

# The LOWDown Showdown Spring 2024 Tournament

**RALLY SCORING!!!!  
MORE GAMES, LESS WAITING!!**

**Pick Your Partner For  
Mens, Womens, & Mixed Doubles**

**Format will be announced  
once all teams are registered**



**Saturday & Sunday  
April 27-28  
Women's Doubles 9:00 Saturday  
Men's Doubles 1:00 Saturday  
Mixed Doubles 10:00 Sunday**

**SEE SIGNUPGENIUS SOON TO  
REGISTER FOR YOUR EVENT(S)**

Questions?

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# PICKLEBALL RALLY SCORING RULES

## The Basics

- Games are played to 15, 18 or 21, win by 2.
- Before starting, each player on each team chooses a side of the court (left or right). The players remain on these sides of the court for the entire game
- If a team wins a rally, they score a point (you don't have to be serving to win a point!).

## How to Play

- Choose the team that will serve first (e.g., oldest player, youngest player, pick a #).
- The serving team begins serving with the right-side player serving first.
- If the serving team wins the rally, they score a point and the player on the left side serves next (players DO NOT switch sides of court).
- Serve continues alternating between the right- and left-side server until the serving team loses a point.
- If the receiving team wins the rally, they win a point and gain the serve.

## Serving Notes

- When it is a team's turn to serve, the side they serve from depends on the score.
- If a team's score is an even number, the right-side player serves.
- If a team's score is an odd number, the left-side player serves.
- Change ends when one team reaches 11 points (at this time only, teammates may also change sides of the court if desired).

## Freeze at 20!

- When one team reaches 20 points (or the penultimate point, e.g., 14 or 17), their score freezes. This means they can only score the next point on their serve.
- If both teams are tied at 20 or more points, both teams can win a point when returning, but either team must be serving to win a point if they are ahead. For example, if the score is 22-21, the team with 22 points must be serving to win the game. If it becomes 22-22, then either team may score.

## SCORING COMPARISON

	Sideout Scoring	Rally Scoring
<b>Scoring</b>	11 (or 15), win by 2	21 (or 15), win by 2
<b>Points Scored</b>	Only when serving	When serving or returning
<b>Doubles Scoring</b>	3 numbers are used, e.g., 2-1-2 means your team is ahead 2 to 1 and the 2nd server is serving	2 numbers are used, 11-13 means your team trails 11-13
<b>At the Start of a Service Turn</b>	Teams start serving from the right side on their service turn.	If a team's score is 0 or even, they serve from the right side. If their score is odd, they serve from the left side.
<b>Number of Serves on a Turn</b>	Each player gets a chance to serve on their team's service turn.	A team may only get 1 chance to serve on their turn (if they lose the 1st point on their serve the serve goes over to the other team)
<b>Player Placement</b>	Players move sides of the court as long as they are winning points on their serve	Players stay on the same side (left or right) during the game. When a team is serving, the players alternate serving.
<b>Used By</b>	Most tournaments and rec. games	Major League Pickleball, some tournaments
<b>Advantages</b>	The standard scoring method in pickleball	Easier to understand and leads to faster-paced scoring games

## Hello Pickleball Club Members!

It's time to renew your membership to the LOW Pickleball Club. **Membership Dues for May 1, 2024-April 30, 2025 are \$10.00 per adult member (due May 1).** Please complete the Membership Form included with this notice and mail it with your check to the Club Treasurer:

Jeanne Porter  
221 Harpers Ferry Drive  
703-727-9625  
djeporter@verizon.net

You may also drop your application and payment at Jeanne's home. She will have a box on her front porch beginning March 15.

An e-mail address is needed to provide access to SignUpGenius, so, **please submit a separate form for each person.**

Remember that Club membership is separate from the LOWA Pickleball /Tennis Amenity fee that we all must pay to utilize the courts. Adult members in good standing with LOWA may join the Pickleball Club.

**If you decide not to renew your membership, please let Jeanne know as soon as possible** so she can update the membership list.

What are the benefits you receive with Club Membership?

- Access to the LOW Pickleball Club website ([lowpickleballclub.org](http://lowpickleballclub.org))
- Access to the Club Membership Directory
- Use of SignUpGenius to make reservations for indoor and outdoor play, as well as other Club activities
- Play in Club-sponsored organized sessions such as ladder leagues, tournaments, deal pickle, and round robins
- Club-sponsored training sessions and clinics
- Club social events

We thank you for your continued support and Club membership. We are doing our best to make sure your pickleball playing experience is as enjoyable as possible, and we rely on your feedback to keep improving. We look forward to another exciting year on the courts and hope to see you all out there.

Thank you!

Your LOW Pickleball Club Board of Directors:

Fred Lange, Claudia Phillips, Jeanne Porter, Linda Nammack, Ray Farmer, Deb Hoisington, and Lynn Heisler



## Club Membership Form

(One membership form per adult)

Dues for 05/01/2024 through  
04/30/2025 are \$10.00 per adult.

By placing my initials in the box to the right, I acknowledge that prior to becoming an LOW Pickleball Club member, I must pay the LOWA Pickleball/Tennis Amenity Fee.

Please pay by check payable to:  
**LOW Pickleball Club**

Mail the completed form and check to the Club Treasurer:  
Jeanne Porter  
221 Harpers Ferry Dr.  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Pickleball Club publishes a directory for use by its members.

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<https://www.lowpickleballclub.org/>