



News BLAST

Port Townsend Pickleball Club

Winter Indoor Play at the Fairgrounds

Thank you for your input on the recent survey. It helped to modify our original plan. We are getting closer to having a venue leased for additional indoor play! The new indoor courts are located at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Erickson Building. While not super spacious, there will be 2 courts possible. We have leased the building for 3 months (Jan – Mar), 6 days per week (Tues – Sat), 6 hours per day (9am – 3pm). There are a handful of dates within that period that are already scheduled and those dates will be “blacked out” on Playtime Scheduler, which we will use to manage play. The club has purchased 2 new nets, court line tape, and pickleballs for the courts.

Please be aware that this is completely new territory for the PTPC. Unlike Mountain View or any of the other public courts, we will have complete control of the Erickson Building schedule during our hours. Along with this privilege comes the responsibility to care for the court / building, and we are responsible for any damages incurred during the time we are playing.

This is also new territory for the Fairgrounds management, and they have written into the lease that the club needs to have trained agents of the club at the facility at all times. We are calling these individuals club “hosts”. We are developing the training materials for the hosts and will start with an invited group of approximately 20 hosts. We will assess the demand and requirements as we move forward and adjust as necessary. Here are a few of the rules of play.

- Every time the Erickson Building is being used, there **MUST** be a trained host that organizes and attends the event(s).
- Only PTPC members in good standing will be allowed to play at the Erickson Building. No non-member guests will be allowed.

- **Members can only add their names to a session posted by a host, similar to how the YMCA events work. Events organized by non-host members will not be honored.**
- **If you need to cancel participation in an event, we ask that you do so more than 24 hours in advance to give others a chance to know that they have moved up from the waitlist.**
- **Every player will be required to sign a liability waiver before playing.**
- **Play should conform to a schedule to be announced, which will include a mix of rated open play and court reservations.**
- **The club will collect \$5 per person, per 2 hour playing session. We are discussing other options for the future, but for now please bring exact change.**

We know that this plan is imperfect, and as always, we appreciate hearing from you with constructive suggestions. Please understand, however, that we will not be able to act on each and every suggestion. We are committed to making incremental changes to how play is managed over the following weeks to improve your playing experience. Please remember that this is new for us all, members and board alike, so please be patient and show some grace as we work out the kinks.

**Happy Holidays,
Your PTPC Board**



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