



CENTENNIAL PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

CHALLENGE COURTS

What is a challenge court and how does it work?

Challenge courts are designed to enable **two-person teams of similar skill level to play competitive games**. It works like this: Two teams face off. After a team scores 11 points, winning by at least 1, the losing team exits the court and winners stay on to face a new team. This rotation is achieved by **player teams stacking their paddles midcourt by the net**. Winning teams stay in for up to three games when 2 or more teams are waiting, or as long as they win when 1 or less teams are waiting. Winning teams that must exit can rejoin by restacking paddles at midcourt again. **Only teams of two players are allowed** to stack paddles together to await a new challenge court game as single players disrupt the order of play.

At Centennial Park Pickleball Courts, Challenge courts are currently designated as the **3 southwestern courts** (see diagram below). Note: all courts can be used for standard Open Play if no challenges are pending.

Why have challenge courts?

Challenge Courts are a fun way to boost the local competitive level during Open Play, giving players opportunities to both grow their skills by challenging better players as well as to share their knowledge with others who are looking to improve. Challenge courts attract upper-level players who search for more competition to better themselves. Play between higher level players promotes higher level game experiences. Challenge Courts within a welcoming environment helps to enable a culture of quality play and improvement.

