

# NEWPORT BEACH ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

# SPRING 2026 PICKLEBALL

## LEAGUE SCHEDULES, SCORES & STANDINGS:

[newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports)

## LEAGUE FEES:

\$400 Residents Team Fee

\$450 Non-residents Team Fee

## LOCATIONS:

- Newport Coast Pickleball Courts

## IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATION BEGINS

**FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

*Returning teams RSVP to hold spot.*

*Invoices available upon request.*

REGISTRATION ENDS

**MARCH 16, 2026**

*\$30 late fee will apply after registration deadline.*

LEAGUE STARTS

**APRIL 13, 2026**

*Team Roster: Up to 6 players per team*

### ADDITIONAL ADULT SPORTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

11v11 Soccer | 7v7 Soccer | Beach Flag Football | Pickleball  
Beach Volleyball | Volleyball | Basketball | Drop-in Basketball  
Drop-in Pickleball | Kickball | Softball | Turf Flag Football

*For more information, visit*

***[newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports)***

## Contact Information:

RECREATION OFFICE

EMAIL: [sports@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:sports@newportbeachca.gov)

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ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES



# SPRING 2026 Pickleball Registration Form

SEASON:

DIVISION:

GENDER:

PREFERRED NIGHT OF PLAY: 1

2

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TEAM NAME:

MANAGER NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

ASST. MANAGER NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

SPONSOR NAME:

CITY:

**WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY** In consideration for participation in the programs and activities held in person, through an online platform, or by any other means whether located on or off of public property ("PROGRAMS"), conducted by the City of Newport Beach, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, or other such providers ("PROGRAM PROVIDERS"), I, on behalf of myself and on behalf of the participant of the PROGRAMS if someone other than me (both collectively, "PARTICIPANT") hereby: (1) acknowledge that participation in the PROGRAMS is voluntary; (2) agree to follow and abide by all rules, regulations, guidelines, and codes of conduct applicable to participation in the PROGRAMS; (3) certify that the PARTICIPANT is in good health and physically able to participate in the PROGRAMS, and does not have a medical condition that could make participation in the PROGRAMS hazardous to PARTICIPANT's health or the health of others; (4) agree to provide verification from a licensed medical professional of PARTICIPANT's physical fitness to participate in the PROGRAMS when requested by PROGRAM PROVIDERS; (5) agree that failure to disclose that participation by PARTICIPANT could create an unreasonable risk to PARTICIPANT or others may result in the PROGRAM PROVIDERS terminating PARTICIPANT from the PROGRAMS; (6) agree that PROGRAM PROVIDERS may terminate PARTICIPANT from participation in PROGRAMS at any time and in their sole and absolute discretion; (7) understand that participation in the PROGRAMS could result in bodily injury, property damage, death, disability, or other loss to PARTICIPANT or others as a result of, including but not limited to, strenuous physical activity or exertion, striking or being struck by objects or persons, falling, slipping, tripping, colliding with other persons or things, exposure to moisture, heat, cold, humidity, or sickness and disease (including but not limited to, COVID-19), which injuries and damage may include, but are not limited to, scrapes, bruises, cuts, sprains, strains, tearing or pulling of muscles or ligaments, fractures, dislocation of joints or bones, head or facial injuries, spinal cord injuries, internal injuries, or other injuries of any nature whatsoever which could be permanent or even fatal (collectively, "RISK OF INJURY"); (8) CERTIFY THAT PARTICIPANT AGREES TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISK OF INJURY ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANT AND ANYONE WHO MAY CLAIM ON PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF; (9) CERTIFY THAT PARTICIPANT AGREES, ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANT AND ANYONE WHO MIGHT CLAIM ON PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF, TO RELEASE, WAIVE, AND HOLD THE PROGRAM PROVIDERS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, AND LIABILITY OF EVERY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, RELATED TO, CAUSED BY, OR ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS; and, (10) certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

**ALCOHOL POLICY/CONTRACT** I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the Team Manager of \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the City of Newport Beach rules regarding alcohol consumption in any City park, facility, or parking lot. Per Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 10.04.010, Drinking in Public, if any member of my team and/or persons associated with my team are caught drinking alcohol in any City park, facility, or parking lot, prior to, during, or after a game, I understand that it will result in the automatic forfeiture of my team for that game. I also understand that any person may be issued a criminal or administrative citation by an authorized officer if the person consumes alcohol in public.

