

## 1/11/23 – TTCC Pickleball Update

Greetings TTCC Pickleballers!

We had a TTCC Pickleball Coordination meeting recently and we wanted to fill everyone in on a few changes coming up as well as some general announcements & news...

1. Due to the incredible increase in pickleball popularity, there has been a large increase in the number of Beginner and Intermediate players from the TTCC served towns wanting to play. Slots fill up quickly and there are just not enough times at 6 players per time slot to satisfy the demand. So, starting the week of 1/16\*, in order to gain more slots, an equitable agreement was reached **to reduce the playing time for each slot from 2.0 hours to 1.5 hours**. This creates 5 more playing times for the Beginner/Intermediate Groups. *\*Tuesdays will remain 2 hrs for intermediates through this month due to the clinics. New schedule for Tuesdays will take effect beginning in February.*
2. **No new out of town players.** TTCC serves Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, Hill & New Hampton. We haven't always monitored that participation in our adult programs as it hasn't been an issue in the past. But with pickleball, we're overloaded as is with in-town players and the few that have been playing from out of town. We will allow those that have been playing from out of town, at least through their year membership, but we won't take any others from out of our catchment area going forward.
3. Players are asked to just sign up for **up to 2 sessions** when the sign-ups first come out to give everyone a chance to play & then if slots are still available the night before, players can sign up for additional play at that time.
4. **OPEN slots** – you'll see those noted on the schedule at various different days/times. If anyone has a group that wants to play, feel free to contact me at the TTCC and I can let you know the availability, as it does vary. We'd love to see groups using the gym during these times if possible.
5. **Using [signup genius](#)** – coordinators recommend that players register on sign-up genius (it's free). That should make the deletion process easier – and remember to also send an email to the group if you're deleting yourself from a session
6. **New Pickleball Net** – you'll see we got a new net. This net is on wheels and our plan is to have it stay assembled for pickleballers to just wheel out when they want to play and wheel back when they're done. We created a [quick video tutorial](#) to show everyone where it is and how to take the net out / put it back.
7. **Level of Play** – if players move from one level to another (i.e., beginner to intermediate, intermediate to advanced) – they are asked to just sign up for that level and not multiple levels.
8. We also talked about some **TTCC news** & because we've had a lot of inquiries, we wanted to share the info with the pickleball groups!
  - a. We're looking at renovating the current building and we also bought some property for potential future annex building... more pickleball courts in our future?? Info here - [TTCC Exciting News](#)
  - b. [Newfound Every Child Is Ours](#) – we've had several ask about this weekend food bag for local children program. Click the link & read all about it and see the list of food items we can use. We're currently giving out 125 food bags every week (filled with 10 items each)!!

If anyone has any questions or concerns – please reach out to Dan at the TTCC or one of the coordinators.

Thanks,

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