

Missoula Parks and Recreation Pickleball – Returning To Facilitated Play

To our valued pickleball players:

We hope this message finds you and your family safe and well. Over the last few months, we’ve all had to adapt to monumental changes in the way we live, work, and play to protect public health. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we work together to reopen facilities safely and resume recreation programs. Please review the COVID-19 safety procedures on the following pages. Questions or suggestions? Contact Recreation Specialist Hunter Gragert [via email](#) or at 552-6664.

Pickleball facilitated play begins Monday, June 15.

- **Reserve Open Play: Courts are reserved for your exclusive use.**
 - **17 weeks of play for only \$3.24/week with a season pass!**
 - Purchase passes **at the courts during Reserve Open Play**, cash or check only, please.
 - Sanitized balls and paddles provided.
 - On-site facilitator to set up matches or add additional nets/courts as needed to meet capacity and reduce wait times.
 - Fees help support pickleball facilities maintenance.

- **Mixed Ladder League: Register by Monday, June 15.**
 - Register with a credit card at www.missoulaparks.org/register, or give us a call at 721-PARK (7275.) The Currents registration desk is currently closed to the public, but phones are staffed 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

PROGRAM	DAY	TIME	MIN/MAX TEAMS	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	FEE	START DATE	END DATE
Reserve Open Play <i>Purchase passes at the courts, cash or check only, please.</i>	Mon Tues Thurs Sat	6pm-8pm 8am-10am 8am-10am 10am-12pm	N/A	N/A	Single Session \$3 Monthly Pass \$25 Season pass \$55 <i>(Best deal, \$3.24/wk!)</i>	June 15	Oct. 10 weather permitting
Learn to Play Clinics <i>No clinic July 4</i>	Wed Sat	6pm-8pm 10am-12pm	N/A	N/A	\$6/person/session	June 15	Sept. 9
Ladder League Advanced Intermediate/Beginner <i>(Description on page 3.)</i>	Wed Wed	6pm-8pm 6pm-8pm	12/24 12/24	June 15	\$35	June 17 8-week league	Aug. 5

COVID-19 Rule Changes and Safety Procedures

You may have recently completed our pickleball survey and shared your thoughts on how summer facilitated play should proceed. We were pleased to see that the majority of players supported facilitated play sessions at Fort Missoula Regional Park.

In consultation with the Missoula City-County Health Department, we've modified our Summer 2020 pickleball schedule to give players the option to play with some restrictions in place. We understand that changes to rules and court formats can be tough to understand. However, we are confident players will rise to the occasion and welcome this opportunity to play the sport they enjoy in these extraordinary times.

Here's to a successful season, celebrating the spirit of sport through acceptance, patience, and good sportsmanship. If you're willing to use physical distancing and are feeling well, please join us for Summer 2020 Pickleball!

ALL PLAYERS:

- Players should complete a [pre-game health self-assessment form](#), before coming to the courts to play
- Players are responsible to self-monitor and wash hands before and after play.
- Physical distance of 6' must be maintained before, during, after play. No personal contact during play.
- Shared equipment will be sanitized before and after play, and when conducive, during play.
- Chewing tobacco, seeds, spitting of seeds, tobacco products of any type are not permitted at Parks facilities.
- Be mindful of touching your face during and after play. Face masks are recommended but not required.
- Balls will be rotated after each server – balls out of rotation will be sanitized and then put back into rotation for play.
- Marshaling areas for players waiting on games have been designated and marked around the courts.
- Touching paddles handles after games is prohibited.
- Please see Mixed Ladder League format on next page.

Mixed Ladder League – All new format!

- One night/week at FMRP pickleball courts.
 - Weekly standings, pairings, and matches sent out Monday morning.
- Players are assigned a division and arbitrarily ranked week 1; this has no bearing on league standings.
 - League is divided into Advanced and Intermediate/Beginner levels.
 - Each division is capped at 24 players.
- After rankings are determined each week, players:
 - Are randomly assigned a partner within respective division.
 - Pairs are randomly assigned matches within division.
 - Players cannot be paired with the same player 2 weeks in a row.
 - After the match is completed scores are reported to determine rankings.
- If a player cannot attend weekly matches:
 - If all 4 players agree, an alternative time/date may be set up.
 - Must be played on or before Saturday of that week.
 - Substitutes may be arranged from within player pool from division.
 - Substitutes will still score points for the player in need of a sub.
- Matches are 3 games to 15, win by 1
 - Match times will be assigned weekly in one of two sessions starting at either 6:15 or 7:15 pm.
- Ranking is individual in nature and is determined by wins.
 - Winning pairs receive 3 points for a win.
 - A ‘win’ achieved via substitute will receive 1.5 points.
 - Tie breakers are point differential, head-to-head wins, coin toss.
- Example of the top 6 in a leaderboard:

Rank	First	Last	Wins	Loss	Leaderboard Points
1	Jane	Smith	6	1	18
2	Jack	Davies	6	1	16.5
3	Bill	Player	5	2	15
4	Suzie	Dinklage	4	3	12
5	Larry	Black	4	3	10.5
6	Stella	Prince	3	4	9