Dear Pickleball Players,

We are writing to share an important update regarding the use of our pickleball courts that will begin on September 2, 2025.

This decision was made after careful consideration and is necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability and quality of our pickleball program. We deeply value your enthusiasm and support for the sport, and this step will allow us to continue providing a fun, well-maintained, and reliable experience for all players.

Daily Drop-In Play will continue to be $12.00 for Non-Members.

We understand that many players enjoy playing with others of similar skill levels. For those interested, pickleball players may reserve gym space during open gym times. The cost is $75 for 90 minutes on half of the gym floor.

We're excited to announce new Open Pickleball hours at our East Lycoming and Williamsport Branches!

East Lycoming YMCA

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | 6:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Williamsport YMCA

Mondays | 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. & 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*Starting Nov. 2*

Fridays | 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

We have also looked into what other YMCAs are doing with their pickleball programs, and many have introduced a monthly pickleball membership for both members and non-members. In those cases, members received a much lower rate, giving them an added benefit to their YMCA membership.

While this is something we are considering, we do not plan to make this change right away. If we decide to move forward with a pickleball membership in the future, all players will be notified well in advance and given ample time to prepare.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and dedication to our pickleball community. We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

With appreciation,

Abigail Shrom & Jeremy Bottorf

Branch Executive Directors

Amanda Phlegar & Megan Swarthout

Branch Program & Wellness Directors

Eastern Lycoming & Williamsport YMCAs

Pickleball Guidelines

1. **Scheduling**
    - **Playtime Scheduler is used as a tool for session sign-ups. Player rankings will not be considered when creating schedules. The gym may be closed for special events, and days when there is no school.**
2. **Sign-Up Requirements**
    - **All players must list both their first and last name when registering for a session. Players who do not provide both names will be removed from the session without notice.**
    - **We ask that players make every effort to attend sessions they sign up for. If a player misses three registered sessions within a month without attending, they'll be asked to take a two-week break from registering so that spots remain available for others.**
    - **Sessions will be capped at 20 players. However, registration will remain open to 26 spots, with players numbered 21–26 serving as the wait list.**
3. **Check-In Process**
    - **A list of registered players will be available at the front desk.**
    - **Players must check in at the front desk upon arrival before entering the gym.**
4. **Play Times**
    - **Pickleball sessions are reserved based on facility availability.**
    - **All players must respect the designated start and end times, including set-up and breakdown of nets and equipment.**
5. **Court Rotation & Inclusivity**
    - **Courts are open play. All skill levels are welcome, and players will rotate accordingly.**
    - **Players may not refuse to play with others.**
6. **Sportsmanship**
    - **Treat all players with courtesy and respect.**
    - **Coaching, criticizing, or directing others is not permitted unless feedback is specifically requested.**
    - **If players are not following rules or not playing fairly they may be asked to leave and may lose the ability to play for a certain amount of time.**
7. **Rule Enforcement & Respect for Staff, Players, and Volunteers**
    - **Staff and volunteers will oversee court rotation, grouping, and play decisions if necessary. Their direction is final and must be respected.**
    - **Players who do not follow the rules or who do not play fairly will be asked to leave.**
    - **Repeated violations may result in loss of playing for a set period of time.**

2025/2026 Pickleball Waiver and Registration

PLAYER INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Home Branch _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

YMCA CODE OF CONDUCT

All YMCA sports programs are family-oriented programs.

ALL participants are expected to uphold the YMCA character development values of HONESTY, CARING, RESPECT, AND RESPONSIBILITY. NO profanity/cursing will be tolerated. Individuals that do not adhere to these standards will forfeit their opportunity to participate in this program.

The River Valley Regional YMCA is not responsible for property left in the building or for personal injuries occurring on YMCA property. By signing this release, you also certify that the YMCA may use photos for the use in YMCA displays and publications.

PROGRAM WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that I am in normal health and capable of participating in the YMCA Pickleball Program. In consideration for the use of Y facilities and Y programs, I understand that the River Valley Regional YMCA assumes no responsibility for injuries or illnesses which I, or anyone included, may sustain as result of my physical condition or resulting from my participation in any athletic activities, sports program, the use of any equipment, exercise or other activities. The Eastern Lycoming & Williamsport Branch YMCA Pickleball Program is a participate-at-your own-risk program. I expressly acknowledge on behalf of myself and my heirs that I assume the risk for any and all injuries and illnesses which may result from my participation in these activities. I hereby release and discharge the River Valley Regional YMCA, its agents, assigns and/or employees from any and all claims for injury, illness, including COVID-19, death, loss or damage which I may suffer as a result of my participation in these activities. The YMCA conducts regular sex offender screenings on all members, participants, and guests. If a sex offender match occurs, the YMCA reserves the right to end program participation, and remove visitation access.

I understand that the River Valley Regional YMCA is not responsible for personal property lost or stolen while members and/or program participants are using Y facilities or programs or on Y premises. I also understand that the registration fee is Non-Refundable unless extreme circumstances warrant.

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I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT, PROGRAM WAIVER, GUIDELINES, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND TO ABIDE BY THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE EASTERN LYCOMING & WILLIAMSPORT YMCA PICKLEBALL PROGRAM.

Participant Signature_____**Date**_____