



- **Bringing Competitive Team-Based League Pickleball Throughout Arizona -**

***Casa Grande Region Specific APPL FAQs: (please also refer to the General APPL FAQs)***

***What is APPL and what is the Casa Grande APPL Region?*** - The Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) is a statewide team-based pickleball league. It currently operates in the following regions: Southern Region (Tucson and surrounding southern Arizona area); East Valley Region (cities in the eastern Phoenix metro and surrounding area); West Valley Region (cities in the western Phoenix Metro and surrounding area); Casa Grande Region (communities in the Casa Grande and surrounding area), which is run by volunteers and players many of whom reside in the Casa Grande area.

***Who runs the League?*** - APPL is a nonprofit corporation led by a group of volunteers with years of experience in team-based league pickleball who want to make that experience available to players throughout Arizona.

***What does "team-based" league pickleball mean?*** - Team-based league pickleball is a competition where several teams compete against other teams within the same skill level over a period of months for a championship using a standardized and structured format of play. Teams typically have a roster of about 10-12 players on their team. When two teams compete against each other on match day they each bring a line-up of 6 players who will compete that day.

***Do we only play teams in our region?*** - Yes. Typically you would play 8 to 10 team matches during the regular season depending on how many other teams are in your flight skill level. The winners of each flight skill level would then compete against the winners of the other region's flight skill levels in a season-end playoffs for the State Championship.

***How many teams are in the Casa Grande Region?*** - The Casa Grande Region is a community based league with 6 communities participating: Dave White, Palm Creek, Robson Ranch, Mission Royale, Sun City Anthem and Encanterra. Each community fields teams in Men's, Women's and Mixed Divisions in Flight skill levels of 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0. Typically each Flight in each division might have 5-7 teams. Ordinarily there would be 50-70 teams in the region.

***What levels of play are there?*** - Flight skill levels of 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0 in each division (Men's, Women's and Mixed) are offered.

***How much does it cost?*** - The fee for player registration is \$20 per season for each team the player participates on (ex. Men's 3.5 and Mixed 3.5). There is also a one time court usage fee of \$12 per player per season paid to APPL and passed on to the City of Casa Grande.

***Is there an age requirement?*** - The APPL Casa Grande Regional league's age requirement is 18 years and over.

***Where and when would I play?*** - All CGR APPL matches are played at Dave White Regional Park. The Mixed Division plays on Mondays. The Women's Division plays on Tuesdays. The Men's Division plays on Wednesday. Matches are normally slotted to play in 2-hour increments in the afternoons either at 12:00, 2:00 or 4:00. Occasionally 6:00pm matches are required under the lights. Match play begins the first week in January.

***How do I get on a team?*** - Contact your club/community administration to see if your club is participating and express your interest. Each club/community is asked to have a League Administrator who will help get your teams set up and work with APPL representatives to help get you started.

***Can I form my own team? How do I do that?*** - If you are a member of one of the 6 communities in the Casa Grande Regional League you should contact your club/community administrator and indicate your interest in forming a team.

***Do I have to be a member of a club or community to participate?*** - At this time, the Casa Grande Regional APPL league is a community-based league. Team members must be first from the community participating. If there are not enough players to fill the community's roster at a specific flight skill level, other players outside of the community may be recruited to complete the team roster with approval from the League Coordinator. However, if the recruiting Community Administrator is recruiting players from other Casa Grande Regional communities, then the recruiting Community Administrator shall let the other Community Administrator(s) and League Coordinator know of the recruiting outside their community so that the ramifications of the recruiting can be understood by all parties.

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