If any member of my team and/or person associated with my team is caught drinking a second time in any City park, facility, or parking lot, prior to, during, or after a game, I understand that the second offense will result in the automatic forfeiture of the game and our team will be removed from the league.

**MY SIGNATURE INDICATES MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ALCOHOL POLICY.**

MANAGER SIGNATURE:

## League Fees

**Residents \$400 • Non-residents \$450**

+ \$30 LATE FEE AFTER MARCH 9, 2026

**TOTAL TO BE  
CHARGED:**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION & POLICIES:

- Cash, checks (Check payable to City of Newport Beach) and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) accepted.
- Registration is for teams only.
- Individuals may sign up on the free agent list online at [newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports).
- Leagues run 7-10 weeks.

## TEAMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT:

- Full payment and signed release of liability/alcohol policy submitted together. If a player is unable to sign the roster it will be available at the location of your game.
- Teams not qualified will be notified by phone.
- Submission of team roster and payment does not guarantee league entry.

## REFUND POLICY:

- Forfeited games will NOT be rescheduled or refunded.
- City of Newport Beach has a refund processing fee of \$20.
- Full refunds will be processed only if the league has been cancelled by the City of Newport Beach.
- Any team that is removed from a league or cannot complete the season due to disciplinary reasons will not be refunded any portion of their league fee.
- In order to request to withdraw your team from any Adult Sports Leagues you must email: [pickleball@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:pickleball@newportbeachca.gov) prior to the end of registration; refer to withdrawal dates below

Withdraw your team from the league:	On or before March 16	March 16–23
You will receive a refund minus a:	\$20 Processing Fee	\$50 Penalty Fee + \$20 Processing Fee

*Full league fees are forfeited if your team withdrawals on or after March 24.*

## ROSTER AND VERIFICATION OF RESIDENT TEAM FEE:

- Managers will have their team fill out and sign the attached roster form before their first game.
- Any subsequent seasons thereafter, managers of returning teams will receive a Master Roster to have their team sign, double check for accuracy and update with any player additions or changes.
- An approved roster is required every season.
- A player must sign and complete the roster before he or she is eligible to play in a game.
- Rosters will be treated as the add/drop form which will be available to sign at game sites up until the 7th week of the season.

## PLAYER COVERAGE OPTIONS (ADDITIONAL FEE):

The Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) Player's Medical Benefit Fund (PMBF) was established to give medical financial reimbursement to any player under the supervision of SCMAF members who become injured during their participation on league sports at public parks, playgrounds, or other SCMAF member supervised locations. Fees vary per sport. PMBF available for teams or individuals.

Visit [scmaf.org](http://scmaf.org) and click on the "insurance" tab along the top or call (626) 448-0853 for more information.



## REGISTRATION METHODS:



### Mail-In

**REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:**  
**Recreation & Senior Services Dept.**  
City of Newport Beach  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660



### Walk-In

**Recreation & Senior Services Dept.**  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
**Monday–Thursday:** 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



### Fax-In

Registration form including your Visa, Description Mastercard, Discover or AMEX card number/expiration date and fax to 949-644-3155. Faxes are processed during regular business hours.



### Online

1. Go to [newportbeachca.gov/register](http://newportbeachca.gov/register)
2. Click on Classes
3. Click on register online
4. Click on Sign in and login
5. Click on Register for Activities
6. Sort by location, category, activity name.
7. Click on activity
8. Click Add to Cart
9. In the drop down box select the participant who will be taking the class.
10. Follow the steps for payment.

