



WOODLAND PARK JR/SR HIGH

PANTHER PICKLEBALL RECREATIONAL CLASSIC

TOURNAMENT RULES



1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Double-elimination tournament.
- The championship follows standard double-elimination rules: the undefeated Winners Bracket finalist must be defeated twice to lose the tournament.



2. SCORING

- Games are played to 11 points, win by 2.
- Traditional pickleball scoring will be used. Only the serving team may score points.
- To keep the tournament on schedule, tournament organizers reserve the right to switch a match to rally scoring if a game is causing significant delays. Any scoring change will be announced to both teams before play continues, and the decision of the tournament organizers is final.



3. SERVING

- The first team serving will be determined by one game of rock, paper, scissors.
- One serve attempt per server (no second serve).
- Serves must be underhand, with paddle contact below the waist.
- The serve must land beyond the kitchen (non-volley zone).



4. KITCHEN (NON-VOLLEY ZONE)

- Players may not volley while standing in or touching the kitchen.
- A player's momentum may not carry them into the kitchen after hitting a volley.
- If a player calls a kitchen violation on an opponent and the opponent disagrees, the rally will be replayed.
- Players are expected to call kitchen violations on themselves and their partners in the spirit of good sportsmanship.



5. TWO-BOUNCE RULE

- The receiving team must allow the serve to bounce.
- The serving team must allow the return of serve to bounce.
- After the first two bounces, either team may volley or play the ball after the bounce.



6. LINE CALLS

- A ball touching any part of a line is IN.
- Exception: A serve touching the kitchen line is OUT.
- The team on the ball's side of the net is responsible for making line calls.
- If there is any doubt, the benefit goes to the opposing team and the ball is considered IN.
- A team may ask their opponents for an opinion if they are unsure.



7. LETS / DO-OVERS

- replays may be called for outside interference (ball on court, safety issue, etc.).
- A do-over may also be granted if a point is heavily contested and players cannot agree on the outcome.
- Net cords are live. There are no replays or redo's for serves or shots that touch the net and land in play.



8. EQUIPMENT

- Players may use any pickleball paddle suitable for recreational play.
- Paddles may not be modified in any way that changes their playing surface or performance.
- Tournament balls will be provided.



9. SPORTSMANSHIP

- The tournament is played on the honor system.
- Players are expected to make honest line calls, call violations fairly, and treat opponents with respect.



PLAY FAIR. HAVE FUN. GO PANTHERS!

