



# *Racquetball League Information/Rules*

## *Weekly Round Robin Play:*

1. At beginning of the night, '**check in**' at the League Table when '**ready**' to play. Remain in area above courts and listen for your court assignments.
2. If a player can **not** be **located** when called to play, his/her court assignment will be **bypassed**.
3. Each league night consists of **Round Robin** play among those **present**.
4. Play **up to 4** games per night. More games are permitted based on time remaining and court availability; preference will be given to those with fewer games played.
5. Each player is rated based on skill level. Ratings are reviewed **weekly** and ratings may be **adjusted**.
6. **Handicap** system is used. Based on rating differences, players may begin at **plus** or **minus** points. For example, when an 'AA' player vs an 'A' player, the 'AA' player begins at '**-1**' and the 'A' player begins at '**+1**'. Handicaps will be announced during court assignments.
7. Play is **one game** to 15. **Two** 30 second timeouts are permitted.
8. Matches are **self-refereed**. Disputes will be resolved by the League Table.
9. After each game, **immediately** report scores to League Table; to prevent delays in next game assignment.
10. Please '**check OUT**' at the League Table when **leaving** or **finished playing for the night**. This helps prevent **delays** while we unnecessarily search for players with a court assignment.
11. Safety **eyewear** is required for league play.
12. League Standings are based on '**Ranking Score**' = **Wins** x **Avg Pts** x **Win Percentage**. League Standings will be posted weekly on the **League Bulletin Board** and **Online**. Weekly emails will be sent when the Standings are updated.
13. An official **Wilson blue** league ball will be provided. Please **leave the ball** on the court after each match.
14. Remember the '**F**' word, '**FUN**'!

## *Playoff format:*

15. The last 2 weeks of league are playoff nights.
16. A player must play a minimum of 12 games in a 10 week league to qualify for playoff competition.
17. The **top 2 players/teams** (based on Ranking Score) in each division, earn a first week **bye** into the second week of play-offs (Semi's and if successful - Finals)
18. On the first week of play-offs, a group of up to 5 of the **next highest ranked players** will be selected to participate in a **playoff round robin** (1 game to 15 each). The top two finishers in this round robin advance to the following week's Semi-Final round.
19. On the second week we have Semi's & Finals Playoffs. Semi's & Finals will be two games to 15, tie-breakers to 11, win by 1.
20. During each playoff night, **ALL** players who do **NOT qualify** for playoffs are invited to participate in a '**consolation round robin**' play. Court preference will be given to playoffs qualifiers.

## Doubles Information/Rules:

21. When a player is going to be **LATE** or can **NOT play** on a Doubles night, please notify your partner. During '**check in**', tell us that you are **without** a partner or you have a partner whose going to be **late**, we can immediately work on assigning you a partner for **one game** or the **entire night**. **Don't leave your partner hanging**
22. Individual Ranking Scores are maintained for each player in the Doubles League. This scoring system allows players to play with different partners. The individual Ranking for each double team is combined for a TEAM Ranking. The Team Ranking is used to determine the League / Playoff Standings.
23. If a player can NOT play in a playoff round, the next highest ranked individual can substitute. This substitute will finish the playoffs; the player who missed a playoff round may NOT re-enter the playoffs with his normal partner.
24. '**Courtesy Serve**' rule definition  
**Division 1:** no serve restrictions.  
**Division 2:**
  - a) Must serve to player on your side... otherwise fault serve (allowed 2nd serve).
  - b) The receiver's **partner** is NOT allowed to '**cut off**' a Z-serve

## General House Rules:

25. No loud yelling/screaming off the courts, please be respectful of the entire membership, thank you.
26. The **Café** area is reserved for Café **patrons ONLY**. Please do not sit in the café with **Sweaty Clothes**.
27. No clothing changes in public areas.
28. Do NOT **block** the hallways (both upstairs & downstairs) with racquetball equipment/bags. Place your racquetball bags/equipment along the walls furthest from the courts.
29. Do NOT do your pre-game stretching/warmup routines in the hallways. You **may** stretch **ON the courts**, or use the **stretching facilities** on the 2nd floor of our other Prime Time Building or any of our **vacant studios**.
30. Please help keep the walls clean. For example, No hand prints nor shoe prints when leaning against walls.

The league format/rules are a **work in progress**, we are always open to suggestions for improvement.