

Pickleball League Timeline:**Registration:**

- Opens 11/1/25
- Closes 12/1/25

Divisions:

- Co-Ed: Social and Intermediate
- Women: Social and Intermediate

Steps for forming a League Team:

1. Create a free UTR account: <https://www.utrsports.net/pages/how-utr-p-works>
2. Fill out Pickleball League Commitment Form
3. Email your completed registration form to pickleball@thprd.org. Since Leagues will be limited to **8 teams per division/level**, the email timestamp will be used to determine placement. Notification of team acceptance/waitlist will be sent by 12/3/25.
4. Once accepted, you will be sent a link to pay your \$50 Team Commitment Fee.
5. Submit a Team Rosters by 12/31 (# of out-of-district players determines pricing)

League Schedule:

- Released 12/17.
- Matches will be 1/10 thru 3/8
- Playoffs March 14-15

Assuming the maximum number of teams are formed – Coed Matches will be on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm, Women Matches on Sunday from 9am to 1pm.

Due to limited court times available, there will be NO reschedules. Please make sure you have enough players. All players must have a UTR account and be on your team's UTR roster to play. UTR accounts are free to create: <https://usapickleball.org/tournament-player-ratings/>

Billing:

- Team Captain will be billed match fees based on their team roster:
 - \$200 (All In-District Players)
 - \$220 (1 Out-of-District Player)
 - \$240 (2 Out-of-District Player)
 - \$260 (3+ Out-of-District Players)
- Invoices sent via Court Reserve with a payment link on 1/7 (due by 1/28)

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Why are you using UTR and not DUPR? We are testing the UTR rating system for this league as it is recommended by USA Pickleball, the official National Governing Body for pickleball in the USA, uses verified results for rating to help prevent sandbagging. Visit <https://usapickleball.org/tournament-player-ratings> to learn more about UTR pickleball ratings and how to self-rate.

Q: When should players warm up and what is the format? Courts are available for warm up at your scheduled match time. Opponents should warm up against each other for the first 15 minutes before starting match (ie: For a 9 am match, warm up is from 9-9:15am, match from 9:15-11am). Teams will be assigned 2 courts to play their matches on. Matches must conclude by the end of your 2-hour session.

Coed Division will play 2 matches of Gender doubles followed by 2 matches of mixed doubles. Women's Division will play 4 matches of Gender Doubles and switch opponents.

Q: Does a captain have to attend all matches? No, if a captain is going to be absent or arrive later, designate a player to assume your duties.

Q: When does the lineup need to be exchanged? Can lineups be altered after play has begun? Match lineups will be exchanged using the UTR app. Each team will set their lineup and then confirm. UTR app will share the lineup with both teams. Once you have confirmed your lineup no changes can be made.

Q: What is the Scoring format? Rally scoring, with games to 21, for a total of 4 matches. If there is a tie, the team with the highest score total wins. For information on Rally Scoring, visit <https://usapickleball.org/pickleball-basics/scoring-position>

Q: Can a player play on more than one team? Can a player participate in more than one match per day? Yes, players can play multiple matches and be on multiple teams, provided they are on a team in two different divisions. (ie you can be on a Co-Ed Social League and a Women's Intermediate league but not on two Co-Ed Intermediate teams)

Q: When can I retrieve my ball on an adjacent court or enter the courts? Please make sure to wait until a point is finished on an adjacent court before going behind players to retrieve your ball. Please make sure to enter the court between points as to not distract players during a point in play.

Q: What is the goal of winter pickleball league at THPRD? We offer players a venue to play in a friendly and fun environment with friends and family, hence no age divisions (must be 18 or over), only levels of play. This venue often has participants that are new to competition. Therefore, our seasoned players are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship, fair play and help educate others respectfully with items such as fair line calling, amiable score dispute resolutions and playing tiebreakers.

League Etiquette:

To help facilitate a positive environment, please see that both team players and spectators implement the following protocol:

- Clap for good shots or rallies, do not cheer for double faults or missed shots. Know the difference between a forced error and an unforced error.
- Make line calls promptly, audibly and with a hand signal for your opponents.
- If there are line calling issues on a court, have a member from each team stand at the net posts and watch the match. They are not responsible for making all line calls, but may be consulted when teams disagree to make a ruling. If the observing persons at the net posts do not agree, then the point will be replayed.
- Call out the score prior to serving each point so any discrepancies may be handled before next point is started.
- If there is a disagreement on the score, players are to try to review the points and continue to play from a score which all can agree.
- Bad language and bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Please remember that we often have junior class participants walking by to and from their tennis classes or families watching their parents play.
- ***No alcoholic beverages are allowed on THPRD property at any time.***
- Playing music is not allowed.
- It is THPRD's expectation, that all players will be treated with utmost respect on and off the court. Players who are rude or disrespectful of others may be asked to leave by staff or park services and their match will be considered a forfeit and recorded in favor of the opponents. In the event both teams have offensive players and do not finish the match, the score will be recorded as 0-0. BHTC staff will review any such occurrences and reserves the right to suspend a player or players from participating in the remainder of the season including the playoffs.