

ROUND ROBIN COMPETITIVE PLAY

A Round Robin (RR) is an organized **competitive** form of play, categorized by skill levels. If you are participating in a Gold Canyon Pickleball (GCPB) club RR all this information applies to you. Please take the time to read this carefully.

In a Round Robin session participants play several games (7-10), each time with a different partner and against a new pair of opponents. The intent of this format is to encourage competitive play allowing for skill improvement thus making the games more enjoyable for participants. The games are to be played to 11 points, win by 1 point. Games are played to 11 not timed, use rally scoring once the other group finishes.

RR play is broken down into skill levels Novice, Intermediate, High Intermediate, and Advanced.

All aspects of the game should be included. This includes dinking, drop shots, hard drives, lobs, spins, etc... RR sessions are meant to improve your skill level, having to defend and practice these shots will make you a better player.

In order to participate:

- You must be a current GCPB club member in good standing.
- You may only be a member of one RR group at a time. Example if you are playing High Intermediate you can't also play Intermediate RR.
- You can play in only one RR session per day.
- All participants need to stay for all games, in the session, possibly 6-8 games.
- Nonmembers and guests aren't allowed to play, this is for GCPB members only.
- You may split your position with another player **ONLY IF**
 - They are also members of the GCPB Club.
 - They are at the same skill level as you.
 - Are not playing in another RR that day.
 - You have received prior approval from the RR Coordinator.

How to sign up:

RRs are limited to 10 players, first come, first served. Sign-ups are accessed through the GCPB club website for Novice, and Intermediate RRs. High Intermediate, and Advanced RRs are accessed through an email invitation from the RR coordinator. Please refer to the Self-Assessment document on the website to determine your RR level of play, and please be honest in your assessment.

Round Robin Description

RR typically includes 6 to 8 games, varying with the number of participants present. We strive to begin promptly as a courtesy to everyone's schedule. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the round robin starts to help ensure this. **Latecomers may forfeit their place in the round robin.** We also try to keep the round robin running efficiently, aiming to conclude within 2 hours.

Often 1 court will finish their games more quickly. The remaining court should then go to "rally scoring". Please see "Rally Scoring" described in the Round Robins, Clinics section.

Participant Skill Levels

Please **be sure of your skill level** when deciding to participate in a RR. If you are unsure of your rating, you can use the self-assessment guide on the GCPB club website to help you determine your skill level. Occasionally, some players may find that their skill level is a better match for a different RR group. If you find that you are winning all or most of your games each week, please consider moving up to the next level. If you are **losing all or most** of your games, please consider moving down a level so that you can focus on developing your pickleball skills. Please refer to self-assessment references and be HONEST.

Cancellation of the Round Robin

If a player can't attend a session they have signed up for, they **must remove** their name. People on the waitlist can only play if your name is removed. If you must cancel, please be courteous and remove your name at least 18 hours prior to the session start.

Coordinators may cancel the Round Robin either prior to the start or during play if the coordinator deems conditions to be unsafe.

Unsafe conditions may include:

- Courts that are wet, icy or snowy
- Temperatures or wind chill of below 40 degrees
- Thunder or lightning within 6 miles of the courts
- Temperatures or heat index above 90 degrees
- Weather forecasts predict any of the above.

The coordinator must remember that the cancellation of the round robin is for the safety of the players. While players may still choose to play independently if they wish, the decision is made with their well-being in mind.