

City of Ventura Adult Pickleball League Manager Handbook

You can view your league schedule by visiting:

www.teamsideline.com/ventura

Check schedules and standings weekly to make sure you have the most up to date information

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Registration Requirements

The City of Ventura requires each team manager to complete a roster and turn it in to the Adult Sports office with entry fee paid in full to be eligible to participate in leagues. Teams will consist of 4 players; two men and two women, who will play rotating doubles matches each week. All participants must sign the team roster and covid waiver prior to the first game.

Team rosters and covid waivers can be found at www.teamsideline.com/ventura or by searching for “adult pickleball league” at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/register.

League Format

The City of Ventura pickleball league uses a 4-week, doubles multi-match weekly format. Teams of 4 players will play two men’s doubles, two women’s doubles, and two mixed doubles matches each week. Coed teams may mix up partners as often as they like throughout the season, but not during matches. Teams will receive two points per winning match. The top four teams will advance to a one-week, single elimination playoff at the end of the regular season.

All matches will be played at Harry A Lyons Park on Sunday afternoons. There are two sessions played per season. Each session will be 4 weeks long, with a single elimination playoff to determine a champion played in week 5.

If your team must forfeit a game or match, you must report at least 24 hours ahead of game time. You may call 805-658-4743, or email tnelson@cityofventura.ca.gov to confirm your forfeit. Failure to confirm ahead of time may result in forfeiture of your next game(s) and your team may be dropped from further league play.

Rainouts/Cancellations

If rain occurs during the day of or night before your game, please check www.teamsideline.com/ventura after 9:00am to determine if games will be played. Rained out games are made up at the end of the regular season.

Official Pickleball Rules

Pickleball rules and conditions will follow the USAPA Official Rule Book with the following variations:

- Matches will be played best 2 of 3 games to 15 points
- Matches will have a time cap of 30 minutes
- If a match has not ended after 30 minutes, whichever team is leading in points during the game will receive the win for that game. If this causes teams to be tied with games won, then both teams will receive one point for the match, and it will be listed as a tie
- Matches are self-officiated with a court monitor to help resolve disputes
- Players will be responsible for providing their own paddles. Balls will be provided by the city
- Players will be self-ranked, and must be 3.0 or higher to participate in the league

Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct for the City of Ventura Softball leagues shall immediately be in effect. The City reserves the right to interpret any rule in accordance with the philosophy and goals of the Adult Sports Program and the City of

Ventura. **It is the responsibility of the team manager to enforce and abide by the following Code of Conduct. Team managers shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans associated with their team, before, during and after their game.**

Depending on the severity, frequency and circumstances related to an infraction, a sequence of progressive disciplinary action may be used at the discretion of the City of Ventura Adult Sports Staff. It should be noted that any step(s) in the discipline process might be passed or eliminated in applying disciplinary action. The progressive discipline process may progress as follows: **1) warning to team manager or player, 2) team member or fan removed, 3) player or team suspended from the league.** Rules of the game and any misconduct violations relating to the field of play shall be enforced by the on-site staff.

Any player committing a Major Infraction listed below will immediately be ejected from the game and will not be allowed to play or attend games for (1) calendar week and will be required to leave the field of play. An email will be sent to the manager of the team, notifying them of the suspension and the date the suspended player may return to league. Progressive disciplinary action may be taken with repeat offenders.

Major Infractions

- **Physical Contact with Official, Player, Staff, or Fan:** no player shall at any time lay a hand on, push, strike, or threaten to strike an official, staff, fan, or other player. Players making physical contact with another person in an aggressive manner will be suspended from all league play. Major infraction involving physical contact usually result in year-long suspensions.
- **Verbal Abuse/Objectionable Demonstrations:** no players shall verbally abuse or threaten any staff, official, fan, or other player for any reason. Players shall not make objectionable demonstrations by throwing bats, gloves, or other equipment in a forceful manner or use any obscene gestures towards another person.
- **Unnecessary Rough Play:** no player shall use unnecessarily rough tactics or overly physical play during the game against any other player.
- **Consuming Alcohol:** the consumption of alcohol in City of Ventura parks is NOT permitted and is punishable by law. The City of Ventura strictly bans the consumption of alcohol during games. Teams with any player(s) consuming alcohol will forfeit the game and will not have game fees returned to them.

League Standings/ Playoffs/ Awards

League standings will be updated weekly on Team Sideline. The top four teams in each division will advance to the playoffs the week after the regular season.

Playoffs will be a single elimination bracket, completed in one day. The teams playing each other in the playoffs will play one men's match, one women's match, and one coed match. The team that wins two out those three matches will advance to the next round.

There will only be prizes for the championship team.