

Smithville Parks and Recreation

RACQUETBALL RULES

United States Racquetball Association (USAR) rules shall apply except where such laws conflict with the modifications made by the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department.

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1. The league/tournament format will be singles (racquetball played by two (2) players).
2. Matches will include the best 2 out of 3; a third game will be played if there has been a tie and each player has won one (1) game. The league/tournament schedule will be determined by staff after the registration deadline.
3. The player winning the coin toss has the option to either serve or receive first at the start of the game. The second game will begin in reverse order and the third game will start how the first game began.
4. The winner of a match is the first to get fifteen (15) points and must win by one (1) (Example: 15-14; player one wins). If each player wins one (1) game, the third game will be played to eleven (11) points.
5. Players must have proper eye gear and footwear with soles which do NOT mark or damage the floor.
6. **Game times will be set and reserved on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 6PM, 7PM or 8PM** (Additional days/times may be added based on participation). You may contact your opponent and play at a different time within the set round as long as it's during normal business hours. If you agree to play at a different time you must reserve the court and note the match being played in the racquetball calendar at the front desk BEFORE your scheduled match time. Failing to follow the rules above can result in disqualification and each player will forfeit the match.
7. Failing to play your match by the PARD expiration time, regardless of the situation, will result in forfeiture for both players. Expiration times will be set at the end of the week to keep each round of games on time.
8. If you and your opponent have not played by the PARD assigned time, or have not scheduled a different time to play, and only one player shows at the scheduled time then that player will receive the win. The player that failed to show will receive the forfeit. BE SURE THAT IF YOU PLAN TO PLAY AT A DIFFERENT TIME THAT YOU AND YOUR OPPONENT MAKE THOSE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULE MATCH DAY/TIME.
9. **If league play:** a select number of top players (based on league registration) will advance to a single elimination tournament at the end of the league. Players may be placed in the bracket based on their league standing to compete for championship! We will determine league standings based on game wins. Games will be kept using a ranking system (Win 1 point & Loss or Forfeit 0). The order of determining the ranking will be by total points; in the case of ties then the following order of measures listed in order will serve as a deciding factor on determining the final rankings-head to head, then one playoff match. **If tournament play:** the players that make it the furthest in the tournament bracket for their division will have their name posted on our racquetball plaque. The 'all around winner' is the last player standing!
10. The league/tournament schedule will be posted soon after the registration deadline. If we do league play verses tournament play, we will use **iplayracquetball.com** to help keep track of league; you will be emailed to set up a player profile. Here you will be able to access the game schedule, see standings, and even report your scores.
11. **For league play:** following a match you MUST report your scores on the score sheet/schedule beside the racquetball court. Feel free to also go online to post if using **iplayracquetball.com**. PARD will help manage records online with scores posted at court. **For tournament play:** please write whom advances where and the scores within the bracket as this will be used for participants to see who plays who next.
12. Smithville PARD requires good sportsmanship and honesty to maintain a fun and enjoyable atmosphere!

The staff at the Recreation Center will **NOT** oversee any of the matches. Any problems during the matches need to be addressed between one another, or else reported to the Recreation Supervisor. You may visit the USAR Official Rules of Racquetball at <http://www.usra.org/> for additional rule clarifications. Please use your honesty, best judgment, and good sportsmanship to make this an enjoyable experience for all!