



Superday 2023 Pickleball Tournament Registration  
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Dear Pickleball Enthusiast,

The City of Cheyenne Community Recreation & Events Department and our Superday 2023 Presenting Sponsor, HF Sinclair, invites you to participate in the annual Superday Pickleball Tournament. Superday is an annual celebration that serves to kick off July as National Parks & Recreation Month to promote a greater awareness of the value and availability of recreation and leisure activities within the community.

Superday 2023 will be held in South Lion's Park on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Superday will showcase wonderful entertainment, sports demonstrations from local organizations, inflatables, family activities, kickball tournaments, pickleball tournaments, cornhole tournaments, and a variety of delicious food and beverage options.

Registration and details for the Pickleball Tournament are included in this packet. Please join us in the annual celebration by participating in the Superday 2023 Pickleball Tournament. Awards go to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. We look forward to seeing you on June 24, 2023.

Register your team at the Kiwanis Community House at 4603 Lion's Park Drive. Registration opens Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and closes June 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50 per team.

If you have any questions, please contact Harley Tekerman at 307-637-6208 or email [htekerman@cheyennecity.org](mailto:htekerman@cheyennecity.org).

Sincerely,

*Harley Tekerman*

Harley Tekerman  
Superday 2023 Pickleball Tournament Chair  
Cheyenne Community Recreation & Events

# Superday 2023 Pickleball Tournament Rules

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The following list of rules is the rules which our tournament will be using. Please make sure all players understand the rules. If there are any questions regarding any of them contact the Recreation Department or a Recreation staff member at any time.

All teams are guaranteed two games in this double-elimination doubles tournament. The finalized tournament schedule will be determined the week of. There are three divisions (men's doubles, women's doubles, and *mixed doubles*). Tournament play will begin at 9 am but subject to change depending on number of teams.

The following rules have been adapted from the latest official USA Pickleball Association and the International Federation of Pickleball, except where otherwise specified, for our facility and tournament. Please note that this is a non-sanctioned tournament.

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## **Section 1: Players**

- Teams are made up of 2 people only, with no substitutes.
- Players must be 16 years of age or older.
- There will be no more than 8 teams for Men's and Women's Doubles and 10 for Mixed Doubles.

### *Spectators*

- Spectators will not be allowed within the fenced court areas.
- Spectators are held to the same sportsmanship conduct as players. Violators will be asked to leave

## **Section 2: Game Play**

### *The Game*

1. Please arrive 20 minutes early for registration. Games are to start and finish as per the posted schedule.
2. The tournament will begin with a blind draw for seeding purposes.
3. The objective of the game is to score more points than your opponent. The ball is served diagonally across the net to the opponent's receiving court using an approved motion. The ball is struck back and forth across the net until a player fails to return the ball in accordance with the rules.
4. Points are scored only by the serving side when the server of the server's team wins the rally, or the opposing side commits a fault. The server continues to serve, alternating service courts, until the serving side loses the rally or commits a fault.
5. The first team to score 11 points, winning by 2 points, wins the game. Best 2 out of 3 games wins the match.
6. No time-outs are awarded unless there is a medical injury.
7. If another ball enters your court from another court retrieve it after the point is over unless it is a safety issue. If retrieving your ball, do not enter a court until play is stopped.

### *Starting the Game*

1. The higher seed team determines first choice of end, serve, receive, or defer. If the higher seed chooses to serve or receive first, the lower seed chooses the starting end. If the higher seed chooses the starting end, the lower seed chooses to serve or receive. Once a selection has been made, it cannot be changed.
2. The starting server can be chosen by the team. The starting server can be changed between games and the team should notify the opponents.
3. Teams switch ends and initial service upon the completion of each game.
4. One minute is allowed between games. If both teams agree, play may resume early.
5. If there is a game three, the teams will switch ends when the first team reaches a score of 6. Serve remains with the player holding serve.

