Phase 2 reopening guidelines

Based on the governor’s Phase 2 order and conversations with Jim Whitmore, our pickleball Board of Directors has been approved for the following changes to pickleball beginning **Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 8am**:

* 6 courts will be open for play. Courts 2, 5 and 6 will be available by reservation only using Sign Up Genius as you have been doing. Courts 1, 3 and 4 will now be available on a first come, first served basis – no reservation needed. We are hopeful that this mixed format will meet the needs of both people who want to be assured of court availability and those who would prefer to make their own time frame options.
* Only arranged games with people you feel comfortable playing with will be allowed. No open play, drop-in play or specialty group play in this Phase 2.
* The social area will remain closed and the furniture will be removed. Chairs/benches will be available on each **sideline** to use for your bags and extra players in your group awaiting their turn to play. Courts 2, 4 and 6 have benches by the rock wall to use already. We will place 2 chairs on the parking lot side of the fence for use by Court 1 players and on the pool side of the fence for use by Court 3 players. Court 5 players may use the wooden bench by the shed. **Please do not move the furniture back into the social area!** Players can also always hang their bags on the fence at their court.
* Groups using the reservation system through Sign Up Genius for play on Courts 2, 5 and 6, should continue to follow all established guidelines for the website’s use.
* Groups on the first come, first served Courts 1, 3 and 4, may play for up to 2 hours at a time. Your clock starts **when you arrive**, not when another group asks when you will be finished. If courts are open and available, you may extend your group time. We are hopeful everyone will be honest and kind to one another regarding this aspect.
* If you have arrived at the first come, first served Courts 1, 3 and 4, and they are full, you may ask groups when they will be finished. If the time to wait is short, you can wait in your car in the parking lot, but NOT around the court area. If the time will be longer, you can choose to leave and come back.
* Introductory lessons for anyone new to pickleball will now be available by appointment only. Contact Deb Richter at 703-229-3950. Court 4 will be reserved for this purpose each Monday at 4pm. If there is no lesson and the court is empty, it is then available for play on a first come, first served basis as usual.
* All Best Health Practices and sanitizing guidelines will remain in place.
* Now that pickleballs will be crossing into courts with different players, please remember to return the ball by HITTING IT WITH YOUR PADDLE OR KICKING IT WIL YOUR FOOT. Players should yell “ball” loudly as it is leaving their court. Do not run after it as this may result in your being closer than 6 feet apart from others. Players returning the ball should be sure someone is watching and will retrieve the ball when it is hit/kicked back. Limiting the number of hands that contact each pickleball is the goal here!!
* Overall – continue to play pickleball and LEAVE THE AMENITY AREA ASAP when you are finished. Unfortunately, we are not at a point where it is okay to hang out and socialize. We must continue to keep the area open for new players arriving and at the same time stay within our maximum outside group gathering numbers.

If you encounter ongoing issues with court access, please let Cheryl Manzone know by **calling or texting me** at 410-812-4664. Currently I do not have a functioning email, so please **do not email** your complaints as they will not be seen!

Thanks for your cooperation and patience as we move into this next phase of our reopening!!