
FALL 2010 OPC PICKLEBALL LADDER LEAGUE

**For Men & Women 50+
Novice & Beginner Skill Levels**

Novice Ladder



**Game Times: Fridays, 11:30AM or 12:30PM
September 10, 2010 – November 12, 2010**

Location

Older Persons' Commission
650 Letica Drive
Rochester, MI 48307

Fee
\$35.00



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City/State _____ Zip _____	* League fee is non-refundable after September 3, 2010 unless an OMW is purchased.
Phone (____) _____ Birth Date _____	

Mail registration and fee payable to: Older Persons' Commission, 650 Letica Dr., Rochester, MI 48307.
Register in person or by calling (248) 608-0251 or (248) 659-1029.

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Ladder Information

USA Pickleball Association—USAPA: The USAPA was organized to promote the growth and development of Pickleball. This organization and its predecessor have provided players with official rules, tournaments, rankings and promotional materials since 1984. In addition, the USAPA provides the ladder league-management software, website space, and the guidelines used for Pickleball Ladder Leagues at the OPC.

League Session: Ladder games will take place every Friday from September 10 – November 12, resulting in 10 weeks of play.

Beginners: If you are new to the sport of Pickleball and have not previously participated in the Novice Ladder, you must complete a beginner lesson prior to the start of the ladder. These lessons are provided by the OPC and are free to those who attend. They take place every Wednesday from 9:30AM-10:30AM in the OPC gymnasium. From 10:30AM-11:30AM, you are invited to stay for beginner/mentor games. OPC Pickleball mentors will partner with you and help you to gain an understanding of the game. One court will also be reserved for free beginner lessons on Saturdays from 8AM-9AM.

Weekly Schedules: Weekly schedules will be published on the USAPA website (www.usapa.org) on Wednesday of each week and sent via email. The schedule will also be posted inside the OPC gymnasium. Please keep in mind that there are two start times for the Novice Ladder which are 11:30AM or 12:30PM. Your start time may change from week to week. If you have a conflict with one of the start times due to an appointment or another circumstance, please notify the Ladder Manager and arrangements will be made to accommodate your schedule for that week. We encourage players to arrive 15 minutes early to warm-up.

Planned Absences: There is no penalty for planned absences. In the event that you are unable to play, please notify the Ladder Manager or Captain before Noon on Wednesday of each week. This can be done by phone or via email. On Fridays, a planned absence sheet will be available for you to record your planned absences ahead of time.

Description: Each week, all players will play three 15-point doubles games in a round robin format. Players will be placed in foursomes of similar skill level based on their ladder ranking. Ladder rankings are derived from your winning percentage (the ratio of points won to total points possible). Players will move up or down the ladder based on their winning percentage. The results of the 10 most recent weeks of play will be used in this calculation.

Match Scoring: At the end of each game, players will enter their scores on a score sheet which will be located on a designated table within the gymnasium. Once written, you will be responsible for totaling your 3 scores and initialing next to your total.

Equipment: Balls will be provided during Ladder League play. There are also paddles available for you to use as well. If you don't have a paddle, but would like to purchase one, please contact Tom Valentine at 248-895-7250 (after 5PM) or email pballgoodies@comcast.net.

Publishing Scores/Ranking: The individual scores/rankings will be published on the USAPA website and sent via email no later than Monday of the following week. The scores/rankings will also be posted inside the OPC gymnasium.

Snow Days/Inclement Weather: In the case of inclement weather or severe snow, Ladder games will not take place. You will be notified by the Ladder Manager or Captain by phone and via email.

Refund Policy: *Optional Medical Waiver (OMW):* After the refund deadline, the league fee will not be refunded unless an OMW was previously purchased. In the event that you become injured or ill, you will receive a pro-rated refund of your ladder ticket upon proof of an OMW purchase and a doctor's note stating that you are no longer able to play.