

PCOL FAQ

Bringing Competitive Team Based League Pickleball Throughout Colorado PCOL Frequently Asked Questions (General):

What is PCOL? - Pickleball of Colorado Leagues is a local team-based pickleball league. It currently operates in the following regions: Colorado Springs. PCOL is a league led by a group of volunteers who want to make the team league experience available to players in Colorado. PCOL was born from the same format as the successful APPL league based in Arizona which was formed under the ATPL. www.ATPLnation.org. APPL has rapidly grown to 5500 members in approximately 6 years.

Why was PCOL formed? - PCOL was formed to develop and introduce competitive team-based league pickleball to Colorado Springs and eventually to other regions of the state. We believe there are thousands of players state-wide that would like to enjoy a low cost, organized, locally convenient and competitive pickleball experience that is open to all adults ages 18 years and above.

What is PCOL's objective? - PCOL's objective is to bring a standardized team-based league format to Colorado Springs as an alternative or addition to the existing singles or doubles tournament infrastructure.

What does "team-based" league pickleball mean? - Team-based league pickleball is a competition where several teams consisting of 6 or more players compete against other teams within the same skill level over a period of months for a championship using a standardized and structured format of play.

How many players are usually on a team? - It is common to have 8-12 players on your roster so you can have confidence that you can field 6 players when you have a match. On match day you will bring 6 players from your roster who will play against your opposing team's 6 players. It's recommended you bring a sub also.

How Large is PCOL? - PCOL is in Colorado Springs with the hope of expanding to future cities in Colorado.

How do I join the PCOL? - You don't really "join" PCOL. If you play on a PCOL team there is a fee that you will pay when you register yourself on that team. If your club or community has indicated an interest to play in PCOL you should contact a PCOL administrator and indicate your interest in being on a team. You can also form your own team. If you have a network of similar skilled players that enjoy playing together and they are interested in joining your team, you can register a team on the PCOL website.

What levels of play are there? - PCOL plans to support Gender and Mixed skill level flights in 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 increments depending on regional interest. However, PCOL plans to have Ladies divisions only in its inaugural season.

How much does it cost? - See the website for current cost information. The per player fee for the entire season will continue to be less than the cost to play in one sanctioned tournament. **How often would my team play?** - That will vary depending on the number of teams participating in the various skill level flights. Ideally there would be 6 teams in each flight. There can be more and there might be less. There typically would be 8 to 12 matches per season (including possibly a state championship playoffs in the future).

Is there an age requirement? The PCOL Regional leagues' age requirement is 18 years and over. There are no age defined leagues at this time. In the future the hope is there will be age-defined leagues (18+, 50+ and 65+) in each region in each division (Men's, Women's & Mixed). 1. 18+ League: All teams are not age restricted. Players must be 18 years or older by the start of the season. 2. 50+ League: Players must be 50 years or older during the calendar year of the league start. For example, for a season starting in 2026, the player must turn 50 by December 31, 2026. 3. 65+ League: Players must be 65 years or older during the calendar year of the league start. For example, for a season starting in 2026, the player must turn 65 by December 31, 2024.

When does the next season start? - PCOL Winter League seasons typically start the second week in January and end the last week in March. If held, the State Championships are typically the first week in April. See the website for registration deadlines and other key dates. PCOL Summer Leagues will be based on interest. Where can I get more information? - Visit the PCOL website at: peakpickleball.us/leagues/pickleballofcoloradoleagues.com. Or, reach out to one of the League Coordinators in the "Contact" section and they will be happy to help you.

Please remember this league is in its forming stage. We appreciate ideas! Feel free to contact a league commissioner with further questions and input!