



2023 CLINTON CITY HERITAGE DAYS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

The 2023 Clinton City Heritage Days Pickleball Tournament will follow the official 2023 USA Pickleball Association (USA Pickleball) Rulebook with the following modifications. All rules and by-laws are subject to modification, at any time without notification, by the Clinton City Recreation Supervisor or his/her designees as deemed necessary.

I. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a.** The following events will be offered:
 - i.** 2.5 Mixed Doubles
 - ii.** 3.0 Mixed Doubles
 - iii.** 3.5 Mixed Doubles
- b.** The partner with the higher skill level controls what skill level the doubles team may play in.
 - i.** Example: If a 3.5 player plays with a 3.0 player, then the doubles team will play in the 3.5 event.
 - ii.** Clinton City Recreation reserves the right to move players to a different skill level or forfeit playing if the team is registered in the incorrect league.
- c.** The tournament will be played in a round robin format with a guarantee of at least 8 games played.

II. TEAM ROSTER

- a.** An official team roster shall be provided to the Clinton City Recreation Department at the time of registration. If any changes need to be made, the team manager must notify the Recreation Supervisor prior to the first scheduled game of the tournament. If a change must be made after the first scheduled game of the tournament (injury, illness, etc.), the team will forfeit all games and a score of 15-0 will be recorded.
- b.** A roster shall consist of a minimum and maximum of two people. One partner should be male and the other partner should be female. All players should be at least 12 years of age as of the tournament date.

- c. On the day of the tournament, all players must sign an official roster and waiver. If anyone on the team is under the age of 18, their parent/guardian shall be present to sign the roster and waiver. The team will not be authorized to play without completing the roster and waiver.

III. SCORING

- a. Each game should consist of one game to 15 points, win by 2 points. If 20 minutes after the scheduled game time the game is still not finished, the game will be ended and the score at 20 minutes will be the ending score. The team with the most points will be deemed the winner.
 - i. If after 20 minutes, the score is tied, a coin flip should determine the winner, with the away team calling the toss, and one point will be added to the winning team's game score.

IV. STANDINGS

- a. The winning team of the tournament is determined by the most amounts of wins.
- b. Ties are determined by:
 - i. Wins
 - ii. Head to Head (in a 3 or more team tie where all teams have beat each other, move to "iii.")
 - iii. Overall Point Differential
 - iv. Point Differential Within Matches that Create the Ties (Head to Head Point Differential)
 - v. Coin Flip

V. SERVICE AND END SELECTION

- a. The home team shall begin on the north side of the court.
- b. The away team shall choose between the following:
 - i. Begin serving or receiving; or
 - ii. Defer the selection to the opposing team
- c. Once the away team makes a selection, the selection may not be changed.
- d. A team may determine and change who is the starting server between games. To assist teams in tournament play for doubles, servers can wear the applicable server identification wristband at the discretion of the teams; this is not mandatory and not provided by Clinton City Recreation.
- e. Each team should switch sides during the game when the first team reaches 8 points.

- i. The player or team that reaches the point threshold will keep the serve.
- ii. Time will not be stopped during the switch.

VI. REFEREE & LINE JUDGE

- a. Each team will be responsible to enforce rules among each other. A referee and/or line judge will not be present.
- b. If the teams cannot agree on a call, the Recreation Supervisor or his/her designees will make the official ruling.

VII. TIME OUTS

- a. Each team may use one standard, one-minute time out per game. A time out may not be called after the serve while the pickleball is in play.
- b. It will be the responsibility of the teams to monitor their own time for the time out.
- c. The 20 minute clock will not be stopped during time outs.
- d. A hydration time out (one minute) may be permitted at the discretion of the Recreation Supervisor or his/her designees.
 - i. A hydration time out will not count as a team's time out.

VIII. FORFEITS

- a. A forfeit occurs when either:
 - i. A team requests to award a game to the opponents (unable to continue play, injury, etc.);
 - ii. A team violates the rules and the Recreation Supervisor or his/her designees determine that all games should result in a forfeit; or
 - iii. A team is not present and ready to play at the scheduled game time.
- b. A team may request a forfeit before any pickleball game or during a pickleball game.
- c. The score will be recorded as 15-0. All scores for pickleball games prior to the forfeit will remain in place.
- d. Despite the forfeit, the forfeiting team will be eligible to continue play in the tournament, assuming the team was not eliminated from the tournament.

IX. WITHDRAWALS

- a.** A withdrawal occurs when a team requests to be removed from the scheduled bracket, and can only occur prior to the start of a pickleball match.
- b.** The withdrawal applies to the entire bracket, as the team would not be allowed to participate in any future matches in the bracket.
- c.** The withdrawal will be scored as 0-0. Any scores prior to the withdrawal will remain in place.

X. EQUIPMENT

- a.** The tournament will be played with an X-40 outdoor pickleball for all games.
 - i.** Pickleballs will be provided by Clinton City Recreation and all games must be played with the provided pickleballs.
- b.** All players should provide their own paddle. All paddles should abide and meet all specifications as outlined by USA Pickleball.

XI. SPORTSMANSHIP

- a.** Clinton City Recreation expects all teams to demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the entire tournament.
- b.** Clinton City Recreation reserves the right to refuse anyone to play or remove anyone from the tournament on basis of poor sportsmanship without a refund.
- c.** Clinton City Recreation does not tolerate poor sportsmanship. If a team feels that poor sportsmanship is being exemplified, they should report it to the Clinton City Recreation staff.