For more information:  
[newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://newportbeachca.gov/sports)





# SPRING 2026



## ROSTERS & ELIGIBILITY

- A.** Each team will be allowed a maximum of 4 players. A coach or manager may not play unless he is included on the 4 person roster.
- B.** A player is eligible to play for only one team in the same league.
- C.** All players must be 18 years of age or older.
- D.** Roster additions will only be accepted on the official roster form. Roster forms will be kept on site with the scorekeeper. No roster changes are allowed after the seventh (7th) league game played unless all team managers in the league give approval.
  - i.** Player adds or drops must be submitted to the official on-site BEFORE the start of the game in order for a player to be considered eligible for play.
- E.** Eligibility protests must be made prior to the conclusion of the game. Players are responsible to have photo identification at all games in case a question of eligibility arises.
  - i.** Any players whose ineligibility is verified will be removed from the game and their team will forfeit the match. The ineligible player may not return to play in that league for the remainder of the season.
- F.** No roster changes that will change the classification of a team will be allowed. Player adds that significantly alter a team and game outcome may result in a forfeit of game(s) in question.
- G.** The captain determines the weekly line up. All players are required to play a minimum of 4 games each season to be eligible to play during playoffs.
- H.** Rosters, signed waivers and copies of ID's for all players must be submitted prior to the start of each season. Rosters are provided at the end of the registration packet that can be found on our website [www.newportbeachca.gov/sports](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/sports)
- I.** All players can only play on 1 team in the same division each season.

## TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

The following is a guideline for team managers to use to determine which division to enter. The final classification of teams will be determined by the League Director.

- **1.0-2.0 SKILL LEVEL:** Beginning Divisions
- **2.5 SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (low) Divisions
- **3.0 SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (mid) Divisions
- **3.5 SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (high) Divisions
- **4.0+ SKILL LEVEL:** Advanced Divisions

More detailed definitions of skill levels can be found on [www.usapickleball.org](http://www.usapickleball.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Newport Beach Recreation Department reserves the right to move teams pre or midseason to a different division or site than originally requested based on a number of factors including skill level or the size of the existing division.

Division and day of the week are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Division level is considered first when placing teams. Day of the week are secondary requests that will be accommodated if possible. If a division is full, a team will be defaulted to the division level that comes closest to their secondary request. For this reason, it is important that all registering teams list at least two preferences for days of the week.

# Pickleball League Rules

## FORFEITS

- A.** Teams that have the knowledge that they are unable to field a team should do the following in order:
  - i.** Call the adult sports office at (949) 644-3151 to inform the league regarding the forfeit.
  - ii.** If it is after regular business hours (5:30pm Monday through Thursday), please call the Newport Coast Community Center at (949) 270-8100 (5:30pm-8pm Monday through Thursday).
- B.** Teams forfeiting less than 24 hours before game time may be assessed a \$50 forfeit fee.
  - i.** Forfeit fees must be paid directly to the Recreation & Community Services Department at 100 Civic Center Drive at least 24 hours prior to your next scheduled game.
  - ii.** Any team that fails to submit the forfeit fee on time will be ineligible to participate and subject to additional forfeits until all fees have been paid.
- C.** In an effort to avoid forfeits, teams shall be granted a 5 minute grace period after their scheduled game time has passed. The referee shall hold the official watch.
- D. FORFEITED GAMES WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED OR REFUNDED.**
- E.** Teams that forfeit 3 or more times in a given season will be judged in poor standing and may be subject to removal from the current or future seasons without refund.

