

## WCPC May 2020 News

Good Evening Everyone! We got word today that the courts will be opening on Tuesday, May 5th. No time was specified and we don't know when the gates will be unlocked. Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Great News but we will be playing by all new rules from **May 5th to May 31st.**



Ed Oncena sent me this picture he took, so I am sharing it with all of you. Thanks Ed!

Here we go.....

### **Do Not Come to Play If:**

1. You are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus such as mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, coughing, difficulty breathing.
2. Have had contact with someone with COVID19 in the last 14 days.

3. You have vulnerability if you have high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma or if your immune system is compromised by chemotherapy for cancer and/or other conditions requiring therapy.
4. If you can not follow the City Ordered Guidelines, which are providing for the safety of all participant, Stay Home.

Here are the Guidelines we gave the City of Walnut Creek. They will be posting their final Rules of Play tomorrow at Rudgear.

### **WCPC Guidelines for Play at Rudgear Park Pickleball Courts - May 5th to May 30th**

1. Singles Play Only for Social Distancing
2. Bring your own ball with your name on it. Everyone will serve with their own ball. No one touches your ball. Use your paddle or foot to kick it back to the player.
3. Masks are recommended when playing and **required** when not playing.
4. Sunglasses or safety glasses are optional, but also provide safety.
5. Wear a glove on your non paddle hand.
6. Bring your own water, the fountain is unavailable.
7. Bring your own chair, picnic tables are unavailable. Place chairs 6 ft apart. Keep you bag by your chair.
8. Avoid any contact with other players, no tapping paddles as play ends.
9. Bring your own alcohol wipes or hand sanitizer to disinfect balls and your hands between games or after play.
10. No congregating after play, masks on, stay social distanced.
11. Visitors will have to abide by the guidelines as well as members of WCPC.
12. Sign ups for play will be monitored for social distancing, paddles on fence, etc. (No White Board)
13. Keep your hands from touching your face, sanitize them often.

Will will all need to be patient and kind with each other, these are strict new rules to help us get back to doubles play someday. We will see how the first days go. We **CAN NOT** have to many players showing up. Think about coming later in the morning or early afternoon. We will ask folks to leave if the social distancing protocols can not be followed while waiting.

I have not played in seven weeks so I am Desperately Seeking Pickleball!! But I want every single member to stay safe and well. Let's all follow the guidelines!

Remember to respect the neighbors driveways. I am sure they have **not missed all of us** on a daily basis.

**We want to make this work. The courts will be open all day long, as long as everyone plays singles. If the City gets reports or pictures of groups breaking the above rules, the courts will be immediately shut down.** Families living in the same household are allowed to play together.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you eventually! We really have created a community of friends that we like seeing daily. It has been very hard, missing everyone.

**Bill Dougherty** was in touch. He and **Joan** are delaying their move to Tahoe for the time being. He sent the new and very interesting:  
some of these sound correct..... something to make us smile.

## **USAPA 2020 Skill Levels**

### **1.0 Skill Level: Beginner**

Calls the paddle a racquet, poops in pants, serves overhand, thinks pickleball is a stupid sport for old people, wears huarache sandals to play, is bored and wants to start drinking early.

### **2.0 Skill Level**

Thinks the sport was named after a dog born 20 years later, walks slowly through your match, does not close gate, drinks the last beer, hits on your spouse who hates you for poaching, played last 6 months ago indoors at a Michigan Y with his cousin from Ypsilanti, smokes between matches, falls often, serves the ball into the next court.

### **3.0 Skill Level**

Forgets score frequently, talks during rallies, explains every freakin' point (well the ball went this way, but I meant it to go there...uh,I know I was right here watching), hits their partner with ball or racket (still) at least once a game, trips partner regularly, thinks the third shot drop has something to do with an incurable disease, has a fit bit.

### **3.5 Skill Level**

Frequently misinterprets NVZ rule, hits every single shot with maximum velocity, puts the ball in play roughly 50% of the time, argues line calls, laughs loudly, has new smart matching outfit, lays it up across the middle only, only dinks accidentally, frowns at you when you say UP UP UP, calls the score for both teams, leaves phone on during match because daughter is expecting.

### **4.0 Skill Level**

Sighs loudly frequently, wants you to stay for one more game, coaches you up on every single point, swears like a sailor, practices dinking in the garage, pretends to be interested in your personal life, talks crap about ATP's and ERNE's, shows you new paddle (it's not a racket, newbie), acts like a baby after losing, smashes the living hell out of your weak-ass lobs, plays 3.5 in tourneys, openly argues with spouse during matches when supposed to be just having fun.

### **4.5 Skill Level**

Brings 5 paddles, mysteriously disappears after playing once with mixed group of 2.0 2.5 and 3.0's, encourages you to poach so they can poach with reckless abandon, takes every shot across the middle, knows the rules but tells you to look them up so you can learn them, wears two gloves, hits you very hard with the ball at the NVZ (it's part of the game) because your paddle was not up, subtly blames partner after loss, recommends videos, has stopped playing tennis, almost went pro, was club ping pong champion in 1987, had 3 ATPs and 2 ERNE's yesterday.

### **5.0 Skill Level**

Knows Kyle Yates, has many many medals, post incessantly on PICKLEBALL FORUM about balls, rules, paddles and tournaments, wants pickleball channel on ESPN (cornhole wtf?), strategically hits to you backhand every shot, apologizes for hitting you very hard with ball at the NVZ because your paddle was not up, will gladly give you a lesson for \$50, has 7 super cool pickleball outfits, drinks mysterious electrolyte concoction, is way younger than you, patronizes your terrible backhand, would love to play one more with you but has a dentist appointment and will see you at the clinic Saturday.

### **6.0 Skill Level**

Shows up on the FORUM in foreign places playing pickleball, has savage tan and incredibly white teeth, can beat you in doubles as a singles player, has a cool nickname, returns your ATP like it wasn't nuthin' bruh, dropped out of high school to go pro, walks on water, heals the pickleball lame, has a weighted paddle, stacks with partner in fast food line, has met you several times but still has zero idea of who you are, posts videos of 73 hit rallies, wears white unitard, dink...dink...dink then backhand rocket drive that hits you in the head and ricochets off your partner's teeth. You're in love, fanboy.

Goodnight Moon, Goodnight Zoom,  
Goodnight unshakable sense of impending Doom.