



News BLAST

Port Townsend Pickleball Club

Mountain View Schedule

Last year the Club and City worked hard to build permanent, high quality pickleball courts at Mountain View (MV). With this development came an agreement between the Club and City regarding use the new MV courts. The Club was offered dedicated hours from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday - Saturday, which would be managed as “Organized Play.” All other times would be either “First Come, First Served” (before 11:00 am) or “Open Play” (after 3:00 pm). The exception is Sundays, which are entirely Open Play.

It is important that this agreement be honored. The signage posted by the City omitted some of this, and it is now being corrected.

Regardless, it has come to our attention that courts are being “reserved” at inappropriate times. A glance at Playtime Scheduler corroborates this perception. Very often, courts contain a single name and an expression like “Session Full,” which violates the spirit of the agreement the Club has made with the City.

The Club has published guidelines to help players abide by the agreement. These are on the signage at MV and on the website. We all need to immediately cease any use of “Session Full,” “Private” or other exclusionary terms outside of the Organized Play times. Putting a name, or four names, is an acceptable way of indicating that you and/or a group will be there at a certain time. However, it does not reserve a court or exclude anyone from joining you. If the “Session Full” type of entry continues, we will likely utilize administrative remedies within Playtime Scheduler.

This is a reminder - the hours outside the Club’s dedicated hours are open to the public, all the time.

From dawn to 11:00 am, play is First-Come, First-Served, Monday - Saturday. You can play for as long as you want, but if anyone shows up, your play is limited to an hour from the time you started.

From 3:00 pm to dusk, play is Open Play, all drop-in, Monday - Saturday and all-day Sunday.

Open Play means that anyone at any time can show up and join in the games. If there is only one court with four players being used, and a fifth player shows up, that player should be invited to rotate in. If more players show up, more courts might fill up. If more than 12 players are using the courts, go to the “Paddle Up” rotation.

The MV schedule makes it possible for new players or visitors to find a way to play. This is a positive aspect of pickleball. Open Play is like the Club’s Social Saturday, a friendly gathering of pickleball players who enjoy the social atmosphere, recreational play, and meeting new people. Several members have visited Sequim and Bainbridge recently during the popular weekday morning hours and were warmly welcomed to drop into play. The possibility of adding more courts at Mountain View is on the horizon and to help make that happen we must show that we can adhere to the protocols already in place.

	Mountain View Courts Pickleball Court Schedule	
	Sunday	Monday thru Saturday
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Open Play	First Come - First Served
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Open Play	Organized Play
3:00 PM - Dusk	Open Play	Open Play



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