

Pickleball Information and Updates Fall 2023

Information Meeting: Join us at 5:30 pm on September 18, 2023 at Friday Harbor Elementary School to learn all about this season of pickleball.

REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION

- You will need an account to register. Please go to [Islandrec.org](https://islandrec.org) and click "Register Online" or call the office at 360-378-4953.
- Participants must be pre-registered – no money or registrations will be accepted on-site.
- Registration takes place on a two-week rolling window. This means that you can register to play up to two weeks in advance of your chosen date. Registration will open at 8am.
 - Are you hoping to play at 5pm Monday, October 9th? Registration will open at 8am on Monday, September 25th.
 - Registration for Fall Pickleball will begin on September 18th, for the week of October 2nd. You will not be able to register before this date.
- The maximum number of players allowed to enroll will be 18 for each session. This will allow for a rotation out of not more than two players per game.
- Each session has a minimum number of players required. If the minimum is not met, the session will be cancelled.
 - Registered players will be notified in advance if there is a chance their session will be cancelled due to low enrollment to allow time for players to reach out to others.
 - Cancelled program participants will receive a credit on their account.
- Need to cancel? Please contact our office in case there is a waitlist and for an account credit. Do not contact a friend to fill your space! Unofficial substitutions are not allowed. All participants must be registered.

OTHER INFORMATION

- This program will require the help of volunteers in order to keep it affordable. If you would like to earn free playing time and the opportunity to register early for sessions, please let us know! Volunteer opportunities include:
 - Session supervisor role: pick up the keys and attendance sheets from the Island Rec office during business hours; turn on and off the lights and heat in the fairgrounds building; ensure registered players are in attendance and checked-in properly; ensure sessions start and end on-time; return keys and paperwork to the Island Rec office.
 - First-time and beginner session assistant (includes session supervisor responsibilities): You are not expected to be an expert or have taught before! You will need to have an understanding of the rules, know how to keep score, and be able to explain/demonstrate basic shots like forehand, backhand, and serve. Ideally two volunteers will assist on Tuesday evenings.

- Players will self-select their player level. This process may take a few playing sessions to determine; please be patient and show good sportsmanship while some players work through this process.

-Assessment should be based on **USA Pickleball Standards**

-Helpful link to assist in self-determining your player level:

www.paddletek.com/blogs/news/pickleball-ratings-guide

-Price listed is per timeslot. For example: if you are a Level 3.5 player and want to play for three hours on Monday, you will need to register for the 5-6:30pm for \$8 AND register for the 6:30-8pm for an additional \$8.

-New players are welcome! Plan to attend a 6pm Tuesday evening session if you are a first-timer to learn the basics with a volunteer. When you are ready to test your skills against others, register for the Tuesday 7pm session.