

East Kent Pickleball League Regulations

- 1 Entry forms for the first event must be sent by e mail to ekpbl@gmail.com to arrive no later than Monday 15th January 2024.
- 2 The entry form can be found online at www.pickleballcomplete.co.uk together with details of the competition and the aims of the organisers. Please e mail ekpbl@gmail.com if you need the entry form as a pdf.
- 3 If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, priority will be given in order of receipt. Late entries will only be accepted after the closing date if numbers permit.
- 4 Payment by bank transfer please to
Bribar Sports Ltd Sort code 20 17 92 Account number 93327183

Payment must be received by 15th January 2024 to guarantee your place.
- 5 Confirmation of entry will be e mailed to the team captain upon receipt of payment. No refunds or credits are possible after the closing date.
- 6 There is no charge for admission and spectators are welcome, but seating is limited.
- 7 There are vending machines on site for drinks and snacks. Changing rooms and toilets adjacent to the hall. There is limited onsite parking but free parking is available in Spring Lane and there are several local car parks but there is a charge.
- 8 Each team will consist of 4 players. Divisions will be based upon players rating/standard 4.0/4+, 3.5, 3.0 and 2.5. In categories 4.0/4+ and 3.5 the team must consist of 2 men and 2 women. In 3.0 and 2.5 categories, ideally 2 men and 2 women, unless this is not possible due to a shortage of relevant gender players. The organisers may know of players looking for a team, so please ask in advance.
- 9 Team captains to nominate pairings at time of entry. Substitutes will be permitted in the event of illness or injury, but they must be of the same rating/standard and in the top two categories, the same gender. We appreciate that there will be teams where a player of one gender is playing in the place of the opposite gender. If a player is nominated for example as a woman (for the purposes of pairings) they will remain as a nominated female throughout the competition. The same applies to women who are nominated as men.
- 10 Onix Yellow Fuse G2 outdoor balls will be used. Please call a let if balls from another court enter your court.
- 11 Play will take place on 7 courts, one for each division. The order of play will be shown on each court.

12. Each match will consist of 2 gender doubles and 4 mixed doubles. Each player will therefore play 3 games (one gender doubles and two mixed doubles) in each match giving a total of 9 games throughout the day. There will be three match sessions on each court throughout the day. Approximate start times for each match – 9.30am, 12 noon and 2.30pm. Players will be responsible for being at their court, ready for play, as soon as the previous match has finished.

13 Games will be scored using the rally system up to 15 points. First team to 15 points is the winner subject to Freeze – see below for more details.

FREEZE – you must score your last point on serve.

WINNING TEAM FREEZE – If the team that is leading reaches 14 points they can only score when serving for the rest of the game. If the opponent serves, the team on freeze cannot score.

LOSING TEAM FREEZE – If the team that is behind then reaches 13 points, they also freeze and can only score while serving.

If the score is tied at 13-13 and then becomes 14-13 both teams freeze. The first team to achieve 15 points, scoring only on serve, wins.

Full details will be displayed on each court and the referee (Lee Featherbe) and organisers will be there to help if required.

14 In the event of a tie, points countback will be used.

15 The winners of each division (except Premier) will be promoted for the next league competition. The 4th placed teams in each division (except division 7) will be relegated.

16 Indoor court shoes must be worn. Please change from outdoor shoes into your indoor court shoes as soon as you enter the hall.

17 The hall will be open for registration and knock up at 9.00am. Match play will commence at 9.30 am. Please keep knock ups to a minimum (2 mins max at start of match – not each game) as time will be tight. Social play will be allowed if courts are free but please be considerate to the those still playing matches on adjacent courts.

18 Award ceremonies will take place at close of play.

19 This is the first event so it will be a learning curve for everyone. Thanks for your understanding. The organisers' decision is final.

Full terms and conditions of entry are available online at www.pickleballcomplete.co.uk

The results will also be available online but please allow a few days for these to be processed.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

The next league events are scheduled for Saturday 13th April and Saturday 13th July 2024 here at Christchurch.

We hope everyone has a good, competitive but fun day!



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