**2021 Fall Pickleball League**

**Rules**

**General Information**

The Milford Recreation Department will introduce a Pickleball League in the Fall of 2021. The League will start on October 9th and last until October 31st. Games will be played in the late afternoon every Saturday and Sunday at the Eisenhower Park Pickleball Courts. This league will be a CO-ED doubles league.

**Registration**

-To register you must be a Milford Resident.

-Registration will start Friday 9/17 and end Thursday 9/30.

-Registration is individual, there is no team registration.

-There will be a max of 12 registrants per Group

-Registration will be $15.

**Milford Recreation Fall Rules**

-Open Play Concept

-There will be 4 tiers based on Skill Level, Players will decide their own Skill level.

 -Group A: Beginners

-Participants who are just starting to play, have limited experience, or new to the game

 -Group B: 3.0

 -Group C: 3.5

 -Group D: 4.0

-There will be no crossover between groups.

-Each group will be assigned a specific section on the court.

-Games will be played to 11 (win by 2).

-Games will be self-scored and reported to the Pickleball Supervisor

-Participants will be separated into 6 teams randomly each day.

-Four teams will play while 2 teams sit.

-Your team will play everyone in your group once each day (5 games per day)

-The Pickleball Supervisor will assign your team a name and a court number to play on.

- On the last day (Oct. 31st) there will be a single elimination tournament.

**How’s my partner chosen?**

-When you register for your group, you will be assigned a Player number (#1-12)

-Your player number will then be randomly matched up with another player.

-You and your partner will be assigned a team name and play the schedule for the day.

-You will have a different partner each day.

-Please see the attached documents on the Fall Pickleball League home page for examples of how your partner is chosen and the schedule.

**Conduct**

All players must adhere to proper Pickleball etiquette.

-No foul language

-No physical altercations

-No throwing or destruction of equipment/Recreational facilities

-No arguing with the Pickleball Supervisor

\*The Pickleball Supervisor has the authority to determine any other misconduct. Any misconduct will be reported to the Recreation Supervisor. Depending on the severity of the misconduct, the Recreation Department will either serve a suspension or expel the participant from the league. In the case of expulsion, no refund will be given.

**Basic Pickleball Rules**

The Serve-

 Serves are made diagonally, starting with the right-hand service-square and alternating each serve. The serve must clear the seven-foot non-volley-zone in front of the net and land in the diagonal service court. The server must keep both feet behind the back line. The serve must be made in the air, you cannot bounce the ball then serve. Only one serve attempt is allowed. Both members of each team will serve and fault before the ball is turned over to the opposing team.

Two Bounce Rule-

 Each team must play their first shot off the bounce. The receiving team must let the serve bounce and serving team must let the return of the serve bounce before playing it. Once this occurs, the ball can be volleyed in the air or played off the bounce.

Fault-

 A fault is committed when the ball:

 -Touches any part of the non-volley zone on the serve

 -Is hit out of bounds

 -Does not clear the net

 -Volleyed from the non-volley zone

 -Volleyed before a bounce has occurred on each side

Scoring-

 A point can only be scored when serving. A player serving will continue to serve until a fault is made by their team. Each player on a team shall keep serving until their team makes a fault, then the serve moves to the opposing team. Games are played to 11 points; teams must win by 2 points.

\*Before each serve, the server will announce the score. You will announce your team’s score, the opponents score, then who is serving. (Example, 4-2-1..your team has 4 points, the opposing team has 2 points and it is the first person serving).