

# Pick-up Pickleball Guidelines & Rotation Rules

## - for pick-up times posted on the Mill Works website

Mill Works pickleball is an inclusive program. All skill levels are welcome, except during specified level-specific times. Please be considerate of everyone by following these guidelines, the purpose of which is to make Mill Works pickleball fun for ALL players of ALL abilities.

Open pickleball is available during some hours that are not designated for pick-up play. During open play, you may get your own court, make your own rules, etc.

1. If you are waiting to get onto a court, place your paddle in the rotation queue. People will be invited onto open courts in paddle order. Please do not move your paddle in the queue to select the court that you want to play on or the people you want to play with. If you want to move your paddle to mix up the rotation, move it to the end of the queue.
2. There are no set partnerships in Mill Works pick-up pickleball. Paddles should be placed individually in the rotation queue.
3. Games end when one side has 11 points, win by 2. If your side wins a game, split with your partner and stay on the court. If your side loses a game, get off the court and place your paddles in the queue.
4. If you have won on the same court twice in a row, get off that court and put your paddle into the rotation queue. Any one player can be on the same court for no more than 2 consecutive games.
5. Try to balance out the skill levels in any given game in order to promote balanced play.
6. If possible, do not play with the same partner multiple times in any one session.
7. In order for rotation to run smoothly, do not open more courts than you have players to fill them, while still having people on the sidelines waiting to rotate in.
8. If you are new to Mill Works pickleball, please join our regulars and follow their guidelines and customs. If you have constructive suggestions for how to change our program, you may contact us at [info@millworkswestford.com](mailto:info@millworkswestford.com).

Everyone at pick-up is part of pick-up, which means everyone should play together in the format outlined above. No beginner courts, no advanced courts, no private courts. If you want to play in a different format, join us during open times, or you may rent a private court, subject to availability. Private courts should be private, not excuses to exclude others.

**Good sportsmanship goes a long way toward improving everyone's experience!**