## GAME PLAY

- A.** The league will play in a doubles and play one opponent each day
- B.** Matches will be played to 11 points, win by 1, switch sides at 6 points
- C.** Teams will have the ability to play 5 matches or 60 minutes whichever comes first. No new matches will begin after 50 minutes has elapsed.
- D.** Home, away, serve, side & court numbers will be listed on the schedule & scorecard
- E.** Warm up and game start times will be advised per division
- F.** If the team does not have the minimum number of players to start at match time, there will be a 5 minute grace period before that match will be considered a forfeit.
  - i.** This will continue until the player arrives for any game they were scheduled to play.
- G.** If a game is in progress at the end of the designated time, the team in the lead will be declared the winner IF the team has at least 7 points. Otherwise the game will not count.
- H.** No official time outs except medical, equipment or hydration
- I.** If a player is injured during play, another teammate on the roster may step in and complete the game with approval of both captains. The goal is to continue play and avoid a forfeiture.
- J.** If the injured player cannot return to play, the team captain may rework the lineup with minimal adjustments.
- K.** Teams will seed into the playoffs based on their win/loss record.
- L.** Tie breakers are head to head first and total points of games second
- M.** The league will follow the USA Pickleball/International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) rules found on [www.usapickleball.org](http://www.usapickleball.org). Exceptions are indicated on this document
- N.** The captains MUST bring a hard copy of their completed line up, transfer the lineup onto the official scoresheet and attach the hard copy lineup upon arrival.



# SPRING 2026 Pickleball League Rules

## OFFICIATING & RULES

- A.** Games will be self-regulated using the official USA Pickleball Association rules.
- B.** Each team will make in/out calls on their side of the court only. If your team is unsure or did not see the ball then the ball is called IN.
- C.** A player may appeal a call to the opponent's partner and respectfully accept the decision.
- D.** If a team is unsure of a line call, they may ask the opponent if they were in a better position to see the ball. An opponent's opinion, if requested, must be accepted.
- E.** If no one clearly saw the ball then the ball is called IN
- F.** The Newport Beach coordinator has the authority to overrule calls and/or assist with referee duties at any point during the game.
- G.** If an incorrect score is called or you are unable to hear the score you can stop play before the receiving team makes contact with the ball. If the receiving team makes contact with the ball, continue play and correct the score with the next serve.
- H.** The score must be called prior to contact with the ball on the serve and must be audible for the receiving team to hear.
- I.** Foot faults – player will be advised, but not penalized unless flagrant. Keep games moving and do not repeatedly call minor faults.
- J.** Do NOT enter the court area if other league games are still in play.
- K.** All game calls including line calls, foot faults, scores, etc can ONLY be made by the players participating in the match. No sideline assistance allowed!
- L.** Coaching from anyone other than a partner is only permitted between games.

## EQUIPMENT

- A.** All players must provide their own paddles.
- B.** Game balls, scorecards and courts are provided.

## AWARDS

League winning teams will be awarded up to 4 additional individual awards. Individual awards are rotated each season and included embroidered or silk-screened T-shirts, caps, sweatshirts, bags, etc.

## CONDUCT

It is the City of Newport Beach's intent to avoid collisions whenever possible to prevent injury. At no time does the City of Newport Beach insist or make mandatory for anyone to slide, unless to avoid interference with a fielder.

- A.** Each manager is responsible for the conduct of their team. If, in the opinion of City representative, a manager does not have complete control of their team, the game may be forfeited.
- B.** The manager shall conduct all grievances in an orderly manner. Continued harassment of players, managers, or spectators may result in ejection from the game or forfeiture of the game.
- C.** The league is here to provide FUN, FRIENDLY, FAIR recreational competition.
- D.** Swearing, negative taunting or poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- E.** Ongoing rule violations will be addressed by Newport Beach League Staff.
- F.** Cheering is acceptable and encouraged for good plays, not errors!
- G.** When all league games are completed, please clear the courts if another league is playing after yours. This will provide them extra warm up time.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS & RECORDS

All teams will play a minimum of 8 games which may include playoffs.

League champions will be determined through a single-elimination playoff tournament. Playoff seeding will be determined by league standing and overall won-loss records. In the event of a tie, playoff seeding will be determined by a head-to-head record comparison. If a tie still exists after a head-to-head match, playoff seeding will be determined by point differentiation. Additional tie-breaking procedures will be determined at the discretion of the league coordinator as needed.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If time is not available due to the next season beginning or a scheduled maintenance, the league director may award co-champion awards and no playoff games will be played.