### *The Serve*

1. The full score must be called before each serve. The score is called in three numbers. The proper sequence for calling the score is: serving team's score – receiving team's score – the server number (one or two), (e.g., "zero-zero-one").
2. Once both teams are ready for play, the server is allowed 10 seconds to serve. Should the server take more than 10 seconds, a fault will be declared.
3. The serve must be underhand, with the server releasing the ball from one of their hands. The
4. server's release of the ball must be visible to the receiver otherwise a replay shall be called.
5. The serve is initiated with both feet behind the baseline; neither foot may contact the baseline or court until after the ball is struck.
6. The serve is made diagonally crosscourt and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court. The serve may clear or touch the net and must clear the NVZ and its lines. The serve may land on any other service court line.

### *Service Sequence/Player Positions*

1. The correct server and receiver and their positions are determined by the score and the players' starting positions in the game.
2. Both players on the team will serve before a side out is declared, except at the start of the game, when only the starting server will serve. The starting server of each game is therefore designated as "Server 2" for scoring purposes since a side out will occur once a rally is lost or a fault is committed by the serving team and service is awarded to the opposing team.
  - At the start of each side out, service begins in the right/even serving area.
  - When the team's score is even (0, 2, 4...), the team's starting server's correct position is at the right/even serving area. When the team's score is odd (1, 3, 5...), the starting server's correct position is at the left/odd court.
  - After each side out, service begins with the player correctly positioned on the right/even side of the court according to the team's score. This player is referred to as "Server 1" and the partner is "Server 2."
  - Server 1 will serve, alternating serves sides after each point is won, until a rally is lost or the server's team commits a fault.
  - After Server 1's team loses a rally or faults, Server 2 will serve from the correct position and will alternate serving positions as long as the serving team continues to win points.
3. Service faults result in loss of serve and include:
  - Server serving from the incorrect serving area.
  - Incorrect player serves the ball.
  - The served ball lands in the NVZ which includes the NVZ lines, including if the ball hits the net.
  - The served ball lands outside the service court, including if the ball hits the net.
8. It is a fault against the receiving team resulting in a point for the server if:
  - The incorrect player returns the serve.
  - The receiver or their partner is touched by or interferes with the flight of the ball before it bounces.
9. With the exception of the server there is no restriction on the position of any player, as long as all the players are on their respective team's side of the net. They can be positioned on or off the court. The correct server must serve from the correct service court, and the correct received must receive the serve.

### *Scoring*

1. A team scores points only when serving. A point is scored by winning the rally.
2. If the ball strikes the net and lands inbounds, it remains in play.
3. If the ball strikes another object (i.e. net post, fence, water bottle, etc.) and rebounds into the field of play the ball is dead.

### *Double-Bounce Rule*

1. When the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning, and then the serving team must let it bounce before returning, thus two bounces.
2. After the ball had bounced once in each team's court, both teams may either volley the ball (hit the ball before it bounces) or play it off a bounce (ground stroke).

### *Non-Volley Zone (NVZ)*

1. NVZ is an area that extends 7 ft from the net on each side, within which a player is not allowed to strike the ball without it first bouncing.
2. It is a fault if, when volleying a ball, the player steps on the NVZ including the line and/or when the player's momentum causes them to touch the NVZ including the associated lines.
3. It is a fault if, after volleying, a player is carried by momentum into or touches the non-volley zone, even if the volleyed ball is declared dead before this happens.
4. If the player has touched the NVZ for any reason, that player cannot volley a return until both feet have made contact with the playing surface completely outside the NVZ.
5. A player may legally be in the NVZ any time other than when volleying a ball.

### *Line Calls*

1. A ball contacting any line, except the NVZ line on a serve, is considered "in".
2. A serve contacting the NVZ line is short and a fault.
3. A ball contacting the playing surface completely outside of the court is "out" and must be called promptly.
4. Players are responsible for calling the lines on their end of the court. Players can appeal but should keep the game moving if an agreement cannot be met.

