



East Valley Region

Red APPL (RAPPL)

RAPPL Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the RAPPL? - RAPPL stands for Red APPL and is one of three regional leagues in the East Valley Region of the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL). EVIL and the Green APPL are the other two.

Why was the Red APPL formed? - The Red APPL was formed to offer pickleball players 18 years and over a competitive team-based pickleball league in the east valley of the Phoenix Arizona area.

What is APPL's objective? And where does the Red APPL fit in? - APPL's objective is to bring a standardized team-based league format to Arizona and eventually nationally to fill the void of organized team based competitive pickleball. APPL currently has four Regions; the Casa Grande Region based in Casa Grande, the East Valley Region, the West Valley Region and the Southern Region located in Tucson and the surrounding area. RAPPL is a part of the East Valley Region along with the 50+ EVIL league currently in it's 9th season and the Green APPL league, a developmental league for beginners. RAPPL will offer men's, women's and mixed divisions with teams in 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0+ group levels.

What levels of play are there? - In Season 2021 the East Valley and Casa Grande Regional leagues have Men's, Women's and Mixed Divisions with levels from beginners through advanced. Skill groups are: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0+. The West Valley and Southern Arizona Regional Leagues have Men's and Women's Divisions and will offer Mixed in Season 2022.

How much does it cost? - See the website for current cost information. The per player fee for the entire season will continue to be less than the cost to play in one sanctioned tournament.

How often would I play? - That will vary depending on the number of teams participating in the various skill groups. Typically there would be 8 to 12 matches per season (including regional playoffs).

Where would I play? - As part of the East Valley Region, RAPPL teams will play home and away matches at each team's home court venue. That may be at city courts obtained through a city (for example city of Phoenix Pecos Park courts) or club courts obtained through a community depending on the team's home court selections. Visiting teams will travel to their opponent's home courts to play their matches.

How do I get on a team? - A form is on the APPL website you can fill out to let captains know you are interested in joining a team. Club members should ask their club's administration if their club will be participating. Of course you can also form your own team by contacting either the Red APPL Men's or Women's League Coordinator (see the contacts page in the APPL website).

Can I form my own team? How do I do that? - Yes you can. There is information on how to form and register your own team on the APPL website.

Do I have to be a member of a club to participate? - No you don't. You also do not need to be a member of USAPA and your APPL match results do not affect your UTPR rating if you have one.

Is there an age requirement? - The RAPPL age requirement is 18 and over.

How long has the league been playing? - One of the regional leagues within APPL (EVIL) is entering its 9th season. The Red APPL format was piloted successfully in 2019 and completed its first season in 2020. Last year 95 teams consisting of over 1100 players participated in APPL.

When does the next season start? - Next season starts the first week of January, 2021. Pre Registration begins August 1st, 2020. We are again planning to have some pre-season play in December 2020 for the purpose of getting the captains and players better acquainted with the format and other features APPL offers.

Where can I get more information? - The APPL website is: arizonapickleballplayersleague.org . There you can find more detailed information as well as a subscription form you can submit to stay in touch with key APPL news and events.

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