

Loveland Pickleball Club, LLC

Bylaws

ARTICLE 1- GENERAL

Section A - The name of the organization will be the Loveland Pickleball Club, LLC, hereafter referred to as the LPC in these bylaws.

Section B - The objectives of the LPC shall be to:

- Provide opportunities to play pickleball for players of all skill levels.
- Promote pickleball activities in an atmosphere of safety, friendliness and fair play within the Loveland community.
- Provide a unified message concerning pickleball concerns and activities to the governing bodies of the City of Loveland and to the community at large.

ARTICLE 2 – RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

- All LPC members shall comply with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Loveland.
- Pickleball play shall be in accordance with the rules of the United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA).
- General rules and regulations governing court use as established by the Board of the LPC shall be followed by all pickleball players during LPC reserved playing times.
- The LPC will reserve courts with the Parks and Recreation Department for LPC sponsored scheduled play, tournaments and activities as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Loveland Parks & Recreation Department and as deemed appropriate by the Board.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

- The LPC fiscal year shall run from January 1 through December 31.
- Membership is voluntary and is open to all persons and skill levels that are interested and physically able to play pickleball and by payment of the designated membership fee.
- There shall be no precondition for membership, nor will members be required to join any national, state, or regionally affiliated organizations.
- The membership fee is to be used to pay for the cost of LPC operations.
- Membership fees will be reviewed annually by the Board and members will be notified of changes.
- Payment of the full amount of the membership fees is required to be a member in good standing. An individual can join the LPC at any time during the year but membership fees are not prorated.
- A roster of the membership will be maintained and preference of play for all events and activities of the LPC will be given to the roster list.

ARTICLE 4 – PARTICIPATION BY NON—MEMBERS

- After receiving approval from the LPC Board via email (lovelandpickleball80538@gmail.com), Non-Members will be allowed to play as a guest of the LPC.
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- Non-member playing privileges shall NOT extend to Ladders, Leagues, Mixers, Tournaments or any other special event that is intended for LPC members only.
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ARTICLE 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. There shall be five members of the Board. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Court Operations Director.

Section B. Each of these officers has one vote on all matters requiring action by the Board. A majority vote of Directors present with a minimum quorum of three Board members will dictate decisions. Email voting is allowed to accommodate the needs of Board members who may not be able to attend a Board meeting.

Section C. All Director terms shall be for one year and there is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve. Open positions on the Board for the following year will be communicated to all LPC members with an invitation to become a new Board member. Interested parties will work with the current Board.

A slate of candidates will be prepared by the Secretary and distributed by email to the membership. Voting by the membership will be by email and the results reported after the next meeting of the Board.

Section D. If any member of the Board is not fulfilling their responsibilities, that Board member may be removed from their position during the term of office. A unanimous vote of the other four Board members is required to remove a Director from the Board.

Section E. Duties and Responsibilities of Directors

- President: Shall preside over all LPC meetings and be accountable for the administration of all LPC business. Shall carry out the direction and policies established by the Board. Has the responsibility for managing community outreach and is the principal liaison with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Vice President: Shall perform all duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or inability to perform. Responsible for management of communications channels for the LPC.

- Treasurer: Shall handle all LPC financial receipts and payments. The primary signatory on the LPC debit card. Responsible for filing all required statements at the end of each year.
- Secretary: Shall be responsible for issuing notices of all meetings of the Board and General Membership meetings. Shall keep minutes thereof, conduct all correspondence relating to LPC business. Responsible for maintaining a roster of current members.
- Court Operations Director (COD): This position is responsible for all court reservations. Responsible for maintaining LPC owned equipment. Responsible for coordinating league play, ladder play and all LPC tournaments. Responsible for LPC play and special events for all skill levels.

ARTICLE 6 – COMMUNICATIONS

- Communications of LPC information will be done by email.
- Notices of the annual meeting of the LPC membership shall be given at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS AND VOTING BY THE MEMBERSHIPS

- An annual meeting of the membership will be held once each year and special meetings can be called for by the Board, as needed.
- The Board may call meetings of its members, as necessary, to conduct LPC business. Meetings of the Board are open to all members. Contact a board member to attend a monthly meeting. Emergency meetings of the Board are exempt from the normal meeting notification guidelines. Unless otherwise stated in such notice, any and all business may be transacted at any meeting without specification of such business or the purpose(s) of the meeting therein.
- Action on all issues brought before the membership at the annual, or any special meeting, will be done by a simple majority of affirmative votes of members in good standing present at the meeting or responding by email within the designated time frame.

ARTICLE 8 – LIMITATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

- The Board of the LPC cannot obligate any individual member for any personal action or financial obligation without the expressed written permission of the member.
- Individual LPC members are not empowered to obligate the LPC, the Board, or any individual member without an affirmative vote of the membership at a general meeting of the members of the Loveland Pickleball Club, LLC.
- Club income should not exceed operating expenses. Where revenues do exceed expenses, the net gain will be used to offset future reservation cost, equipment and LPC activities. LPC dues may be adjusted, if necessary, to ensure that the LPC operates as a non-profit.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENTS

Amendments or repeals of the Bylaws shall be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote by voting members in good standing.

ARTICLE 10 – INDEMNIFICATION

Members of the LPC and other participants understand and agree that their participation in any event or activity sponsored by the Loveland Pickleball Club, LLC (LPC) may involve substantial risks and dangers to life, health, and property. LPC members or other participants assume all risks associated with these events and releases and will hold harmless the members, officers, agents, representatives and volunteers of the Loveland Pickleball Club, LLC from any and all liability, claims and costs of every kind, including reasonable attorney's fee, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, but not including gross negligence, that may arise out of their participation in any such event. This personal release shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators.

ARTICLE 11 – DISCLAIMER

- The Loveland Pickleball Club, LLC (LPC) exists and operates as a distinct and separate entity from the City of Loveland, including any public or private clubs or gyms.
- Rules, regulations, and membership fees of the LPC do not apply to the open play sessions and classes offered by the Hatfield Chilson Recreation/Senior Center or any other pickleball venue, public or private.

ARTICLE 12 - CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of the LPC is to promote the growth and development of pickleball. This sport will succeed best if its players embrace the values of good sportsmanship. It is essential that LPC members, in promoting this mission, model good behavior, lead by example, display respect and show self-control. I will treat others with respect and exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.

- I will be a positive influence on members and others to encourage teamwork and fair play.
- I will be respectful of those players on the court and avoid unnecessary interruptions by non-players.
- I will accept responsibility for guests and family members in attendance at events.
- I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or well-being of others.
- I will not engage in the use of profanity on the court or near court areas.
- I will not engage in unacceptable behavior, arguing, threatening, or otherwise unsportsmanlike conduct or encourage others to do so.
- I will not engage in physical abuse, threats or harassment.
- I will not criticize my partner, referees, or other members and fault them for their mistakes.

Players not following the Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the courts. Repeat offenders may be expelled from the LPC by unanimous vote of the Board. No fees will be refunded to expelled members

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