

# Town of Riverhead Pickleball Ladder Leagues

## Rules & Regulations

### What is the Ladder League?

This format allows for players to play among people of similar skill levels. The ladder is a fun way to play with new people in an organized and social environment.

**Competitive:** Open to players with a USAPA skill rating of 3.0+.

**Fun:** Open to players with a USAPA skill rating between 2.0-3.0.

**Mixed:** open to players of all skill ratings.

Your ranking on the ladder depends on your winning percentage from previous weeks of play.

ALL LADDER RANKINGS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

[www.RIVERHEADRECREATION.net](http://www.RIVERHEADRECREATION.net) under the Programming > Pickleball Tab.

### SCORING/LADDER MOVEMENT

- Courts will have between 4-7 players and will rotate to play with different partners for at least 3 games depending on the number of players there. Courts with 4 players will play 3 games to 15 points, Courts with 5+ will play 4 games to 11. **(WIN BY 2 DOES NOT APPLY)**
  - It is required that the players change ends of the court when one side has 8 points or 6 points depending on the number of players on the court to minimize the effects of the sun/wind.
- After your games have been played, players record their scores on the score sheet available with the staff on site.
- Winning percentage will determine your rank on the ladder. (the ratio of points won / points available) The number of points available will depend on how many players are on your court and how many points each game is being played to.
  - **MIXED LEAGUE ONLY:** There is a TIER system in place. At the start of the league: Tier 1 begins at skill level 3.0+ and Tier 2 is 2.0-2.75. However, after the first round of play and subsequent rounds of play, players will move up and down each tier OR up to the next tier or down to the lower tier.
  - **MIXED LEAGUE ONLY:** Players will move up a tier if they have a scoring percentage of 84% or more
  - **MIXED LEAGUE ONLY:** Players will move down a tier if they have a scoring percentage of 65% or less.
- **FUN & COMPETITIVE:** Given the small size of the leagues, we have eliminated the ½ rule where players could only move up or down the ladder by 50%. The win percentages are not cumulative from week to week so they will adjust each week BUT final standings are calculated as below.
- **FINAL STANDINGS: At the end of the league the final ranking will be based on the players top 4 win percentages. This allows for a missed/off week.** (updated 9/20/23)
  - Any additional missed week will calculate as a 0% for that week.

### ATTENDANCE

- Each week you are expected to play in your ladder match unless you have notified Ashley that you will be absent. **Only notify if you WILL NOT attend.** This can be done via email [schandel@townofriverheadny.gov](mailto:schandel@townofriverheadny.gov) or call 631-727-3200 x733.
  - 6pm Night leagues: **Please notify by 12pm that day or earlier.**
  - 10am Morning leagues: **Please notify by the night before.**

### **INITIAL GROUPING AND SKILL LEVEL**

- The Riverhead Recreation Department uses the USAPA skill rating definitions
  - [usapa-skill-rating-definitions-2020.pdf \(riverheadrecreation.net\)](#)
- It is the players responsibility to assure we have your correct ranking at the start of league play, which is determined by the player themselves.