



## Bringing Competitive Team Based League Pickleball Throughout Arizona

### **SAPPL Community Administrator's and Team Captain's FAQs and Responsibilities:**

Super Arizona Pickleball Players League (SAPPL), operating in the city of Casa Grande, is under the infrastructure and guidance of the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL). SAPPL will follow the APPL Rules of Play found on the APPL website: [www.arizonapickleballplayersleague.org](http://www.arizonapickleballplayersleague.org). Refer to the rules of play under "APPL Documents and Forms," then "2021 APPL Rules" as decisions are made when working through the information and guidelines below.

***What is the leadership structure required for each community in SAPPL?*** Each community competing in the SAPPL season will have an overall community administrator, and also a captain for each team level. The administrator, who may or may not be a player, would organize the captains and participate in league meetings and be the go-to person for the League Coordinator. Captains, who may or may not be players, would recruit players for their team and perform other duties as outlined in this document and in the 2021 APPL Rules of Play found on the website.

***Start communications to determine the administrator and the captains.*** Since many players in our communities are seasonal residents, it will be necessary to begin communication early, i.e., emails, phone, or meetings, to determine who will be in your leadership structure.

***Community administrators and captains work together to recruit community players for teams.*** Each community will attempt to field eight gender teams, that is, men's and women's teams in 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5/5.0, and a mixed doubles team in each rating. Each of the teams will have a captain. The community administrator and the captains may have to work together in some cases to reach a correct rating for a player who is not officially rated by UTPR or their club (Additional information and guidance on team members and their play ratings is found in the 2021 APPL Rules.

***Develop the rosters of each of the teams in the community.*** The sweet spot for members in a team is 10, as there will be a need for substitutions throughout the season due to illness, injury, or vacations. A captain may have more than, or less than 10. On match day, each rated team from the community will bring 3 pairs of 2 players for competition and include one substitute. A player must be on your roster by the deadline, Nov. 15, 2020, in order to participate in the start of competitive play, in December. Refer to the APPL Rules for adding players during the season and using substitutes.

***Admin/Captains, how to register your team...*** After the Administrator and captains are picked, and emailed to the league coordinator, an email will be sent to the captains to register themselves and instructions on how to fill out a roster will be included.

***Fees/Waiver:*** Waivers will be signed online and fees will be paid online in November/December.

***Play schedule.*** Once the rosters are entered and the number of teams is determined, the SAPPL League Coordinator will publish the play schedule and determine the home team. Captains have some online score reporting duties after the matches..

**Where are the courts that SAPPL will use?** All matches will be played at the Dave White courts in Casa Grande on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Captains, or their designee, are required to be at their team matches.

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