

Hello to all Pickleball players!

We would like to invite you to join the SFS Pickleball League. The League gives you the opportunity to play once a week with others in the area of a similar skill level. It is an exciting and fun format where you can improve your pickleball skills. This is a great way to find folks that you would like to play with throughout the year!

STAFFORD, FREDERICKSBURG & SPOTYS (SFS) PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Welcome to SFS Pickleball Ladder 2017 Spring League!

The 12-week spring season will run from **April 5th till June 24th**
The fee for playing in the Spring League is as follows:

Players ~ \$25, (includes an outdoor ball and chalk)

SFS League t-shirt is \$10.00. If you would like one, fill out the section on the sign-up page.

Sign up no later than March 31st. Include payment and completed registration form.

If you have any questions, please email us at pickleballsfs@gmail.com. If you need to speak to someone, please call Noel Lowery, Stafford USAPA Pickleball Ambassador, at 540-903-5251.

Thank you,

Your SFS Ladder League Coordinators

Noel Lowery, Mike Curry, Joan Pope, Melody Litzenberg,
Stu Simons, Donna Oliver, and Bev Cameron

sfspickleball2@gmail.com

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FORMAT

Players will be seeded based on last season's results and/or skill level. New players' skill levels will be evaluated to determine where they will be seeded initially. A USAPA Ratings Guide is included in the packet to assist in determining your level.

Four players will be assigned to each team and a team captain will be appointed each week. During a match each player will play a game with each of the 3 other players on the team of 4 (three games per match). Games will be played to 11, with no need to win by 2 points. The maximum number of points that can be earned each week is 33.

Results from the match will determine ladder movement. The top two scoring players will move up one team spot and the bottom two scoring players will move down one team spot. Byes will be given to players who miss a match, however, this will be counted as one of the two bottom scoring players for the match. The permanent sub's score count as a regular player and will move accordingly. This happens when we have an odd number of players registered and we have a permanent sub spot in the rotation. You will receive a weekly email assigning you to a team for the following week based on your results.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Each week's list of teams will be sent out by email no later than Wednesday at 6 pm and the final scores will need to be turned in by Tuesday at 10 pm the following week. The schedule will show players divided into teams of 4. Each week a team captain will be designated who is responsible for coordinating the day, time and location for their team's match. Please check your email and reach out to your team captain to let them know your availability for the week. Please start emailing/communicating with your teammates asap. Players must reply (to all team members) by Friday at 6 pm. If the captain does not hear from a team member by Friday at 6pm, the captain may select a sub for that week's match. After the match, captains are also responsible for filling out and emailing in the completed score card (signed by all 4 team members) to fsdivision1@gmail.com. Please print a copy of the Score Card attached to the bottom of this form.

ABSENCES

PLANNED

If a player knows in advance that they are going to miss a week, or more, please email the dates to Pickleballsfs@gmail.com ASAP, but no later than 3 days prior to the date that that week's schedule comes out.

UNPLANNED

If you have to miss a match on short notice:

1. Call and/or email your team captain, as well as sending an email to Pickleballsfs@gmail.com
2. Your team captain will try to find a sub for you. If you need help ask one of the league managers.

NO SHOW / PLAYER MISSING AT MATCH TIME

If a player is not present at the agreed upon start time, and the Captain, or another player, hasn't been notified, then that player is subject to the "No Show" rule (see below). The other players will not receive a score for that match unless a Sub is available. Since the standings are based on a point percentage for the games actually played, there is no penalty to the other players for not having a score recorded.

If you are a "No Show", leaving three team members without a match, and you have failed to notify your Team Captain, or another player on your Team, you will be suspended from the ladder for two weeks.

SCORES FOR SUBS

Sub scores only count if the sub is playing for a 'permanent' sub. This happens when we have an odd number of players registered and we have a sub spot in the rotation. A Sub's score will not count for the originally scheduled player when they fill-in for an injured, vacationing or missing player.

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Sign Up Sheet ~ each player – no later than March 31st

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE # (home)	
CELL PHONE #	
EMAIL	
BIRTH YEAR	
HOME COURT	
If you are new, do you know anyone who currently plays in the SFS league? (if so, who?)	
USAPA Rating if known ~ See attached Ratings Guide	
PAID/HOW	

Emergency Contact

Name	Phone #
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This agreement releases the organizers from all liability relating to injuries that may occur while playing Pickleball in the Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsy Ladder. By signing this agreement, I agree to hold SFS ladder or any place that I play entirely free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries incurred, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence.

I also acknowledge the risks involved in Pickleball. I swear that I am participating voluntarily, and that all risks have been made clear to me. Additionally, I do not have any conditions that will increase my likelihood of experiencing injuries while engaging in this activity.

By signing below, I forfeit all rights to bring suit against SFS Ladder for any reason. I will also make every effort to obey safety precautions as listed in writing and explained to me verbally. I will ask for clarification when needed.

I, _____, fully understand and agree to the above terms.
Print Name

Participant Signature:	Date
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T-Shirt Order Information: **Please Circle Type and Size if Ordering**

V-Neck Womens or Men's T

Small Med Large XLG 2XLG

Please make checks payable to **"Stafford Pickleball"**

Return by mail to: Joan Pope, 97 Betts Rd, Stafford, VA 22554

Register's direct email: register4sfs@gmail.com

STAFFORD, FREDERICKSBURG AND SPOTSY PICKLEBALL LADDER LEAGUE SCORE CARD

Date: _____ Week: _____ Team # _____ Played At: _____ Time: _____

#	Player's Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total Points Scored	Players Signature
		1 & 2 vs. 3 & 4	1 & 3 vs. 2 & 4	1 & 4 vs. 3 & 2		
1						
2						
3						
4						

SUBSTITUTIONS

Sub's Name/ Missing Player _____

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