

# Cummings Park Pickleball Rules & Courtesy

Pickleball in Stamford is inclusive: ALL players and ALL abilities are welcome.

In order to maximize the enjoyment of the courts for all players, we encourage everyone to follow the rotation, courtesy and common sense rules below.

## Pickleball Play Rotation

If the courts are full, waiting players secure their spot by placing their paddle on the rack at the court of desired play (please choose a court with existing players that match your skill level). This signifies who is next in line to play.

Once a paddle is stacked at a court, existing players should finish their current game to 11 points and rotate off

If there are fewer than six players waiting, the two-on, two-off policy is in effect.

The winners will remain on the court while the runners-up retire from the court. The next two players in the queue will join the next match. Winning players are not permitted to play more than two consecutive matches. If they win their second match, they are required to retire from the court and the next three players in the queue will join the next match, unless there are no waiting players.

If there are six or more players waiting, the four-on, four-off policy is in effect. Both the winners and the runner ups will retire from the court and the next four players in the queue will begin the match. The waiting players rotate replacing both teams on the court. If there aren't two or more waiting teams, the waiting team will replace the losing team

Players should place their paddle on the waiting line again at the far right side

## General Rules for Courts

- Show common courtesy and respect for all players and spectators
- Wait for play to stop before asking permission to pass through a court in use
- Courts are available from dawn to dusk
- No lessons, leagues or tournaments permitted without approval from Parks and Recreation
- Do Not Use profanity, abusive behavior or language
- Proper athletic attire and athletic shoes are required

## Protect the Courts

- Courts are for Pickleball only - NO bikes, skateboards, scooters, skates, soccer, etc.
- Food, gum, alcohol and glass containers are prohibited
- Animals are prohibited within the courts enclosure