will take time.

In the interim, we will make adjustments to the schedule and programs as necessary to make sure that the courts are being used in the most efficient and fair manner possible. Based on the resident input we have received and our own observation, it has become clear that our reservation program does not meet either of those objectives in the current environment. For that reason, we are modifying the schedule, effective Sunday, March 3, to eliminate the reservation program (which runs from 11:00am to 5:00pm every day) and replace it with open play for the balance of season (until May 15), other than the previously committed time slots in March for D1 and D2 Community League practices and matches. We believe this change will result in more fair and equitable use of the courts and maximize use of our existing court capacity.

At this time, there will be no changes to morning open play or to any of the evening programs which begin at 5:00 PM or after. As a reminder, morning open play is from 7:00am to 11:00am and during season is for deeded owners and authorized tenants only (no guests). Accompanied guests are welcome during the new daytime open play and evening open play sessions. As a courtesy to fellow residents, please be mindful of the number of guests you bring to the courts at a time.

Posted schedules and our reservation system will be updated to reflect these changes. A copy of the updated schedule, effective March 3, is available on the Match Point page of the NaplesReserveHOA.com website.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Pickleball Committee

