



Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation

Pickleball Classes Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Do I need a paddle?

A: Classes note on our website where you register whether you need to bring a paddle or not.

Paddles supplied for:

- Beginner Pickleball Clinic & Play
- Youth Beginner Clinic & Play
- Family Night

Q: What should I wear?

A: Athletic clothing and tennis shoes. Dressing in layers is always best.

Q: What should I bring?

A: Water to stay hydrated. Sunglasses, a hat or visor for sun glare while on the courts. You may want to apply sunscreen.

Q: Are you offering any kid classes?

A: Yes, we are offering a **Youth Beginner Clinic and Play** for kids ages 10-14. We are keeping these sessions to 1 ½ hours for now.

We have also changed the minimum age to 15 for the **Beginner Clinic & Play Class** as well as the Introduction to Group Play Class.

Family Night is being offered as well, with the minimum age at 10.

Q: Who is teaching?

A: Classes are being taught by our Sports Staff; instructors hired by Lake O Parks & Rec. We are also having volunteers help with some of our classes in conjunction with paid instructors. We are hiring more instructors to meet the demand of our increased classes.

Q: What if it's too hot or raining?

A: LOPR looks at weather conditions, whether it is rain, extreme heat, or air quality. We weigh all factors prior to deciding to cancel a class. If we decide to cancel a class, participants will be notified and your account will be credited so you can sign up for another class. At this time we are not scheduling make up classes if your class is canceled.

Q: What is Mixed Round Robin League Play?

A: When you get to the courts, you will be assigned a number. Usually it is written on the back of your hand with a Sharpie. The coordinator announces matches by number. For example, #’s 1&2 vs 3&4 on Court 1. Matches are timed for a certain number of minutes. You play until the time runs out, regardless of your score. When time is called, you record your scores and wait to hear the next match

announcements. You will play with a different partner each time. Scores are calculated individually by most points and wins/losses. Winners announced at the end and prizes awarded. It's a fun way to switch partners every time and still be competitive.

Q: I had so much fun, what now?

A: Check www.loparks.org to see what other classes we are offering. We are offering an "Introduction to Group Play" class for those participants who took the Beginner Class and want to play more in an organized play setting. We are expanding our programming and also offering Ladies Nights, LO Resident Play, and Leagues for all skill levels. More classes are offered online that aren't listed in the Program Guide.