



## Information & Guidelines

### VRPA Advanced Indoor League – Spring 2018 (Pearkes)

Wednesdays from April 4, 2018 through June 27, 2018 /

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Pearkes Recreation Centre

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### Information

#### *Contacts:*

- League Coordinator: Denis Harrigan / Email: [dharriganassociates@shaw.ca](mailto:dharriganassociates@shaw.ca)
- Assistant Coordinator & Spares List Contact: Mary Orme / Email: [jmorme@shaw.ca](mailto:jmorme@shaw.ca)
- Program Facilitators (on-site contacts): Denis Harrigan & Mary Orme

The league was formed through invitations from the VRPA to potential players at 3.75+ skill level. Captains were recruited and all those expressing interest in playing were included in a player draft, during which captains selected players for their team. The league has 4 teams, each consisting of 3 men and 3 women.

Play consists of men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles games, as detailed in the Play Format Chart.

VRPA membership is required for league players and extra court players (see extra court details in the Guidelines section). Once notified of team or extra court placement, players are provided with information on how to register and pay for the series of sessions through Pearkes.

Because this is a VRPA event, all players and spares are required to sign a waiver (provided by VRPA at the courts) before playing.

In addition to these guidelines, the following league documents are posted on the VRPA website:

- Teams List
- Schedule
- Play Format Chart
- Score Sheet example

Standings will be provided periodically at the courts.

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### 1. **Score Keeping:**

- There will be one score sheet provided for each two team / two court match up each week. **Home team captains are responsible for the score sheet.**
- Visitors team will advise home team captain of their player names / player number (see play format chart) for the day.
- Home team captains must ensure the score sheet is complete and returned to Denis or Mary each week.
- Please bring your own pen, and print clearly on the score sheets.

### 2. **Spares:**

- Mary will maintain a list of league spares for 3.75+ skill level. Spares for team players must be chosen from the spares list (see note below) which will be provided to all team members, and to league spares.
- Spares must be same gender as player they are replacing, and should be relatively equal skill level.
- Additional spares (3.75+) may be added to the spares list throughout the season. If a league player knows additional 3.75+ players that would like to be added to the spares list, please contact Mary.
- If a spare is unable to make a session they committed to spare for, they must arrange for an alternate spare from the league spare list.

NOTE: For tournaments that take place on days that require league players to be out of town on a league play day, the "spares from the spares list only" rule is automatically suspended.

**Players may use a spare from outside of the spares list in these tournament situations.**  
Please:

- Attempt to get a replacement from the spares list first.
- Keep in mind that spares from outside of the spares list must be same gender (and should be 3.75+ level).
- Advise your captain if you do plan on using a spare from outside of the spares list.

### 3. **Extra Court Players:**

- In addition to the 4 courts for league play, the VRPA is running 2 extra courts for non-league play. One for 3.75+ and one for 3.5 skill level.
- Extra court players may be called on to substitute in for a league player in urgent need situations, e.g. on-court injuries to league players or last minute no shows, provided there are still enough players on the extra courts to play.
- Extra court players who are also on the league spares list (3.75+) can still be called on in advance to spare for a league player.

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- **Extra court players must send a spare if unable to attend a session.** Spares for extra courts should: be of relatively equal skill level, preferably same gender, and (for 3.75+ court only) be from the league spares list when available.
- 3.75+ players - if you are on the spares list and agree to spare for a league player but are then unable to, please notify the player as quickly as possible so they can find another league spare from the spares list.

## 4. **Urgent Substitutions for Injuries During Play / Last Minute No Shows & Forfeits:**

- In case of injuries during play or last minute no shows, you must first utilize a player from the 3.75+ extra court if available. If not available, you may ask a player from the 3.5 extra court if they are willing to play. In all cases, spares / substitutions for league players must be same gender as player they are replacing. If no extra court players available, you may substitute another player from your team.
- In the case of no shows, you may substitute with another team member once only per team / per season if you are unable to get an extra court player. More than one no show means all scheduled games for the missing player for the day are forfeits.
- It is primarily the honour system with respect to no shows / team substitutions, i.e. teams must self declare if they are in a “more than one no show” situation and ensure that the score sheet reflects the forfeit and associated score for each forfeited game (0 points for no show player / maximum game points for the opposing team). This should be a rare, if ever, occurrence given the access to extra court players.

## 5. **Permanent Replacement of Team Player if Necessary:**

- If a team player has to drop out, the captain will make every effort to find a permanent replacement as quickly as possible (fill in with spares until replacement found).
- Permanent replacement should be from the league spares list if possible, but may be otherwise recruited when necessary. **Replacement must be same gender and relatively equal skill level to the departing player.** Advise the League Coordinator if you can not locate a replacement. Parkes / VRPA will *not* reimburse players that drop out once the program commences. The replacement player may wish to voluntarily reimburse the player leaving for any remaining sessions. It's up to the two players to handle any reimbursements.
- In the unlikely event that a permanent replacement can not be found, league spares will have to be used.

## 6. **Safety & Etiquette:**

- Practice good pickleball safety, e.g. return stray balls to other players by tossing or batting directly to the player – please do not roll or bat balls on the ground.
- Report any incidents or accidents to one of the Program Facilitators named in the Information section.
- Be courteous, respectful, and supportive to all.
- Your help with the following is appreciated: Keep games moving by retrieving wayward balls when not playing, and put chairs back to their regular (central) location at end of the session.