



# New Member Welcome

Welcome to the LGS Recreation Table Tennis Club! We're glad you're here, and we will help you achieve your Table Tennis goals. Join us in making a difference! Your enthusiasm and support can help promote the joy of table tennis to our community. Together, we can create a welcoming and fun environment for all players!

The LGS Recreation Table Tennis Club currently plays at the Joan Pisani Community Center, located at 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga CA. We currently have 6 tables available for play, and the space has hardwood floors, high ceilings, and good lighting.

Some of the common questions we are asked by new members are: "Now what do I do?" "How do I use the tables?" and "What's happening?" Some of those questions will be answered more completely along the way as you gain more experience with the club; the following may help you take your first steps!

If you haven't already checked out the website, go to [www.lgsrecreation.org](http://www.lgsrecreation.org) and take a look around. You'll find the latest club news, schedules, upcoming events, and more. We offer organized play opportunities, and more activities coming soon. 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 [info@lgsrecreation.org](mailto:info@lgsrecreation.org)

The purpose of our open-play program is to provide the opportunity for all club members to play during peak times. When open-play is scheduled and all tables 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 tables at set times.

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.

Please note that our open-play program is for members only. Non-members can attend upon registering for drop-in play.

## **OPEN PLAY SCHEDULE**

Please visit [www.lgsrecreation.org](http://www.lgsrecreation.org) for the most updated schedule. Please note these are non-reservable sessions.

**Current Hours: No play outside of these hours. Please Note:** Open to all members initially. Based on attendance, we may set specific times for skill levels in the future. Hours may vary based on membership interest.

Monday - 11:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday - 9:00AM - 3:30PM

Wednesday - 9:00AM - 3:30PM

Thursday - 9:00AM - 3:30PM

Friday - 9:00AM - 10:30AM

### **TABLE ROTATION ETIQUETTE**

- To ensure equitable playtime for every player, regardless of their skill level, when it is their turn, each player can play continuously for 20 minutes. At the sound of the timer at every 10-minute interval, one player gets off the table and goes into the rotation queue for the table they want to wait at.
- What if two players start at the same time with someone waiting in the queue who is supposed to get off when the timer goes off? If neither player wants to leave the table, they can play rock-paper-scissors to decide who should get off, most players are courteous and yield their turn to the other player.
- One table is designated for doubles. If you can gather four or more doubles players, please wait at that designated table until all singles players who are currently playing and those in the queue finish their 20-minute playtime.
- One table will be designated for reservations. More info to come.

**EQUIPMENT SET-UP:** This member-based program requires members to set-up and take down all equipment after use. Members should be trained before setting up or taking down equipment. Two or more individuals should do set-ups/takedown. Never do this alone.

**ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS:** All participants must wear non-marking sporting shoes for safety and performance.

**FOOD AND DRINK POLICY:** Food and drink are allowed inside the table tennis playroom. Please help us keep the space clean and dry by cleaning up after yourself. Respect our playing area to ensure everyone has a great experience!

- **The LGSR Table Tennis 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 Table Tennis Community. Those who violate this code of conduct may be subject to suspension, or membership cancellation.**
- Mastering **Table Tennis etiquette rules** not only showcases your respect for the game, but also strengthens the Table Tennis **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 TABLE TENNIS PROGRAM 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 while playing
  - Only active players participating in a game/match should be at the table. All other players/participants not actively participating in the immediate game/match should remain away from the table's.
  - 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 Table Tennis facilities by cleaning up your area, disposing of trash, and returning equipment to the storage area once complete
  - Avoid leaving belongings scattered at the site
  - Report any damages or safety concerns to the facility staff