

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).
“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.

GENERAL COURT, RESERVATION AND CALENDAR RULES

2. **Access to the Courts:** Only registered players may use the courts; Registration is available for SLCA Members and Non-SLCA Members.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Payment of Drop-In Fees:** Drop-in fees (Pay when you Play) payable in full at the time of play. **Fee is \$5.00.** Place payments in envelope provided and seal; write full name and date on outside of envelope, place envelope in 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. Instead of cash, pre-paid tickets can be purchased from the Hall Manager.
6. **Fees for Minor Children 15 years of age or younger:** play free and must be accompanied by an adult Registered player.
7. **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 waiver.
8. **No Lessons:** No paid lessons are permitted on the courts without express approval from the SLCA. Court rental is available.
9. **Protecting the Playing Surface:** non-marking court shoes only; no wheeled devices or roller blades to avoid damaging the surface.
10. **No Food or Beverages on the Court:** To keep the court clean and safe, food and drinks should be consumed off the court.
11. **Safety First:** Be mindful of safety on and around the court and report any hazardous conditions.
12. **Courteous Behavior:** Maintain respectful and appropriate conduct on and off the court; adhere to SLCA Code of Conduct.
13. **No Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited on SLCA community hall property to reduce fire risk and maintain a healthy, clean environment.
14. **Upon Leaving the Courts:** Ensure all refuse is discarded or removed, gates are closed, and hall is locked.
15. **Access Road Behind the Hall:** No Parking. This area reserved for emergency vehicles, handicap access, and as a loading zone.
16. **Reservation Time Limits:** Each court reservation is limited to a maximum of two (2) hours per session.
17. **Court Reservation Limits:** There is a 1-court reservation limit per day on the number of courts that can be reserved by one individual. A member cannot reserve a court on behalf of another player; and must be present during their reserved time.
18. **Reservation Responsibilities:** A member who reserves a court is responsible for ensuring all players are registered and waivers signed; all players are added to the calendar; and all Pay when you Play fees are paid with full names written on an envelope and deposited in the fee box.
19. **Large Groups and Events:** Rental is required. 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 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 and windows 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. When using the outside courts only, the lights inside the hall should remain off. Players using the hall are responsible for maintaining cleanliness. Any damages or maintenance issues should be reported promptly to the Hall Manager.

OUTDOOR SEASONAL PLAY

29. **Outdoor Seasonal Play:** April 1 – September 30. Play outside these dates, weather permitting, is drop in only and not reservable.
30. **Fees and Programming:** Refer to SLCA Pickleball web page for programming and fee information. Seasonal Package rates and Pay When you Play options available. 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 PicklePlanner

32. **Reservation Eligibility:** Outdoor courts (courts 2-5) can be reserved by registered players who have purchased a seasonal package. "Pay When you Play" players cannot reserve.
33. **Advance Booking:** SLCA Members may reserve 10 days in advance; Non-SLCA Members may reserve outdoor courts 5 day in advance.
34. **Court 1:** This court is drop in only for multi-sports. If others wish to use the court, the court is to be vacated within 30 minutes.
35. **Use of Indoor Court during inclement weather:** see #39 below.

INDOOR PLAY:

36. **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 - \$3.00; Non SLCA Member (including house guest) - \$5.00
37. **Advance Booking:** Indoor play is bookable by Adult SLCA Members only; minors and Non-SLCA Members welcome to play with adult SLCA Members. Adult SLCA Members may reserve 10 days in advance.
38. **Indoor Seasonal Play October 1 to March 31:** Open Play sign up and reservations available through PicklePlanner.
39. **Inclement Weather April 1 – September 30:** During rainy weather play may move to the indoor court. Play moved indoors is subject to the applicable drop-in fee for all players. Open Play is given top priority to move indoors. In the event of two concurrent reservations for outdoor play, the indoor court is available on a first come/first served basis through the calendar.