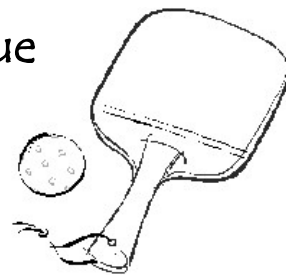


# Application for 2023-24 Pickleball Ladder League

Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Department

220 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 3, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

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- League Play begins: 6:30 p.m.
- All matches will be played at the East Junior High Fieldhouse.
- Registration Deadline: October 13, 2023 (Limited number of entries!)
- No Partner Necessary; courts will be assigned by levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
- No play on December 25, 2023, January 1 & 15, February 19, March 25, and April 1, 2024 (may play outdoors if weather allows)

## \*Monday Evenings\*

- Fall Session – October 23 – December 18 \$30 per person
- Winter Session – January 8 – April 8 \$35 per person
- Both Sessions (Fall/Winter) – October 23 – April 8 \$50 per person

## Player's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

I, as an adult participant or as the legal guardian or parent of the minor child participant named above (hereinafter both adult and minor participants called "Participant"), recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of serious injury, death and property damage. Knowing all of these risks, I agree to allow participation in this program and assume the full risk of any injuries, damage or loss which the Participant may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this program. In consideration of participation in this event, I, individually and on behalf of any named minor Participant, voluntarily release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless, the City of Wisconsin Rapids, (its elected officials, commissions and commissioners, officers, employees, volunteers and agents), from any and all claims, liability, cost and expense, arising out of or connected to participation in this event. This waiver and release is binding on the Participant's heirs, dependents, executors, administrators and assigns.

In the event of an emergency, I consent and authorize medical treatment deemed necessary for the Participant's immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I understand that photographs or videos may be taken of the Participant during the program. I allow the Participant's image to be used in published materials and websites that promote the City of Wisconsin Rapids Parks and Recreation Department, and I agree that I will not receive compensation for use of these photographs or videos. In the event I do not wish to have the Participant's image used, I will notify the City at registration for the program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Return with payment to:

City of Wisconsin Rapids, Parks & Recreation Department,  
220 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 3, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495  
You may also register online at [wr.activityreg.com](http://wr.activityreg.com)



## Pickleball Rules and Regulations

As consideration of being permitted to participate in activities sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department, each participant agrees to assume all liability for injury and damages resulting from such participation and agrees to hold the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Parks & Recreation Department free and harmless of account of any act or commission, commission or negligence of said City or Department or any act of their offices, agents or employees. Participation in any athletic event will not be denied any individual for reason of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

### **Player Fees:**

- Registration fees are non-refundable
- Individuals must register by October 13, 2023, through the City of Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Department or online at [wr.activityreg.com](http://wr.activityreg.com)
- No person will be allowed to register without payment or completed registration form.

### **Player Eligibility:**

- All players must be at least 16 years of age or older.
- All players or guardian must legibly print and sign concussion form prior to game play.

### **Time/Cancellations:**

- Games will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Cancellations will be announced on Facebook (Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation), and players will be notified by email or text based on contact information provided.

### **Game Time/Serve:**

- Team with flag at their back will start serving. .
- A game will consist of one game to 11 points, serving team only. There is no cap; win by 2 points (however, points logged on scoresheet for Ladder League will be 11 for winning team and 10 for losing team).
- Players must keep one foot behind the back line when serving.
- The serve is made underhand. The paddle must pass below the waist. The server must hit the ball in the air on the serve. (Drop serve allowed; may be struck with either forehand or backhand.)
- The service is made diagonally cross court and must clear the non-volley zone.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed.
- At the start of each new game, the first serving team is allowed only one fault before giving up the ball to the opponents.
- Thereafter both members of each team will serve and fault before the ball is turned over to the opposing team.
- When receiving team wins the serve, the player in the right hand court will always start play.

### **Fault:**

- Hitting the ball out of bounds
- Not clearing the net
- Stepping into the non-volley zone and volleying the ball
- Volleying the ball before it has bounced once on each side of the net, serving.

### **Scoring:**

- A team shall score a point only when serving.
- A player who is serving shall continue to do so until a fault is made by his team.
- The game is played to 11 points, must win by 2 points (however, points logged on scoresheet for Ladder League will be 11 for winning team and 10 for losing team).
- A ball landing on any line is considered good.

## Open Court Rotation of Play Guidelines:

- Paddles must be queued up for open play.
- Two queues will be provided for the open play courts. The primary goal of having two queues is to better mix up players and prevent pairs coming off a court from potentially repeatedly playing together.
- Standard play rotation is "2 out, 2 in", once 8 or more paddles are in queue, rotation will be "4 out, 4 in".
- Under "2 out, 2 in", when a game ends, the winners stay on and split up. The second place finishers come off the court and split their paddles into the two queues provided.
- Under "4 out, 4 in", when a game ends, all 4 players come off the court and both teams split their paddles into two queues.

## Player Conduct:

- No hats.
- The City of Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Department Leagues require strict enforcement and compliance with School Board rules of no smoking, no food consumption and no alcoholic beverages, as well as no horseplay by participants in the school halls and locker rooms. Please cooperate so we do not lose the privilege to use the facilities by the Board of Education
- No street shoes or bare feet are allowed on gym floors. Any player or spectator breaking this rule shall be ejected from the league.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, disorderly conduct, such as profanity, abusive or obscene language, excessive jockeying and baiting, etc., will not be allowed by players.
- If there are trash cans at your gym, please use them. If not, please take your litter with you.
- Make-Up Days: Days called off due to weather will not be rescheduled by the Parks & Recreation Department.

## Additional Information:

- The Parks & Recreation Department will supply game ball. Alternate game ball may be used if agreed by players.
- The City of Wisconsin Rapids will supply first aid kit with cold packs, bandages and tape for all the games. Any player who starts bleeding for any reason during a game must come out of the game until the bleeding subsides or until the bleeding area is covered and blood is not visible through the bandage.

## Etiquette:

### Please DO NOT:

- Criticize opponents or your partner's play.
- Give suggestions or advice on partner's or opponent's style/technique of play unless asked.
- Coach players from off the court unless feedback is requested.
- Argue about a line call – players call the ball the best they see it, and the intent of this league is fun recreational play, so please keep it that way.
- Walk through the courts during play; wait until the play stops between the serves.
- Use abusive language; verbal comments of detrimental nature during a game are unacceptable.
- Gloat or applaud an opponent's mistake; this is unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Remove a paddle out of the "slot" it has been placed by the owner; mix in with waiting players, be courteous to the players wishing to sit out a game or two.

### But DO THIS:

- Introduce yourself if you do not know one of the team players.
- Compliment your opponent or partner for a well-made shot; this is always acceptable.
- Talk about "calling your shots" to eliminate confusion over whose ball it is to return.
- Be helpful to new players; be willing to share rules and strategy for novice players.
- Be courteous if players want to play up a level to test their skills.
- The most important rule: HAVE FUN!