



ARIZONA PICKLEBALL PLAYERS LEAGUE

Bringing Competitive Team Based League Pickleball Throughout Arizona

APPL Frequently Asked Questions (General):

What is APPL? - The Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) is a statewide team-based pickleball league. It currently operates in the following regions: Southern Region (Tucson and surrounding southern Arizona area; Casa Grande Region (communities in the Casa Grande and surrounding area); East Valley Region (cities in the eastern Phoenix metro and surrounding area); West Valley Region (cities in the western Phoenix Metro and surrounding area) and the White Mountain Region (a summer league that includes Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside and surrounding area). APPL is a nonprofit corporation led by a group of volunteers with years of experience in team-based league pickleball who want to make that experience available to players throughout Arizona.

Why was APPL formed? - APPL was formed to develop and introduce competitive team-based league pickleball to Arizona and eventually nationally. We believe there are thousands of players that would like to enjoy a low cost, organized, locally convenient and competitive pickleball experience that is open to all adults ages 18 years and above.

What is APPL's objective? - APPL's objective is to bring a standardized team-based league format to Arizona and eventually nationally as an alternative or addition to the existing singles or doubles tournament infrastructure.

What does "team-based" league pickleball mean? - Team-based league pickleball is a competition where several teams consisting of 6 or more players compete against other teams within the same skill level over a period of months for a championship using a standardized and structured format of play.

How many players are usually on a team? - It is common to have 10-12 players on your roster so you can have confidence that you can field 6 players when you have a match. On match day you will bring 6 players from your roster who will play against your opposing team's 6 players.

How Large is APPL? - APPL is statewide. It currently operates in the following regions: Southern Region (Tucson and surrounding southern Arizona area; Casa Grande Region (communities in the Casa Grande and surrounding area); East Valley Region (cities in the eastern Phoenix metro and surrounding area); West Valley Region (cities in the western Phoenix Metro and surrounding area) and the White Mountain Region (a summer league that includes Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside and surrounding area).

How do I join the APPL? - You don't really "join" APPL. If you play on an APPL team there is a fee that you will pay when you register yourself on that team. If your club or community has indicated an interest to play in APPL you should contact your club APPL administrator and indicate your interest in being on a team. You can also form your own team. If you have a

network of similar skilled players that enjoy playing together and they are interested in joining your team, you can register a team on the APPL website.

What levels of play are there? - APPL supports Gender and Mixed skill level flights in 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 4.5/5.0+ increments depending on regional interest.

How much does it cost? - See the website for current cost information. The per player fee for the entire season will continue to be less than the cost to play in one sanctioned tournament.

How often would my team play? - That will vary depending on the number of teams participating in the various skill level flights. Ideally there would be 6 teams in each flight. There can be more and there might be less. There typically would be 8 to 12 matches per season (including state championship playoffs).

Is there an age requirement? The APPL Regional leagues' age requirement is 18 years and over. There are three age defined leagues (18+, 50+ and 65+) in each region in each division (Men's, Women's & Mixed).

1. 18+ League: All teams are not age restricted. Players must be 18 years or older by the start of the season.
2. 50+ League: Players must be 50 years or older during the calendar year of the league start. For example, for a season starting in 2024, the player must turn 50 by December 31, 2024.
3. 65+ League: Players must be 65 years or older during the calendar year of the league start. For example, for a season starting in 2024, the player must turn 65 by December 31, 2024.

When does the next season start? - APPL's Winter League seasons typically start the first week in January and ends the last week in March. The State Championships are typically held the first week in April. See the website for registration deadlines and other key dates. APPL's Summer White Mountain Region league typically starts early June and ends mid-August.

Where can I get more information? - Visit the APPL website at: arizonapickleballplayersleague.org and click "Get Started" on the top menu. We have links to respond to common questions and a generic "Contact Us" button to respond to everything else. Or, reach out to one of the League Coordinators in the "Contact" section and they will be happy to help you.