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OWL'S NEST RESORT - LADDER SYSTEM - PICKLEBALL 2023

What is a Pickleball Ladder System?

A pickleball ladder is a system for ranking a group of pickleball teams to keep play fun and competitive within the area. Participating teams are arranged like steps of a ladder (one on top of the other) and teams at different ladder levels can challenge one another to a match in order to improve their ranking (or "climb to the top of the ladder"). It is a great way to meet new players, stay competitive, and have fun.

Please read all the information below to find out how to participate in the Pickleball Ladder Challenge & learn the rules.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who can participate?

Any team aged 16+. All levels of pickleball players are welcome! Teams must be available to play a Pickleball Ladder challenge match at least once per week. Sign-ups can only be made as a team. If you don't have a partner or cannot find one let us know and we will see if there are other solo players in the area interested in joining in.

How do I sign up?

E-mail cos@owlsnestresort.com to be added to the Pickleball Ladder System. Teams can sign up at any point, but they will automatically start at the bottom of the ladder, if after August 1st, 2023.

When does it start/end?

The Pickleball Ladder System for 2023 begins the week of August 1st, 2023 & ends Oct 15th, 2023.

How do I win the Pickleball Ladder Challenge?

The team that stands at the top of the ladder after Oct 15th, 2023 is declared the winning team in that specific bracket.

How many brackets are there for the ladder system?

There are 3 brackets available for players to participate in. Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Players may register for more than one bracket; however they should have appropriate availability and make sure they can manage their time to play the challenges in each bracket accordingly.

HOW RANKING & CHALLENGES WORK

Initial ranking positions will be determined by a random selection on August 1st. Teams who sign up after the Ladder Challenge begins on August 1st will automatically be assigned to the bottom of the ladder.

How do I increase my ranking?

By winning matches against teams you've challenged who are "ranked" higher on the ladder.

How do I challenge another team?

1. Review the Ladder Board to identify eligible challengers. Eligible challengers are teams within 4 steps of your current ladder position. The Ladder Board will be updated weekly by Cos based on the results he's received that week!

2. Contact your eligible challengers to schedule a match. Cos can help you if you don't have the email or contact information of the team you are looking to challenge. Just let him know at cos@owlsnestresort.com

- Time, date, and court should be mutually agreed upon between the challengers & team being challenged.
- The challenger is responsible for providing the balls for the match and booking the court.
- Important Note: A team can only be scheduled for up to 3 matches at any given time.

How do I accept a Challenge?

Once contacted by a challenger, you must accept the challenge within 72 hours.

Can I decline a challenge?

All challenges must be accepted unless the challenged team is already scheduled for 3 matches.

What are the match play rules?

Official pickleball rules apply to all matches. All matches will be best two out of three sets to 11 points each, win by two points at 10-10. The match winner is the player who wins 2 sets.

How do I report my match results?

Match winners must email cos@owlsnestresort.com with the match results within 24 hours after a match is played or a default occurs. The email should include the match score & players/team names.

WHAT HAPPENS IF...

A match is interrupted because of weather, darkness, or court time limitations?

If one set has been completed, the set winner will be considered the match winner. If at least one set has not been completed, then the match must be continued from the point of interruption within 7 days. If a match cannot be completed within 7 days, the match is void and no changes will be made to the ladder.

The players agree that the match is not playable due to weather?

If prior to the match, both teams agree weather conditions are such that the match is not playable, then a match is null & void and no changes will be made to the ladder.

The players cannot find a mutually agreed upon time to play?

The challenger must initially suggest match play days/times. If the challenged player is not available during the suggested times, then the challenged player must suggest at least 2 reasonable alternative days/times. If the challenged player does not provide at least 2 additional time/days, then the challenged player defaults. If after both players attempt & fail to find a mutual time to play then no changes will be made to the ladder.

A team cancels a scheduled match or withdraws from the Pickleball Ladder?

The cancelling/withdrawing team defaults. If the remaining team is lower ranking, they move up into the defaulter's team high-ranking position on the ladder; if the defaulting team is lower on the ladder, then the remaining team stays in their position.

A team is more than 20 minutes late for a match?

The late team defaults. However, please use moral compass and be humble if they are trying to arrive on time but some odd circumstances have occurred. We want to promote play and not discourage it!