

Public Court Access

Access to the Public Courts during Meetup sessions

1. Non-HPC members will have first priority for access to the 2 public courts during Meetup times. They of course must follow the guidelines of limiting their play to 1 hour if other non-HPC members are waiting.
2. Second priority for use of the public courts during Meetup times goes to the Meetup session. The Meetup host will determine if the public courts are necessary to support the number of players signed up for the Meetup session. The suggested guideline for determining whether the use of the public courts is necessary is as follows:
<=30 players, use courts 1-6
<=36 players, use courts 1- 6 and 7 or 8 if not being used by non-HPC members
>36 players, use courts 1-6 and 7 and 8 if not being used by non-HPC members
3. Third priority for use of the public courts during Meetup times goes to HPC members that are either unable to get into the Meetup session, or have decided not to play in the Meetup session. They of course must follow the guidelines of limiting their play to 1 hour if other people are waiting to play.

Court Play

Our Meetup sessions will have 6 courts to play on (courts #1 through #6). Courts #7 and #8 will be reserved for public use at all times. If no one is playing on those courts, we can use them as part of our Meetup session. However, if non-HPC members show up to play, we must vacate the public courts immediately, and do not finish your game.

If you plan on taking a break, your paddle should NOT be placed in the paddle drop. When you are ready to play, you need to put your paddle in the next available space (go to the back of the line). Please be prepared to play when your paddle is next in line. We will make an effort to call your name, but if you don't respond in a reasonable amount of time, we will move to the next person in line. If you see that we're trying to find the next person up to play, please do not take it upon yourself to take your paddle out of order and jump on the court to play.

Please be mindful of the Waitlist. We have a limited number of Pickleball Courts and a growing number of members. To keep a good flow of people playing, the number of participants is limited. If you find yourself on the Waitlist, you **SHOULD NOT** come to the Pickleball courts expecting to play. If on the other hand you are on the Attendee list to play, but for some reason cannot make it, please take the time to switch your status to Not Going as soon as possible so the next person on the Waitlist can take your place, even if there is not a waitlist, other players are counting on you to be there. Please post a comment if you're going to be late, or leaving early. The waitlists do tend to mostly clear out before the session, so be patient.

If you're on the Waitlist with a guest, it is highly likely other people on the waitlist below you will get into the session before you just because how Meetup handles openings in the session. If a spot in the session opens up, Meetup will look for the next single person on the waitlist.

Game winners stay on the court, but split up. Next players in the paddle organizer/drop come to the court to play. Winners of 2 consecutive games take a break.

The Horsham Pickleball Club does not provide pickleballs for play. Everyone should bring at least 1 pickleball to the court.

Members are allowed to sign-up for two consecutive Meetup sessions. However, the expectation is that you stay to play in both sessions, and not come late and leave early. Players in both sessions are counting on you to be there to play.

Games are played to 11, win by 2. However, if the host determines there are too many people in the paddle drop, they can change the format to play to 9, win by 1, to help to get a better rotation of players.

Challenge Court

For the Meetup sessions that have a Challenge court, Court 1 is the designated Challenge Court. Winners on the Challenge Court stay together and play the next set of challengers. Challenge court players should use the paddle drop closest to Court 1. After winning 3 consecutive matches, the winners will yield the court to the next 2 players. The players that lost will stay on the court and that will count as their first win. Challengers must be ready to play when the current Challenge Court match ends. The Meetup session host has the discretion to decide whether to have a Challenge court or not, depending on the number of people in the Meetup session, and waiting in the paddle drop.

Court Maintenance

If the courts are wet or need leaves or trash removed, the expectation is that all the members would lend a hand to clean off and/or dry the courts. We have a small group of people that always step up to clean/dry the courts, and thank you to them. Unfortunately, we also have a similar group of members that are more than willing to let the others clean/dry the courts for them, including arriving late to make sure the work has already been done. Please don't be in this group. The work gets done faster when we all work together. And people do take notice who is and is not lending a hand to help.

Food, beverages, chairs, bags, etc. are not allowed on the courts.