

West Valley Women's Pickleball – Intercommunity Play

2020 Season - 3.0 Group Guidelines

Inaugural Play for this group will be January 15, 2020

Who: Players who are interested in competitive tournament play who have a **USAPA 3.0 Gender or Mixed UTPR** as of December 31. This player group must play in **at least three (3) tournaments** annually beginning January 1, 2020. Rating adjustments will be made **quarterly**. This play is meant for all players in the West Valley who meet the requirements so spread the word in your home club and player groups.

When: Wednesday 2-4pm from October to April. Please arrive by 1:45 to check in and begin warm up. Everyone needs to warm up including those checking players in. If you are running late it impacts play for everyone, so please call or text your captains.

Where: Weekly play at one of the following reciprocal clubs:
Pueblo El Mirage, Sun City West, Sun City Marinette, Sun City Festival and Anthem

Why: To encourage competitive play with players at your skill level from around the valley so you aren't playing with the same women from your local club all the time; to make new friends; to meet potential new partners for tournament play; and to improve the overall level of play for all of us!

How does it work?

- Players wanting to participate are put on an evite list with "Whoozin.com". Weekly evites will be sent out by skill level captains providing basic information including location of play for the coming week. Since we have a predetermined number of courts at each venue there may be a capacity limit to the number of players each week, which means first come, first availability.
- Play is organized at the discretion of the captain. When turnout is high play will be divided into several groups. Generally we use a round robin format, 8 game rotation with 12 minute timed games. Not all games will finish but many do. This provides an opportunity to play with lots of players during a two hour time period. Play is NOT designed as practice time with your tournament partners. **There are lots of levels of play within each skill level so hitting to the strongest player on the court improves your game. We don't keep track of the score or who's winning each game so hit to everyone! Play may run longer than 2 hours, please plan to play the entire 8 rounds if you sign up.**
- Players do not need to participate weekly. You can participate as your schedule allows. You simply respond to the evite appropriately "IN" OR "OUT". If your plans change, change your response. **PLEASE don't NO SHOW!**

What does it cost this season? This season there will be two fees:

League Fee, \$5.00 per season payable to your skill level captain **and** if you are not from a club with a reciprocal play agreement (PEM, SCW, SCM, SCF or Anthem) there will be a **Venue Fee**, \$10.00 per season at Pueblo El Mirage payable first day of play in that location and \$2.50 payable prior to play when at Sun City Marinette.

If you are interested in joining intercommunity play send an email to Dalonna Cooper at dcooper@coopercpa.net or Becky Gibbs at beckyblt@aol.com . We will announce skill level captains soon!