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### **Lauri Ann West Pickleball Update**

The past year at the Lauri Ann West Community Center has been an exciting year of growth across many different aspects of our community center. We have over 125,000 visitors and members come to the Center each year. We are excited that our team continues to serve the community across a wide range of fitness and programming needs. One of the areas in which we have seen significant growth has been with demand and players that come to the Center to play pickleball. As with many of our groups that join us here each week, we are pleased that our facility has become a popular location for the community. We also recognize that as a facility we need to make some adjustments in order to have success with the program in the future.

Last January we partnered with some members of the Center to offer some pickleball specific hours of play both in our gym as well as the outdoor courts. We currently have offered a dedicated fifteen hours of open pickleball during the week in the indoor gym. These hours of play have been specific to the pickleball group and we have no other group that has that many dedicated hours of gym time for their activity. We have seen the numbers of players coming to the Center continue to grow from within the local community and the surrounding area. With a goal of creating a better experience for pickleball players and for the Center we have met with a group of members to make some changes in the way in which pickleball will operate at the Lauri Ann West Community Center in 2019.

### **New Pickleball Memberships starting in January 2019**

We have made the decision to start requiring a pickleball membership in order to play pickleball during the pickleball specific open gym hours in 2019. Some of the advantages of these changes will be the following:

- Continuation and potential expansion of indoor/outdoor dedicated pickleball hours
- Different levels of play from beginners to high skill level will have hours of play
- Friends and families will have the opportunity to play together
- Set of standard rules of courtesy and expectations will enhance play

We believe the demand for play will continue to grow and we are changing some of our policies now to continue to partner with our community of players. Starting on January 14th we will move to a new type of pickleball structured hours of play during the week. We believe this change will allow us to meet the needs of a broad group of players while also helping us create a fun and challenging level of play for members. We will also be charging a yearly fee to be part of the LAWCC Pickleball Community. As part of this fee, the Center will continue to provide the nets, balls and gym time. We also will work with the group to adjust and evaluate hours and time of day for play during winter, spring and summer. Our goal is to provide a mix of hours of play both during the week and weekends that offer flexibility for members.

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Starting on January 14th, 2019 the following will be the fees to be part of the LAWCC Pickleball membership program.

#### 2019 Membership Fees

- The Pickleball Membership fee will be \$300 for residents of the Fox Chapel Area School District for a single membership and \$450 for couples. No initiation fee is required.
- The Pickleball Membership fee for outside of the school district residents will be \$400 for a single membership and \$600 for couples. No initiation fee is required.
- This membership fee will not apply to any current Family Fitness, Senior Fitness or Individual Fitness members of the Lauri Ann West Community Center or anyone that joins as a fitness member during 2019.
- The option will still exist to play as a daily guest for a \$10 fee for each visit.
- Any current program member that would like to convert to a full fitness member will not be charged any initiation fee.
- Program members, Silver Sneakers or Silver and Fit members will not include access to pickleball programming in 2019.
- Any member that joined as a program member after October 1st of 2018 will receive a \$50 credit towards the pickleball membership or fitness membership fee.

Please read the following information which will provide more detail on benefits of a pickleball membership in detail. This information outlines the specific hours of play for the winter of 2019 and some of the adjustments to the type of options for play as part of the new membership. As a team we always try to work with members and evaluate options when we make changes at the Center. In this case we did listen and learn from a group of active players that helped us make some of these decisions. We will continue this approach and we will have two members serve as a point of contact for the membership with our team to help us adapt and adjust our approach where needed.

We are glad to have the pickleball community as one of the groups that enjoys and utilizes our facility. We are confident that these changes will set the foundation for a positive ongoing partnership for the Lauri Ann West Center and our membership moving forward.

Sincerely,

Keith Fenton  
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## Weekly Schedule

Monday	Wed	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•8-9 am Drills</li> <li>•9-11 am Two Levels</li> <li>•11 – 1 pm 3.0+/Advanced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•11- 1 Round Robin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•8-9 am Drills</li> <li>•9-11 am Two Levels</li> <li>•11 – 1 pm 2.5 and Lower</li> <li>•12 – 1 Mentor Program (One Court)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7 - 9 am “Play Your Four”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•10 – 11 am Family</li> </ul>

## Description of Programs

Program Type	Short Description	Game Play Details
<b>Drills</b>	All courts dedicated to drills	Players can make up their own drills, or use the books supplied by LAWCC. Players can group however they like; however, if all courts are full, foursomes should rotate off after 10 minutes to allow others to drill.
<b>Round Robin</b>	15 people rotate through in pre-determined fashion	Players must pre-register via the MindBody app, capped at 15. They will use the round-robin bracket handout, and the timer supplied by LAWCC. All games are 10 minutes long, with a 2-minute break in-between each game.
<b>Two Levels</b>	Open to all levels, but players line up in 2 different groups, 1 of higher skill and 1 of lower	Players decide which group is most appropriate for them. Games to 11, win by 2; unless all the courts are full with people waiting, then games to 7, win by 2.
<b>Play Your Four</b>	Groups of four can stay together the whole session	People line up as foursomes. Games to 11, win by 2, and then it’s four off, new foursome on. Individuals or smaller groups can come and form foursomes on the spot, but cannot expect other foursomes to break up.
<b>Mentoring</b>	Stronger players work with any interested new players	Stronger players will stay after the Two Levels session on Friday to work with any player who welcomes coaching, advice, drilling ideas, etc. One court only.
<b>2.0-2.5 Fri or 3.0+ Mon</b>	One line of waiting players, but players are asked to come only on the day/session that is appropriate for their skill level	Games to 11, win by 2; unless all the courts are full with people waiting, then games to 7, win by 2. If someone does not know their rating (e.g. 2.0, or 3.5, etc.), they are welcome to come for either session and decide whether their performance is a good fit with the rest of that group.
<b>Family</b>	Open play, understanding that this is a popular time for children and partners who may not be as skilled at pickleball	Games to 11, win by 2; unless all the courts are full with people waiting, then games to 7, win by 2.