

SPROAT LAKE COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL RULES

1. **Definitions: “SLCA Member”:** anyone who owns property or is a full-time resident in the Sproat Lake Community. Registration as an SLCA Member requires proof of residency or ownership (utilities bill, drivers license, property tax assessment etc). **“Non-SLCA Member”:** anyone who does not reside full-time or own property in the Sproat Lake community including anyone staying temporarily, or a house guest with a Sproat Lake community member.
2. **Rules are Subject to Change:** These rules are subject to change, at the discretion of the SLCA Board of Directors.
3. **Adherence to rules:** These rules outline expectations and are designed to create a shared understanding for all Pickleball players.

GENERAL COURT, RESERVATION AND CALENDAR RULES

4. **Access to the Courts:** Only registered players may use the courts; Registration is available for SLCA Members and Non-SLCA Members.
5. **Waivers:** All registered players must have a signed waiver on file; Minor children under the age of 19 must have an indemnity agreement signed by parent(s) or legal guardian.
6. **Open Play:** Refer to SLCA Pickleball web page for Open Play programming information. Programming and schedules are subject to adjustment based on participation. Courts or duration may be added or decreased based on sign-up numbers and utilization. If a women’s or men’s open play has 2 or fewer sign ups as of 6 pm the evening before, the session will be opened up for mixed play.
7. **Payment of Drop-In Fees:** Drop-in fees payable in full at the time of play. Place payments in the fee box: Indoor play: fee box located inside the front entrance of the hall; Outdoor play: fee box located inside the downstairs door, near the bathroom. Record amount paid, full name, and date in the record book. Instead of cash, pre-paid tickets can be purchased from the Hall Manager or a Court Ambassador.
8. **Minor Children 15 years of age or younger:** play free and must be accompanied by a Registered Adult player.
9. **Hardship Waiver:** SLCA Members who are experiencing financial circumstances that limit ability to pay for themselves or a child residing full time with them, can contact the Pickleball Committee confidentially for a fee reduction or fee waiver.
10. **No Lessons:** No paid lessons are permitted on the courts without express approval from the SLCA. Court rental is available.
11. **Protecting the Playing Surface:** non-marking court shoes only; no wheeled devices or roller blades to avoid damaging the surface.
12. **No Food or Beverages on the Court:** To keep the court clean and safe, food and drinks should be consumed off the court.
13. **Safety First:** Be mindful of safety on and around the court and report any hazardous conditions.
14. **Courteous Behavior:** Maintain respectful and appropriate conduct on and off the court; adhere to SLCA Code of Conduct.
15. **No Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted on or around the court to maintain a healthy and clean environment.
16. **Upon Leaving the Courts:** Ensure all refuse is discarded or removed, and the gate is closed.
17. **Access Road Behind the Hall:** No Parking. This area reserved for emergency vehicles, handicap access, and as a loading zone.
18. **Reservation Time Limits:** Each court reservation is limited to a maximum of two (2) hours per session.
19. **Court Reservation Limits:** There is a 1-court daily reservation limit on the number of courts that can be reserved concurrently by one individual. Rental is required for large groups and events. Email getinvolved@sproatlakecommunityassociation.com for details.
20. **Cancellation:** Members are required to cancel reservations promptly if they are unable to use the court during their booked time and remove their signup on an open play reservation if they are unable to make it to the event that they have signed up for.
21. **Rights Reserved:** In cases of unforeseen circumstances, contravention of rules, or last-minute rental requests, the SLCA Board of Directors reserves the right to adjust or cancel court reservations. Members will be notified of these changes as soon as possible.

HALL ACCESS FOR PICKLEBALL

22. **Hall Use:** Please familiarize yourself with the Hall-Use Rules
23. **Authorized Access Only:** Access codes will be provided at the time of annual registration. All Registered members will receive a code to the downstairs bathroom; Only Adult SLCA members are eligible to receive a code for the upstairs hall. Codes must not be shared. Codes are changed annually or as determined by the SLCA Board.
24. **Restrooms:** A restroom is available downstairs and accessible through the lower-level door. Upstairs restrooms are for use during indoor play ONLY.
25. **Restricted Access Hours:** The community hall is accessible from 7:30 am to 9 pm. The alarm system is armed outside of these hours.
26. **Security Measures:** Please ensure front door is locked while playing on outdoor courts; close and secure all doors before leaving.
27. **Emergency Procedures:** In case of emergencies, such as fire or medical incidents, the established emergency procedures posted within the community hall should be followed. Please familiarize yourself with the location of the AED machines.
28. **Care of our Hall:** Your help in caring for our hall and reducing operating costs is appreciated. Players using the hall are responsible for maintaining cleanliness. Any damages or maintenance issues should be reported promptly to the SLCA.

OUTDOOR SEASONAL PLAY

29. **Outdoor Seasonal Play:** April 1 – September 30. Play outside of these dates, weather permitting, is drop in only and not reservable.
30. **Fees and Programming:** Refer to SLCA Pickleball web page for tier options. Fees are non-refundable. Registered players may convert from “Pay When You Play” to a seasonal “Package” at any time, however Package fees are not prorated and Drop-In fees paid prior to such a change are non-refundable.
31. **Reservations and Sign -Up for Open Play:** Available through Pickle Planner. Access will be provided upon registration.
32. **Reservation Eligibility:** Outdoor courts (courts 2-5) can be reserved by registered players who have purchased a seasonal package. “Pay as you Play” players do not have reservation privileges.
33. **Advance Booking:** SLCA Members may reserve or signup for open play 10 days in advance; Non-SLCA Members may reserve outdoor courts 1 day in advance and may signup for Open Community Play 3 days in advance.

34. **Court 1:** This court is drop in for multi-sports. If others wish to use the court, the court is to be vacated within 30 minutes.

INDOOR PLAY:

- 35. **Indoor Play (subject to Hall availability):** This court is separate and distinct from the outdoor courts and is always subject to a Drop-In Fee for ALL players. SLCA Member fee is \$3.00. All other registered players must pay a \$5.00 fee.
- 36. **Advance Booking:** Indoor play is bookable by Adult SLCA Members only; minors and Non-SLCA Members are welcome to play with adult SLCA Members. Adult SLCA Members may reserve 10 days in advance.
- 37. **Indoor Seasonal Play October 1 to March 31:** Open Play sign up and reservations available through the Team Up app.
- 38. **Inclement Weather April 1 – September 30:** Member outdoor reservations may move their play indoors on a first come first serve basis, except, Open Community Play is given top priority to move indoors in the event of inclement weather.