

## **Kernersville Parks & Recreation- Maddog Pickleball Group Rules**

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Kernersville Parks & Recreation (KPRD) strives to improve the quality of life and safety for its citizens and employees by offering diverse quality programs, activities, parks and town facilities, while also protecting the environment.

Our goal is to promote the growth and development of Pickleball in Kernersville. We will be successful if participants embrace the values of good sportsmanship and following general facility playing guidelines. In promoting our mission, modeling good behavior, respecting the facility and each participant's skill level, we will promote camaraderie within the group enabling everyone to have an enjoyable experience which will encourage others to join.

### **The following guidelines will be in effect at the Maddog Center:**

- You must have paid in advance in order to play.
- You must sign in each day along with having your temperature taken at the entrance door and adhere to current COVID guidelines.
- No Profanity, unsportsmanlike activities or rough play will be allowed.
- Any intentional damage or abuse of the facility will be your responsibility and you're playing privileges may be revoked.
- Court appropriate shoes and not black sole shoes are to be worn. During winter months, you can bring your playing shoes and not wear them into the facility.
- Personal Chairs should not be brought inside the facility. We will use Maddog's bleachers for seating.
- Bags, coats, and drink bottles, etc. should remain against the wall and not on the bleacher seating or court area.
- Players are responsible for providing their own paddles/pickleball during play. Be sure to write your name on your ball and take it with you when you leave the court.
- Adhere to the latest COVID guidelines which can be found at <https://kvparks.com/adult-athletics/pickleball/>
- Failure to follow guidelines and rules established by KPRD may result in your playing privileges being revoked.
- Maddog Pickball Group Committee (MPGC)- Is a group of volunteer participants that help with rules of play and situations that arise during play. The committee represents the interest of the players in the Maddog group and makes recommendations to KPRD regarding the best interest of the program. Committee Members- Steve Crawford, Carol Vance, Jackie Hawkins, Don Brugger and Barry Baker

### **GAME RULES:**

- Game play- 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- All matches are 1 game played to 11, win by 2.
- We will not use any court rotation at Maddog Center.

### **COURT ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Court 1** (Left side court farthest from the entrance).

- Skill Set Level- 2.0-3.5.
- A sign-up sheet will be used to determine the next four players.
- You must sign the sheet yourself.

**Court 2** (Center Court) This is the competitive challenge court.

- Skill Set Level- 3.5 and above only.
- This is a (2 on 2 off) competitive court
- Winners may stay on (their choice) as long as they keep winning or they can get a new partner (next player on the sheet) and continue playing.
- You can sign up with a partner.
- In cases when there are no players waiting to play on this court, this court may be used for general play or singles play but must be vacated immediately when competitive players arrive and are ready for play.

**Court 3** (Right side court closet to entrance).

- Skill Set Level- 2.0-4.0.
- A sign-up sheet will be used to determine the next four players.
- You must sign the sheet yourself.
- Skilled players should be respectful of their competitor's skills and exercise sportsmanship.

#### **TOURNAMENTS:**

- All tournaments including round-robin events will utilize all three MADDOG courts.
- General play or practice play will not be allowed on any court until the entire event has concluded.

#### **KERNERSVILLE PICKLEBALL CLINICS:**

There will clinics held once a month for 3 sessions (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) in the Maddog facility. These clinics will be sponsored by KPRD and taught by the MPGC. These clinics will be from 8:30 - 9:30am. Players that sign up for these clinics are permitted to play the remainder of those days.

- Court 1 (Left side court farthest from the entrance). Clinics and Teaching Court - This court will not be available until the clinic has concluded and then Court 1 will be available.
- Court 2 & 3 will be available for play during the Clinic according to the court guidelines outlined above.

#### **Safety Tips:**

- Stretch before and after playing. Do not overplay your current physical condition. Age, experience, physical condition and athletic ability will impact the level of your game. Hydrate.
- Don't dive for balls. If someone falls on the court, all play STOPS until their needs are addressed.
- If a ball comes onto your court from another court, STOP PLAY AT ONCE and yell, "Ball on court!"
- If you hit a ball into another court, immediately yell, "Ball on Court!"
- If you are crossing behind an active court to get onto a vacant court or to leave a court, wait until their current point is over. Wait for permission to cross their court.
- If you see someone who displays signs of dizziness, weakness, or lack of concentration, keep an eye on them. Recommend a time-out if you think it necessary for their sake.
- Wear proper tennis (court) shoes. Running shoes are not advised, as the raised tread can cause falls.
- At times, rain seeps into the MADDOG facility walls. Never play on a wet court. Wipe up the water immediately.

If you have any questions, need clarification or would like any additions to the guidelines please contact KPRD or a MPGC.