

Pickleball League Play for 2026-27 Season

SCSH Pickleball Club will be participating in the East Coachella Valley Pickleball League (ECVPBL) for the upcoming 2027 season. The ECVPBL coordinates competitive pickleball matches between clubs located in the eastern area of the Coachella Valley. There are 14 clubs, 30+ teams and over 750 players that have participated in this league last year. The competition is strong and play is competitive with teams focused on winning.

The SCSH Pickleball Club will field 3 teams for league play:

Division 1 - for players with a SCSH Club Rating of 4.0 (up to 4.49 UTR-P or DUPR)

Division 2 - for players with a SCSH Club Rating of 3.5

Division 3 - for players with a SCSH Club Rating of 3.0

League season is 10 weeks long from January 6 to March 12, 2027. Each team will have a weekly match either at our own club or hosted by the opponent at their club. Matches consist of 2 women's doubles courts, 2 men's doubles courts and 4 mixed doubles courts. Each match is the best 2 out of 3 games.

Division 1 - matches held on Friday afternoons

Division 2 - matches held on Friday afternoons

Division 3 - matches held on Wednesday afternoons

Weekly team practice day/times TBD

Players considering league play will understand that this is a competitive format, with strong play at each skill level, where players and opponents are seeking to win. League play requires a commitment to the team, practices, receiving and accepting coaching and prioritizing the league schedule. This may not be for everyone. But it is for the player who is looking to make a commitment of time and effort to developing their game, their team and our club.

Last season's enthusiastic response by our members to play on a league team as well as our limited number of volunteer coaches has brought us to a point where we will host try outs for each team to determine a roster of 16 players and 4 substitutes per team.

Try outs will consist of open practice, observed game play and assessment by an unbiased panel over three days in November. Dates and times will be communicated to club members via email in early fall.

Each team will have a Manager and a Coach who will organize weekly practice times, partner pairings, scheduling and weekly match line ups.

Players interested in a league team please consider and understand that:

- Play is strong and competitive within a friendly environment
- Participation on a league team is for the player seeking strong competition and competitive matches where players and opponents are seeking to win
- Team members are representing SCSH Pickleball Club and therefore will conduct themselves with good sportsmanship on and off the court
- Team roster will be limited to 16 players and 4 substitutes.
- Team try outs will determine the team roster. This will consist of open practice, observed play and assessment by an unbiased panel.
- Club ratings as of Jan. 1 will be a team member's club rating for the entire league season
- Joining a league team requires a commitment of time and dedication to the team, practice time and weekly matches
- The league season is 10 weeks long, Jan. 6 through March 12
- Participation requires a seasonal commitment, (barring injury, illness, medical challenges, prioritized family needs) not a week to week involvement when convenient
- Player is responsible to communicate absence/withdrawal to the team manager in a timely manner so the impact to scheduling and securing a substitute can be addressed by the team managers
- Travel is required to away matches, provided by the team member
- Weekly matches may be up to 2.5 hours in length plus travel time

- Participation on a league team prioritizes team play and outcomes above an individual's play or personal outcomes
- Participation on a league team includes coaches and managers who will set weekly line ups, provide coaching and determine player pairings. Team members will be willing to receive coaching, managing and feedback

More information to come in September/October 2026

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