



If you haven't already checked out the website, go to www.lgsrecreation.org and take a look around. You'll find the latest club news, court schedules, upcoming events, and what's going on with the courts. We offer organized play opportunities, leagues, and clinics. See the links below for more information on some of these programs. Our website is intended to be useful to you; use it often! If you need additional assistance, please reach out to us at 408-354-8700 or pickleball@lgsrecreation.org

OPEN-PLAY-LOS GATOS

Los Gatos Courts are located at La Rinconada Park. There are four blended-line courts. The purpose of our drop-in program is to provide the opportunity for all club members to play during peak times. When open play is scheduled and all courts are full, it is required that players take turns to allow everyone to play. We encourage players to meet new people and introduce themselves. Open-Play is an **inclusive** concept, which means that **all** players of any skill level are invited to play on our courts at set times, i.e., MWF, 9 a.m.–noon. ***"All skill levels are welcome."***

This concept can be tough at times because frustration creeps in when players prefer to play only with certain players or when they want to keep their own partners or their own skill group. If people want to play in their own private group, they are welcome to use the court outside scheduled Open-Play days and times (in line with rules around sharing the court with tennis players; see below) and scheduled pickleball classes (refer to the LGSR catalog or visit www.lgsrecreation.org).

Please note that our open-play program is for members only. Non-members should not attend open-play programs.

OPEN PLAY LOS GATOS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.; Beginner Tuesday from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Please visit www.lgsrecreation.org for the most updated schedule. Please note these are non-reservable sessions.

Court Hours: No court play outside of these hours.

- 8am-6pm-November-March
- 8am-7pm-April-October

COURT ROTATION ETIQUETTE

- If you arrive on the courts and they are full, place your racquet in the paddle holder. rotation queue.
- After games are finished, the losing teams go off the courts and place their paddles in the rotation paddle holder/rotation queue.
- The winning teams stay on and split while two (2) new players from the queue go on the court.

- Players who have won two (2) consecutive games on the same court go off and place their paddle in the rotation queue; potentially, three new players go on. How is that possible?
 - If the winners from the first game stay on and split up, then one side wins, the player who has won one game stays on; the other player would have played two games, winning them both. The other two lost, so they go off.
- When a game is completed and there are six or more players waiting, all four players should exit the court so the next four players can start playing.
- If players choose to opt out of the rotation when it is his or her turn, his or her paddle (and turn to play) goes to the bottom of the rotation queue.

This rotation etiquette ensures everyone gets to play in a timely manner with different partners and skill levels and builds a welcoming pickleball community. It applies to playing on individual courts as well as in crowded conditions.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- When players enter a game and they have not been playing yet, let's make sure time is set aside for them to warm up.
- With each new game, introduce yourself with your general skill level and experience; Try to balance out skill levels to promote balanced play.
- Consider informing everyone of any improvement goals you want to focus on. After all, open play is a chance for everyone to practice and learn.
- To beginners, please remember we have open play with coaching on Tuesday mornings. 10 a.m. to noon. (Note: These hours may change in the future.)

PARKING

- All cars should be parked next to La Rinconada Park. **DO NOT PARK NEXT TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING.**

LEAF BLOWERS

Gas leaf blowers are prohibited, and electric leaf blowers with more than 65 decibels are prohibited.

Blowers may only be used on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Leaf blower use on Sundays and holidays is prohibited.** Using blowers outside of these hours is not permitted, according to the town ordinance. Violators may be subject to citations and/or removed from LGSR pickleball programs.

Non-Club Court Usage Ruling

Pickleball shares the court with tennis players during non-club/open play days and times. Our LGS Recreation Department court rules prevail at these times.

This means that if you are playing pickleball and someone shows up to play tennis, you must vacate the court **no later than one hour after their arrival. No new pickleball players may play until tennis players have played for an hour.** Likewise, if you arrive to play pickleball and the tennis court is in use for tennis (even if only one individual is practicing), then you must wait one hour before you can play. All court rules must be obeyed.

In addition, all garbage must be thrown away or removed from the court at the conclusion of your play.

OPEN-PLAY-SARATOGA

Saratoga Courts are located at El Quito Park. There are two dedicated pickleball courts. The purpose of our drop-in program is to provide the opportunity for all club members to play during peak times. When open play is scheduled and all courts are full, it is required that players take turns to allow everyone to play. We encourage players to meet new people and introduce themselves.

Open Play is an **inclusive** concept, which means that **all** players, depending on skill level, are invited to play on our courts at set times, i.e., MWF, 9 a.m.–noon.

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Open-PLAY SCHEDULE: Schedule may change based on programming needs. Registration is required. See the Adult Pickleball Page at www.lgsrecreation.org.

LGSR PICKLEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

- The LGSR Pickleball Club Code of Conduct is designed to acquaint members with specific guidelines and conditions set forth by LGS Recreation for the safety and enjoyment of the

Adult Pickleball Community. Those who violate this code of conduct may be subject to suspension, or membership cancellation.

- Mastering pickleball etiquette rules not only showcases your respect for the game, but also strengthens the pickleball community culture. As you navigate the court, understanding proper court behavior and conduct is essential to enjoying the sport.
- **All members will agree to respect everyone at the court at all times.**
- **Follow directions from LGSR staff**
- **Keep hands and feet to themselves**
- **Reach to a LGSR staff member if I feel myself angry or unable to deal with a situation**
- **Refrain from antagonizing others**
- **Refrain from inappropriate language/words**

LGSR PICKLEBALL COURT BEHAVIOR & CONDUCT

- Adhering to proper court behavior and conduct ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for all players. Key elements of appropriate conduct include:
 - Following the rules and guidelines of the facility
 - Respecting other players' personal space and boundaries
 - Refraining from using offensive language or gestures
 - No phone calls on court
 - Only active players participating in a game/match should be on the court. All other players/participants not actively participating in the immediate game/match should remain outside of the court.
 - Always introduce yourself and shake hands with your opponents before the match
 - Wait for your partner and opponents to be ready before serving
 - Be mindful of your body language and facial expressions to maintain a positive atmosphere
 - After a match, it's essential to demonstrate respect for the pickleball facilities by cleaning up your area, disposing of trash, and returning borrowed equipment
 - Avoid leaving belongings scattered on the court
 - Report any damages or safety concerns to the facility staff