

Types of Play Sessions

The Club offers the following types of sessions (at various times as per the Club's schedule):

Group Play – these sessions are for play between members of the same assigned Group, typically on a round-robin basis. For more about the Groups, see the last paragraph below.

Open Play – these sessions are open to players of all levels, with play typically organized using a “4 on, 4 off, two racks” rotation system (i.e., winners split and put their paddles in queue for next “winners” game, and losers split and put their paddles in queue for next “losers” game; and when a court becomes available, it goes to a “winners” game or a “losers” game, on an alternating basis).

Intermediate Play – these sessions are a chance for members who feel they are at an intermediate level (regardless of what Group they are in) to play at that level, typically on a round-robin basis.

Doubles – these sessions are open to doubles teams (whether same-sex or mixed) of all levels, and play will typically be on a round-robin basis (sometimes divided into A and B tiers).

Mixed Doubles – these sessions are open to mixed-doubles teams of all levels, and play will typically be on a round-robin basis (sometimes divided into A and B tiers).

Ladies – these sessions are open to ladies of all levels, and play will be organized on either a round-robin basis or a “4 on, 4 off, two racks” basis (which is explained above under Open Play).

Reservable – these sessions are a chance for a member to reserve an entire court for a session that he or she is organizing (which could be for games or drills); each member is limited to reserving one court per week.

Skills and Drills – these sessions will be offered when leaders are available, and some sessions may be limited to players in particular assigned Groups. The leader will provide drills to players with opportunities for practice to develop their skills.

Members will receive an email each week setting out the following week's schedule, and can then use the SignUpGenius app to sign up in advance for available sessions.

Play during Club time is limited to Club Members only, except a non-member can play occasionally if he or she (a) is a member with Pickleball Canada (this is important so that insurance applies), (b) signs and provides the Club's Waiver form (which can be found on the Club's website under “More” -- “Club Info” - - “Procedures, Policies & Forms”); and (c) pays the Club's drop-in fee of \$5 per session (which should be forwarded to the Club's Treasurer, currently Roxanne Broadbent).

NBPC's Groups generally reflect the following skill-levels:

- Group 1: new players up to a 3.0 USAPA rating.
- Group 2: 3.0 to 3.5 USAPA rating.
- Group 3: 3.5 to 4.0 USAPA rating.
- Group 4: 4.0 and above USAPA rating.

Initially, members are assigned to one of these four Groups based on the self-assessment form they completed when registering (so members should take care when completing the self-assessment). Once in a Group, players can try to move to a higher Group by going through a Challenge-Up process.