



Welcome to the Lake Country Pickleball Club 2026 Season

Weather permitting, we are planning the following:

Season Start

**Wednesday, April 1 - Saturday, April 11. Courts open for LCPC Play
8am - 10am and 10am to Noon.**

For these first 11 days, play will be scheduled with members divided into two groups, alternating daily:

- **Group A: Red, Purple, White**
- **Group B: Silver, Gold, Blue**

The schedule will be set up in the Pickleheads app, and invitations will be sent. Group captains will be present to help organize Groupings and game formats.

Monday, April 13

Regular group play begins using the Pickleheads app. Captains will be available to assist, and you will receive invitations for your assigned group times.

LCPC Website

The LCPC website is regularly updated with current club news and is an excellent resource for understanding how the club operates. Please see <https://www.lakecountrypickleball.com/> for updates and answers to common questions.

Pickleheads App

- All scheduling, play, and group communication will be managed through the Pickleheads app.
- Please ensure you have downloaded the app, created an account, and completed your profile.

- You will be able to view your group and communicate with other members through the app.
 - Members are responsible for entering game results during play, so please have your phone available.
 - **New this year:** A mandatory upgrade to **Pickleheads Plus** (\$12 USD/year) is required to be invited to any sessions.
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Groups

To improve court utilization, we will have six groups:

- **Red Raiders** - Beginner
- **Purple Picklers** – Novice
- **White Liners** – Recreational
- **Silver Setters** – Intermediate
- **Gold Gliders** – Advanced
- **Blue Baseline** – Expert

Groups are based on your level of play at the end of the 2025 season or (for New Members) your self-assessment during registration. If new members subsequently find they may have been placed in an inappropriate group, the Captains will discuss and recommend a solution which may result in some movement between groups.

Captains

Captains are essential to a successful season. Each session will have one or two captains responsible for organizing and directing play. They will also be your primary contact for any player movement questions.

Player Movement

LCPC supports members in finding the most appropriate group for a fun and competitive experience. Our approach focuses on skill-based grouping, communication, and player development.

The PKHeads App. has recently launched a new system that will enable members to assess their play progress in conjunction with your group Captains to ensure that all members are playing within an appropriate group given their skill level. As this function is new for 2026, a few weeks of play are required to enable the system to develop each member's metrics. It's anticipated that

within the first month (or possibly earlier) a defined criteria will be developed and shared with members, encouraging but not requiring movement between our six groups.

Protective Eye Wear

The Club strongly recommends that members wear suitable Protective Eye Wear during play. Members who chose to ignore this recommendation play at their own risk. A limited number of Protective Glasses will be available from your Captains.

Schedule

Our License of Occupation with the District of Lake Country allows:

- **Monday – Saturday:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (9 courts) (7 courts on Saturday)
- **Tuesday & Thursday:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (3 courts 5,6,7)

The full 2026 Group Schedule for Play will be available shortly on the website under:

PLAY > SCHEDULE

- Members will have multiple opportunities each week to sign up for mixed play sessions.
- A waitlist will be available once sessions are full.
- All sessions will be scheduled by the appointed scheduler.
- Invitations to sign up will be sent approximately 5 days prior to each week of play.

- Players must be signed up prior to 6 pm the day prior to scheduled play. If you are removing yourself from a session this must be done prior to 6 pm the day prior to scheduled play. (This allows unused courts to be reallocated.)

Players must be at the court a minimum of 15 minutes prior to your scheduled play.

Game Formats

Weekly play will include a variety of formats through the Pickleheads app, ranging from social to competitive:

- **Popcorn** – Mix with many different players
- **Gauntlet** – Dynamic, competitive matchups

- **Scramble** – Social play with minimal waiting

- **Claim the Throne** – Winners move up, losers move down
- **Up and Down the River** – Play with multiple partners across skill levels
- **Cream of the Crop** – Skill-based grouping with court progression

For more details, visit: <https://www.pickleheads.com/round-robin> and <https://www.pickleheads.com/guides>

Waitlist & Non Member Guests

A waitlist will be maintained to help manage membership capacity. Additional members may be added throughout the season as space allows.

If there are available spaces in any sessions, members may bring a guest who will be charged a \$10 Fee per session (Members should endeavour to secure the prior approval of their Group Captains who will be responsible for collecting the fee).

Closing and Donations

Thank you to all members for your donation from your membership fees, as LCPC was able to donate \$3,000.00 to the Lake Country Food Bank last week.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting 2026 season. We believe the updated format will support both social and competitive play for all members.

See you on the courts!

Questions or comments?

Please contact us at: info@lakecountrypickleball.com
(Emails will be directed to the appropriate club representative.)

**Respectfully,
The LCPC Executive**