

Good day picklers,

We hope you're all having a great day! We want to clarify that the Loreto Bay Pickleball courts are privately owned by the Loreto Bay Golf Resort and Spa, and they graciously allow us, the Loreto Pickleball Club, to manage and maintain them. It's important to note that these courts are separate from the Loreto Bay Homeowners Association.

Our pickleball community here is truly special, and it thrives on the mutual respect we share. Let's continue cherishing our unique pickleball paradise together.

In light of recent concerns, we want to take a moment to remind everyone about our Club and Court Guidelines, and touch on some social media matters.

Social Media

We would like to clarify that our official Loreto Pickleball Club does not endorse or operate any social media groups under the names "Loreto Pickleball" or "Loreto Pickleball Club" on Facebook or any other platform. These groups have been created without our authorization and do not reflect the views or values of our club.

We are concerned about these unauthorized groups because they are not managed by us, and we have no control over their content or membership. Negative comments or misunderstandings shared within these groups can adversely affect our relationships with the court owners and impact our ability to use the facilities.

Despite our efforts to resolve this issue amicably, we have been left with no choice but to take formal action with Facebook to address the unauthorized use of our club's name and logo. We kindly request all members to refrain from engaging with these unofficial groups and to rely on official communications from us via email for club updates and announcements.

It has been some time since we last published our Club guidelines, as well need to clarify some existing ones.

Loreto Pickleball Club:

- Payment to play is required of **all** players (annually, monthly, weekly, or daily). Hosts are responsible for collecting and making payments on behalf of their guests.
- No coaching for payment is permitted on the Loreto PB courts without written permission from the LPC Steering Committee.
- Inappropriate behavior, failure to pay, or failure to adhere to court rules can result in the revocation of all playing privileges, regardless of membership status.

Court Play Guidelines:

- Courts are open on a first-come, first-served basis, **except** for dedicated Open Group/Drop-in Play categorized by skill level and Block Play, which can be found at <https://www.loretopb.com>.
- If courts are occupied, the first group of four (doubles) or two (singles) to reach 11 points should vacate the court to allow the next group to play.
- Players waiting to play are encouraged to line up paddles in the paddle rack to signal readiness to play once the current game concludes.
- If courts are full and more than two groups of players are waiting, play drops to 9 points.
- During open play, we encourage players to meet new people, introduce themselves, and mix up play whenever possible.
- Drills should be conducted outside of scheduled play times and limited to 20 minutes if courts are full.
- Due to our limited number of courts, large groups of family and friends (4+) should either play during scheduled block play times or choose a time outside of open play.
- Please only Pickleball play on courts with appropriate footwear.
- Game rules can be found at www.usapa.org.

Thank you for taking the time to read these important updates and reminders. By following our guidelines and respecting our community's values, we can ensure that our pickleball paradise remains a welcoming and enjoyable place for everyone. Let's continue to foster a positive and inclusive environment where all members can thrive.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly through Loreto.Pickleball@gmail.com. Together, let's keep the spirit of Loreto Pickleball alive and strong.

Warm regards,

The Loreto Pickleball Club Steering Committee