### *Faults*

1. A fault is any action that stops play because of a rule violation.
2. A fault by the receiving team results in a point for the serving team.
3. A fault by the serving team results in the server's loss of serve or side out.
4. A fault (and resulting dead ball) will be declared for the following:
  - A serve does not land within the confines of the receiving court or there is a violation of a service rule.
  - A ball is volleyed from the NVZ.
  - If the serve or service return does not bounce before the ball is struck.
  - Hitting the ball into the player's side of the net without the ball crossing over to the opponent's side. Hitting the ball under the net or between the net and the net post.
  - A player hitting a ball that first lands out of bounds or onto their own side of the court.
  - Failure of a standing player to return the ball before it bounces twice on the receiving player's side of the net.
  - A player, player's apparel, or paddle contacting the net system, net posts, or the opponent's court when the ball is in play.
  - A live ball that is stopped by a player before it becomes dead.
  - After the serve, a ball contacting any permanent object before bouncing on the court.
  - If the ball touches a player prior to bouncing, inside or outside the court, it is a fault.
  - A player deliberately carrying or catching the ball on the paddle while performing the serve or during a rally.
  - Players may carry additional pickleball(s) as long as the ball(s) are not visible to their opponent(s) during play. If an additional ball that a player was carrying falls on the playing surface during play, a fault shall be declared.

### **Section 3: Officiating and Player Conduct**

#### *Officiating*

1. All games are loosely officiated by the players (no refs), we rely on the spirit of sportsmanship and honesty to keep the matches fun and enjoyable for all!

#### *Unsportsmanlike Conduct*

2. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be acceptable and may result in the termination of play. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to:
  - Foul language
  - Arguing/protests with staff, participants, or fans
  - Abuse of the honor system

### **Section 4: Tournament Format**

#### *Tournament Play/Declaring a Winner*

1. The double-elimination tournament guarantees two games for each team.
  2. Teams will be seeded based on a blind draw at the start of their divisions.
  3. The team that wins best 2 out of 3 games wins the match. First to 11 wins the game, must win by 2.
  4. Should a team no-show or forfeit, the opposing team will be awarded the win.
  5. All official scores are submitted by the winning team. Any discrepancies should be addressed with Middletown Recreation headquarters (in-between tennis courts).
  6. At the 45-minute mark, whoever is ahead will be declared the winner.
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#### **Code of Conduct**

- Understand, appreciate and abide by the rules of the game and the honor system.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of staff.
- Respect your opponents and congratulate them in a courteous manner following each match, whether in victory or defeat.
- Be responsible for your actions and maintain self-control.
- Do not taunt or bait opponents. Refrain from using foul or abusive language.

# Superday 2023 Pickleball Tournament Registration Form

*Please print and complete all lines on both pages.  
Register before June 8, 2023.*

Team Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day of Event Use): \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fee

\$50 per Mixed Doubles Team     \$50 per Men's Doubles Team     \$50 per Women's Doubles Team

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be paying by:     Check     Debit/Credit Card     Cash

Additional service fee of 2.65%+0.25 per transaction

*Please make checks out to "City Treasurer" and mail the registration form and payment to City of Cheyenne, Kiwanis Community House, 4603 Lions Park, Cheyenne, WY 82001. If paying by credit card, you may email a completed registration form to [htekerman@cheyennecity.org](mailto:htekerman@cheyennecity.org). We will call the number you provided to take credit card information over the phone. Do not include credit card information on this form.*

**The tournament is tentative to the completion of the courts at Lion's Park.**

**The Superday 2023 Co-Rec Pickleball Tournament will be held if rain occurs but will be canceled due to extreme weather conditions. Due to the incredible amount of planning and participation of numerous staff and playing surfaces, there is no rescheduled date or refunds.**

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## For Office Use Only:

Registration received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ CC Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_

# Superday 2023 Pickleball Tournament Roster

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In consideration of the acceptance of my entry into Superday Pickleball Tournament, I, the undersigned participant, hereby agree and make the following contractual representations and agreements. I fully realize the dangers in participating in a group competition (including, by way of example, and not limitation, with other participants, the dangers arising from surface hazards, physical exertion, weather conditions, and equipment failures), and I fully assume all risks associated with such participation. I hereby waive, release, and discharge for myself, my family members, heirs, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns all rights and claims which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly arising out of my participation in the event. Further, I will hold the City of Cheyenne harmless from all liabilities and provide for the defense of the City in the event the City is sued because of my alleged negligence. I hereby consent to medical care. I grant full permission for sponsors or the City of Cheyenne to use photographs of me and quotations from me in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event. I hereby certify that I have fully read and understood the foregoing legal document and sign it knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily.

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Participant Name:

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Participant Signature:

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Guardian Signature (if the participant is under 18):

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Emergency Contact (Name and Phone):

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2.

Participant Name:

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Participant Signature:

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