

LUCK OF THE DRAW TOURNAMENT

February 13, 2026

You have been scheduled (or are on the waitlist) to play on February 13, 2026 in our “Luck of the Draw” Fun Pickleball Tournament. All players will need to be at the courts **no later than 11:30 am** in order to go over the rules and to warmup. We will begin play promptly at 12 PM. We anticipate the tournament to conclude at approximately 3:30 pm but have booked the courts until 5 pm. It is very important that everybody who has committed to play by registering, shows up for the tournament on time. **If you are not there by 11:45 a replacement player will be assigned to take your place.**

If you find you will be unable to attend, please notify Lary OConnor at 414-587-8444 as far in advance as possible to allow someone else a chance to take your place. This is a fun event where the goal is to keep winning as many games as you can in order to reach the “Royal Court”.

RULES

DRAWING PARTNERS TO BEGIN THE TOURNAMENT: Players are paired for the first game by selecting a playing card that matches one drawn by another player. There will be 11 cards from the hearts suit + 1 Joker from 2 decks for a total of 24 cards. Decks will be shuffled prior to drawing. All 24 players will form a line, each waiting to draw their card. Each player will select 1 card from the top of the deck. You will take the card with you and proceed to the court with your matching card number. You will then locate the player with the same card (A, K, Q, J, 10 etc.) as yours. **That will be your partner for the first game only and you will play on that court for the first game.** You will hand your card to the court monitor once you have located your partner and found your court.

COURT NAMES

What we know as Court 1 (Cage Court) will be designated the “Jester” court for this tournament. The Joker and 2 of Hearts will be on that court. What we know as Court 2 will have 5 and 6 of Hearts on that court. What we know as Court 3 will have 7 and 8 of Hearts on that court. What we know as Court 6 will have 9 and 10 of Hearts on that court.

What we know as Court 4 will have Jack and Queen of Hearts on that court.

What we know as Court 5 is the “Royal Court” which will have Ace and King of Hearts on that court.

There will be people to help direct you to the correct court!!!

NUMBER OF GAMES:

You will be playing a total of 8 games. Games are played to our normal scoring of 11 points - whichever team reaches 11 first will be the winner. Games have a time limit - the whistle will blow after 12 minutes – if the whistle blows in the middle of your play, please continue the point. If the score is tied after the whistle, the next serve is a rally serve and whoever wins the rally wins the match.

You will not be reporting scores to a scorekeeper. There will be no byes and you will not be leaving the courts between games, but there will be a 10 minute break after the 4th game. Everyone will move to their new court and leave their belongings in the new court before taking the breaks. ***We encourage each player to take water & snacks with them to their courts to stay hydrated.*** However, if mother nature calls and any player needs to use the bathroom, we will hold up the tournament until everybody is back in place. 😞😏 There will be a one minute warm up period after each break prior to the start of the next game.

COURT MONITOR: Court monitors will be present on each court to ensure the selection of players for each team and to determine who will serve first. The highest card on each court serves first and we will switch sides after 6 points are scored. Court monitors are also there as an “unofficial referee”, which means if there is a question about whether a ball is in or out or if there is a question about a foot fault on serve or kitchen any player on either team may ask the monitor for their opinion. **Whatever the monitor determines will be the official result of the dispute.** They are not there to referee the games but only act as an arbitrator to any disputed call. Please note that anyone watching the tournament cannot make a call.

SERVER: Highest card on the court serves first. Each team will determine which player on their team will serve first and who will receive. We will switch sides after the first team reaches 6 points.

MOVING TO NEXT COURT: Once everyone has finished playing a round and winners and losers have been identified, then winners will be directed to move up 1 court and split (change partners), losers will move down 1 court and split. Winners on “Royal Court” will always stay on that court and do not move and the Losers on the “Jester court” will always stay on that court and do not move. You will be splitting and changing partners each game. Monitors will direct players as to which court to move to and you will draw another card to determine who your partner will be for your next game. When the whistle blows, play will begin for the new round and all games will start at the same time.

WINNERS: Winners still on the Royal court after all rounds have been completed will be crowned “Royal Champions” for the day. Losers left in the Jester court will be relegated to “Court Jesters” for the day. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers following the tournament.

In the eighth game the Ace and King along with the Queen and Jack will sit until other courts finish their 8th game and then all can watch the finals.

I want to thank all of you for accepting our invitation to play in this fun tournament. Again, remember if you find you are unable to play in the tournament, please let me know as soon as possible via phone or text to 414-587-8444 as I do have a list of players who are ready to step in and play.

Lary OConnor
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