

The logo for the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) features the word "ARIZONA" in large, stylized letters. The letters are filled with a color gradient of red, yellow, and blue. A yellow pickleball with a green leaf and the letters "APPL" is positioned in the center, replacing the letter "I". Below the word "ARIZONA" is the text "Pickleball Players League" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

ARIZONA Pickleball Players League

Season 2021 COVID-19 Precautions and Practices

General Statement

As conditions and requirements vary throughout the Country and State, the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) will follow Federal, State, and local government health agencies' mandates, guidelines and recommendations.

The League Commissioner or designee will communicate APPL specific guidelines to be followed in order to minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure and comply with local requirements.

A. East Valley Region, West Valley Region and Southern Region (Matches played on specific days at the home team's courts)

- 1. 6 home team players and 6 visiting team players competing on 3 courts.**
- 2. When City or County facilities are used for the home team courts:**
 1. When requested by the facility management the league scheduler will insure a 30 minute gap between court slots to minimize the amount of people coming and going in the event that back to back matches are scheduled.
- 3. Participants, protect yourself**
 1. Stay home if sick. Have your captain use the substitute pool of players.
 2. If you are at higher risk, 65+ with an underlying medical condition, consider not participating.
 3. After participating, use hand sanitizer (provided at the courts or your own) and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you are able.
 4. Limit carpooling to the extent possible.
 5. Do not share food, water, sunscreen, chairs, towels, etc. Bring your own.
 6. Stay 6 feet away from other participants and spectators.
 7. Leave facility as soon as reasonably possible after team matches are finished.
 8. If, at any time, a player deems conditions are unsafe then they should not play.
- 4. Team captains:**
 1. Visiting captains encourage only your team to be present for the match. Limit the amount of spectators. Check with the home team captain in advance to get an understanding of their facility's specific requirements.
 2. Only one captain, and no other participants, at the score reporting station where applicable.
 3. When a score reporting station is used there are to be established 6 foot boundaries with cones or other obvious markers to emphasize one person at a time and encourage appropriate social distancing
 4. Follow the host (home team) venue requirements
 5. Direct any spectators to follow City and League protocols and maintain social distance guidelines.
 6. Exit the venue as soon as your matches are finished, and the scorecards are signed.
 7. Instruct players to bring their own water, towels, food. None will be provided.
 8. Instruct players NOT to touch paddles after each game. Use a wave or thumbs up!
 9. Bring a hand sanitizer for your team to use between rounds.
 10. Instruct your players to use the appropriate gates for entering and exiting the courts.
- 5. Partnering with Pecos Park and the City of Phoenix when Pecos Park is used for home team matches:**

1. Open locked outside gates at the courts during match play to allow players to exit and maintain distance from players on other courts and spectators.
2. Provide soap, hand drying, trash receptacles and toilet paper in the restrooms.

B. Casa Grande Region (All matches played on the same day at Dave White Park)

1. **Events of 50 people:** When all 12 courts are utilized there will be 48 participants, plus some league administrators. However, the courts are not full at every session. It is estimated that there will be 40 to 55 participants at one time (this includes players and organizers combined).
 1. Matches to start at noon with players instructed to arrive no sooner than 11:45 to allow the Dave White morning public program time to exit.
2. **Participants, protect yourself (to be communicated to all participants prior to season opening):**
 1. Stay home if sick. Have your captain use the substitute pool of players.
 2. If you are at higher risk, 65+ with an underlying medical condition, DO NOT participate.
 3. After participating, use hand sanitizer (provided at the courts) and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you are able. Sanitize your paddle(s). Spray bottles or sanitary wipes provided.
 4. Limit carpooling to the extent possible.
 5. Do not share food, water, sun screen, chairs, towels, etc. Bring your own.
 6. Stay 6 feet away from other participants.
3. **Organizers and team captains:**
 1. **Check-in table.**
 1. Only one captain, and no other participants, at the check-in table at a time.
 2. Establish 6 foot boundaries with cones or other obvious markers to emphasize one person at a time.
 3. Post protocols on portable A-Frames in high visibility areas.
 4. Use a PA system or bull horn to hail captains that have not checked in.
 5. Check-in personnel wear a face covering when interacting with the participants.
 6. Provide hand sanitizer at the check-in table.
 7. Sanitize the tables, pencils, etc., after each check-in/check-out session.
 2. **Captains:**
 1. Encourage no spectators to reduce overcrowding and congregating.
 2. Exit the venue as soon as your matches are finished and the scorecards are signed.
 3. Instruct players to bring their own water, towels, food. None will be provided.
 4. Instruct players NOT to touch paddles after each game. Use a wave or thumbs up!
 3. **On-site coordinators:**
 1. Equipment:
 1. After each match utilize a sanitation system for the balls, pens and scoresheet clipboards that are used.
 2. Provide a sanitizing spray bottle for each court.
 3. Provide hand sanitizer at each court.
4. **Partnering with Dave White Regional Park and the City of Casa Grande:**
 1. Increase the number of gates at the courts to prevent players from three courts stacking together when exiting after matches.
 1. One gate per two courts would be usable, if one gate per court is not feasible.
 2. Provide soap, hand drying, trash receptacles and toilet paper in the restrooms.
 3. Provide League with at least 16 spray bottles for sanitizing. The League will provide the sanitizing liquid.