

PICKLEBALL “RETURN TO PLAY” PLAN

This is an ever-changing situation, so these Safe Start guidelines very likely will be modified.

Covid-19 Safety Plan: See the below safety plan for details, but some points of emphasis:

Temperature Check Participants must take their own temperature shortly before arriving at the program. Additional temperature checks with a non-contact thermometer may also be conducted at check-in. Stay home if you have a fever.

Stay home if you or anyone in your household have experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms (not attributable to another condition such as seasonal allergies) in the 3 days prior to the program such as: a fever of 100.4 or higher; cough; sore throat; chills; loss of taste or smell; muscle or body aches; respiratory illness or difficulty breathing; or headache. If you fall ill, please let us know. If you reply to one of our health screening questions in a way that needs more clarification, we'll have you step to the side while we get the rest of the folks checked in, then chat with you.

Stay home if you or anyone in your household been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon arrival.

Wear a cloth face covering at check-in and departure.

Everyone should refrain from touching their faces.

Privacy Upon arrival we may ask you some basic health questions about symptoms and exposure. If you would like to discuss anything in a more private way, please call us or email before the program starts.

If we are made aware that a participant, volunteer or staff person tested positive for COVID-19, fellow participants and volunteers who have been exposed will be notified, while maintaining privacy.

Payment and Signing Up

- Players will make daily reservations using our online system. They sign a waiver at that time. They will not be charged a fee at the time of reservation.
- Participation is by reservation only, no drop-ins.
- Reservations should be made at least 2 hours prior to start
- Fee: \$3 No change will be given. Cash preferred, but checks payable to SWPRD may be used if necessary. Players will put their payment directly in an acrylic box.
- Maximum of 6 players per court, 18 players total will be permitted per day (plus volunteers).
- A waitlist will be available. If a spot becomes available, we will notify the first person on the list via email. They should reply right away if they will or won't be able to take the spot, so we can go to the next person on the list.
- Players should notify the Park District if they will not be able to make their reservation by emailing swparks@whidbey.com or calling (360) 221-5484 at least 2 hours in advance.
- Players will pay upon arriving at Pickleball, depositing exact change in the cash box.
- Previously issued punch cards may be used, or held until we re-open indoors. If used, volunteer will put one slash through each ball per day. So, what was one punch before, will now be 2 slashes.

- Players should be aware that Pickleball may be cancelled with short notice.

Inclement Weather

Cancellations may occur due to rain or thunder/lightning. We'll first try to email participants. Participants may call the office at (360) 221-5484 for updates 30 minutes prior if unsure.

Distancing

- Players will not use old system of stacking paddles for who's up next. Paddles will be placed in fence.
- Players will bring their own chairs, if desired, for spreading out while waiting.
- Players will reserve their space online, signing our fancy new COVID waiver.
- Players will pay, using exact cash, placing money in a box, or use old punch cards.
- There is a "no-contact, no-handshake policy" to be observed at every level until further notice. No post-game paddle taps, instead verbally state "good game," without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping.

Health Screening

- Players will self-monitor for temperature and symptoms and exposure
- Participants should notify us if they test positive for COVID-19 and would have attended our program during the time of
- Temperature checks of players should be conducted prior to playing.

Sanitizing & Safety Supplies

- Wipes will be available for wiping down during session.
- Spray sanitizer is provided for sanitizing periodically and at end of session.

Equipment

- Players will bring their own paddles, water bottles, cloth face coverings, hand sanitizer, seating for sidelines, first aid supplies, and gloves (gloves are optional). It is recommended that players also bring sanitizing wipes.
- Loaner paddles are not available (except for Intro to Pickleball Class)
- Utilize same balls we've been using, and sanitize on a regular basis.

Personal Protective Supplies

- Players will bring their own paddles, water bottles, cloth face coverings, hand sanitizer, seating for sidelines, first aid supplies, and gloves (gloves are optional). It is recommended that players also bring sanitizing wipes.
- Everyone: Cloth face coverings must be worn upon arrival, during check-in, when on sidelines and not actively playing. We reserve the right to require face coverings during game play if necessary.
- Gloves available for volunteers
- Cloth face coverings provided for volunteers if needed
- Emergency/disposable masks available for players

- Hand sanitizer on site for all, but players should BYO hand sanitizer
- Participants should arrive, depart wearing masks and while on sidelines.

Facilities

- SWPRD Staff will place cones out early, blocking off the parking/courts for pickleball
- Restrooms will be open and cleaned at least daily by SWPRD staff

Volunteer Duties

- Ideally 2 volunteers per day, to keep up with all the duties.
- Volunteers will notify the office (360)221-5484 if for some reason they need to cancel.
- Volunteers must self-monitor for health screening, though we may conduct an additional temp check at the office.
- Volunteers should not hesitate to cancel if they have COVID-19 symptoms or think that they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Volunteers must wear cloth face coverings while checking in at office, picking up supplies, and while interacting with players.
- Optional: wear latex or nitrile gloves for check-in (provided) of players
- Volunteer will gather from office:
 - Nets, balls, sanitizing supplies, signage, cash box, sanitizing supplies, disposable mask for emergencies from office, first aid supplies, pen for punch card, reservation list, clipboard, small table, distancing markers, PPE supplies.
- Post Signage re masks, social distancing, staying home if ill etc (provided)
- Set up nets
- Place physical distancing markers (provided) at each court, 6' apart, 6' off court at least.
- Write names of volunteers on the reservation list
- Supervise the check-in station: cross off reservation list, ask health screening questions, participants will put exact change in box, volunteer will create slashes on punchcards.
- Ensure that only folks who have reservations are playing.
- Keep track of the cash box, lock in car.
- Sanitize balls periodically
- Break down supplies, spray/wipe shared supplies with sanitizer.
- Return to office cash box, reservation list, and equipment.