

The HOP Open Play Paddle Racks and Guidelines

As more and more people are playing and learning to play pickleball at the HOP, we want you and them to have the best experience possible during the Open Play hours. For this reason, the City of Newnan has purchased new paddle racks with the intention of having an organized Open Play time. Open Play means everyone gets to play after waiting their turn. Their turn will be determined by the slide on the paddle rack.

- All games should be played with a win by 1 point rule and not win by two as is customary.
- Once a game is complete all players should leave the court & the next 4 players enter.
- When a game is finished the players should announce "Open Court" so the waiting players will know a court is available.
- The players who just finished should place their paddles in the rack and wait their turn for the next open court.

The sign on the Open Play courts explains the skill level of players for those courts during Open Play.

- Courts 1-3 are for "Recreational" players including players who are beginners and still learning the rules and strategies & players who prefer not to have hard hit balls hit at them.
- Courts 4-6 are for "Intermediate" players including players who have played in tournaments at a level of 3.0 to 3.5 & understand pickleball strategy and can handle a faster pace game.
- Courts 7-9 are for "Advanced" players who have a rating of 4.0 or higher.

Open Play time is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00-noon & Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00-9:00.

We appreciate you abiding by these rules and playing on the court that is appropriate for your skill level. If you are unsure which court is for you, a good rule of thumb is- If you are winning most of the games, you probably should move up a court and if you are losing most of the games, you should probably move down a court.

Open Play is for fun and to meet new friends and play competitive pickleball. We hope you will cooperate and help to make this possible.