



Information & Instructions for GVPC Ladder Play *As of July 4, 2025*

All players must read and agree to comply with these GVPC Ladder Instructions and rules in order to participate on the ladder. By requesting to play on the ladder, players will be deemed to agree to these terms.

All ladder participants must have a DUPR account and must be a member of the Grass Valley Pickleball Club within DUPR. See [myDUPR.com](https://mydupr.com) and/or download the DUPR app on your mobile phone.

The official ball for all ladder matches is the “optic” yellow/green Franklin X-40. Players are encouraged to bring their own newer balls for their matches.

For player safety:

1. All paddles are required To have a "USAPA Approved" stamp; and
2. No paddle may be used which is listed by USAPA as having been unapproved after approval was granted, nor on the official USAPA list of paddles which are scheduled to become unapproved in the future.
See <https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/> and
<https://usapickleball.org/equipment/paddle-certification-updates/>; and
3. Delaminated paddles and those with core-crush issues which create extraordinary power and speed of shots should not be used in competitive ladder play; and
4. Eye protection is strongly recommended.

Ladder schedules are published weekly by 11:59 pm on Fridays. You will receive an email notifying you that the schedule has been published. Click on the link in the email to find your name, your foursome, your assigned court and your designated time. Your foursome will be identified and grouped by the court number and time and day (Examples: M Noon C1 = Monday, Noon, court one; W 1:30 C2 = Wednesday, 1:30pm, court two). Start times and court assignments will be chosen for each foursome using the random number generator from www.random.org. If the number of participants is not divisible by 4, or we have more players than we have courts available, we will assign a "Bye/Sub" to players using the random number generator. If you receive a Bye/Sub, we will not assign another Bye/Sub to you until all others have been assigned a Bye/Sub.

1) Format

- New ladder participants will initially be seeded into the ladder based on any prior GVPC ladder performance, DUPR rating, player recommendations, et al.
- Players' ladder standings are generally based on each player's prior week's total winning percentage (ratio of total points won to total points possible), with potential adjustments based on movement restrictions incorporated into and calculated within the Hold My Court ladder software.

Only the 10 most recent scores will be counted. Players whose movement has been restricted due to the maximum movement factor, will have an "R" next to their percentage in the standings.

- Each week, players will be organized into groups of 4 in the order of their standings on the ladder and based on player availability.
- Players will play 3 doubles games in a round-robin fashion with the other players of their foursome.
- Sequence of games:
 - Game 1: 1st player listed plays with the 2nd player listed against the 3rd & 4th players listed
 - Game 2: 1st player listed plays with the 3rd player listed against the 2nd & 4th players listed
 - Game 3: 1st player listed plays with the 4th player listed against the 2nd & 3rd players listed
- All games are played to 15 points, win by 1. The total possible points for each player each week is 45.
- Determine who chooses side, serve, or receive by a toss of a coin, "pick 1 or 2," rock-paper-scissors, or a similar method. Winner chooses whether to serve or receive or chooses the side on which to start. Non-winner chooses "side" if the winner chooses whether to "serve" or "receive". Non-winner chooses whether to "serve" or "receive" if the winner chooses "side".
- Teams will switch sides after the first team scores 8 points. If the side switch is not made for any reason, switch as soon as anyone announces to switch. Any points scored before the side switch count, even if the switch is made after the 8th point.

2) Schedule

- All ladder matches will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays during club times; which will be adjusted seasonally to mitigate weather impacts. Monday sessions will all be played 6-9pm. During the cooler season (Sep-May), Wednesday matches will be played from 12:00-3:00 pm; during the warmer season (Jun-Aug) Wednesday matches will be played from 6:00-9:00 pm.
- Generally, players on each half of the ladder will alternate playing Mondays and Wednesdays. Note: Players in the "middle" of the ladder may not know whether they will play Monday or Wednesday until the schedule for the following week is published.
- Schedules/foursomes matches will be published weekly on Fridays by 11:59 pm.
- Each week of play is optional. Participants are free to play or not each week.
- **Players must notify the Ladder Managers by Thursdays at noon if they cannot participate in the ladder for the upcoming week(s) either Monday or Wednesday. They will not be scheduled for that week. Players are encouraged to check the weather forecast for the following week before committing to play.**
- Players should designate whether they do not want to be scheduled for one week or a set amount of weeks or whether they do not want to be scheduled until they request to be scheduled for play again. If players only email that they will not play the following week, Ladder Managers will assume the player wants to play the week after that. If a player does not play for 4 weeks in a row, or elects to be "inactive", the player will not appear in the standings. If players become "inactive," they must again notify the Ladder Managers by email by Thursday at 9 pm if they want to be back on the ladder for the following week.
- The Ladder Managers may choose to cancel future and scheduled ladder matches based on a forecast of likely precipitation, excess heat, or other conditions. You will be notified by email in

such an event. Generally, if precipitation is predicted to be more than 40% likely, matches will be cancelled. If temperatures are predicted to be 90 degrees or more for day matches, matches will likely be cancelled. In consideration of likely evening cooling after 6pm, if temperatures are predicted to be 95 degrees or more for evening matches, matches will be cancelled. The ladder managers will notify players by email as soon as possible in the event of any cancellation.

3) Reporting scores

The first person listed in the published match schedule is responsible for ensuring that the scores are recorded and reported as described below. The first person on the schedule can ask another member of the group to take on this responsibility.

To Record/Report Scores, there are 4 forms of score sheets that are acceptable for reporting your match scores:

- a. A printed copy of the match schedule which includes spaces for reporting the scores for each game, total score for the match, and recording players initials acknowledging that recorded scores are correct;
- b. The electronic scoresheet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E28DFB8aiEq-c-dHI8wMnnUKfFR47ZAO/view?usp=drivesdk>;
- c. Pre-printed blank score sheets which are kept in the club's box at the Memorial Park courts; and
- d. A handwritten score sheet that has the same information and in the same order as the match schedule score sheet.

When using score sheet options 2-4, the score sheets are to be filled in exactly like the match schedule score sheet with regard to the order of players and must include each player's initials acknowledging that the reported scores are correct.

- The scores should be recorded at the completion of each game.
- At the end of the match, each player should initial the scorecard acknowledging the accuracy of the scores being reported.
- A photo of the score sheet must, if possible, be sent by email to GVPCLadder@gmail.com.
- Scores will not be recorded unless sent to GVPCLadder@gmail.com. If email is not available, scores may be sent via text message to any Ladder Manager(s) mobile numbers listed at the end of this document.
- The other 3 members of the group of 4 should be copied on the email or text sent to GVPCLadder@gmail.com.
- Scores should be reported as soon as possible after the match is completed on the day the match is played. The Ladder Managers will enter the scores into the Hold My Court ladder software and also in DUPR before creating the next week's schedule.

4) Interruption of Matches due to Injuries or Weather

If match play is interrupted for any reason (injury, bad weather, etc.), where continued play would put players' health at risk, at any player's request, the match will stop. Scoring for interrupted matches should be handled as follows:

- a. If the match is terminated before the start of the third game, scores should not be recorded.
- b. If the match is terminated sometime during the third game, points for the third game will be assumed to be in the same ratio of the score up to that point. For example, if the score was 9 to 7 at termination, the winning team would get $\frac{7}{9}$ of 15 = 12 (rounded to the nearest point).

5) Guidelines for Substitutions

The Ladder Managers will develop a roster of Official Subs to be used to balance out the posted scheduled matches in the event the number of available players is not divisible by 4 or in the event of a late withdrawal after the schedule is published.

If you cannot play after the schedule is published, notify the ladder committee as soon as possible via sending an email to GVPCladder@gmail.com. The Ladder committee will find a sub based on the following guidelines:

- The sub must be a GVPC Member and must have a DUPR account.
- The sub should have an appropriate skill level compared to the person not able to play. "Appropriate" means that the sub shall be in a group within 2 groups of the group playing, or have played on the ladder in the past within 2 groups of the group playing. Otherwise the sub may be determined by one of the ladder managers.
- One or more players in a group may request a particular sub, but the sub is always subject to approval by at least one ladder manager.
- A match must be started and completed with the same 4 players for scores to count.
- If a sub cannot be obtained, players will not receive a score for that week and current winning percentages and DUPR ratings will not be affected.

6) Code of Conduct Expectation for Ladder Participants

All Ladder participants are required to abide by the following code of conduct. Violations of any of these rules may be cause for player suspension or disqualification from ladder participation at the sole discretion of the Ladder Managers. The Ladder Managers will keep a record of violations. Players are each deemed to state:

- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct nor encourage others to do so.
- I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety, or wellbeing of others.
- I will not engage in the use of obscene language or gestures.

- I will treat others with respect.
- I will make an effort to play well in every game, in every match.
- Unless injured or ill, I will complete all 3 games of each match I start to play.
- I will exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.
- I will accept responsibility for my own actions.
- I acknowledge I am responsible for determining for myself whether I am physically fit and otherwise able to safely participate in ladder play, including if weather and court conditions are safe for my play. GVPC personnel have no responsibility or liability to determine my fitness for play or whether playing conditions are safe for me.
- I will engage in conduct that is free from discrimination, abuse, and harassment.
- I will abide by the GVPC rules and any instructions from the court facilitators.
- I will abide by the official rules published on USAPickleball.org: [Official Pickleball Rules](https://www.usapickleball.org/rulebook/), including rules regarding line calls.

For questions, please contact the Ladder Managers: Jay Zellmer (Chair), Ann Adams, Steve DeMartini or Suzi Rosas via email at GVPCladder@gmail.com.

Or via text:

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Have fun!