



## Mudsock Pickleball

### Rec+ Winter 2025

### Information



*As a family-owned company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in the communities we serve and help ensure they are great places to live, work and play. Meijer is honored to partner with Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids and support them in learning valuable life skills, building friendships, getting active and, most importantly, having fun!*

**NEW for 2025!** The Mudsock Youth Pickleball **Rec+ League** is designed for 6th–8th grade players looking to take their game to the next level in a competitive, positive environment. This program offers local youth the opportunity to apply foundational skills in structured match play, competing with other youth players, while continuing to grow their confidence and love for the sport. The Winter 2025 season will feature six weeks of competitive match play, fostering development, sportsmanship, and a deeper love for the game.

### Registration Fees

Winter registration will be held Aug 1-Aug 31, 2025. Registration will be accepted online at [myathletics.com](https://myathletics.com). Winter fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade \$135** (24/7 Dink will have paddles for use.)  
There will be a multi-player discount available for families registering three or more children. Early bird pricing will be available during the month of August. Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, registration fees will increase, and waitlists may begin forming at any time.

## Refund Policy

For the winter 2025-2026 season, the refund policy will be as follows:

August 1 – September 15 – Refund after \$44 non-refundable fee

September 16 – September 30 – 50% refund after \$44 non-refundable fee

October 1 – October 15 – 25% refund after \$44 non-refundable fee

After October 15 – No refund

*Any additional fees incurred for registration completed after August 31st are also non-refundable.*

## Season Overview

The pickleball season will run from November through December, with the exception of holiday breaks. All game play will take place on Tuesday evenings, either in the 5-7pm division, or the 7-9pm division. Matches will take place at the new 24/7 Dink facility located at 12520 E 116<sup>th</sup> St.

Dates are as follows. Times are either 5-7pm or 7-9pm.

11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

## Game Play

Unlike our spring/summer league, which emphasizes skill development and learning the fundamentals of the game, the **Winter REC+ League** is geared toward intermediate to advanced players seeking a more competitive experience. Over the course of six weeks, participants will engage in organized match play, providing consistent opportunities to compete, apply their skills, and elevate their game in a structured setting.

## FAQs

### How do I know if my child's pickleball skills make them eligible for the Rec Plus League?

#### Skill Level Descriptions

To ensure fair and competitive play, all participants are encouraged to self-assess and register **ONLY** if they feel their skill level descriptors match their current abilities. This league is open to players who are serious about developing their skills and competing against peers at similar levels.

#### Intermediate to Advanced

- Strong understanding of rules and scoring
- Can sustain short to moderate rallies and control the ball with reasonable consistency
- Able to serve and return with consistency
- Strategically attempts volleys, dinks, and third-shot drops, and executes them with some consistency.
- Understands court positioning and court coverage.
- Developing strategies such as positioning and teamwork in doubles
- Focuses on performance, strategy, and sportsmanship

## **Will there be evaluations?**

Information on a possible evaluation day will be determined and communicated soon. In the meantime, if you have questions about your child's eligibility to participate in the Rec+ league, please reach out to us at [mudsockpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:mudsockpickleball@gmail.com).

## **Are there coaches?**

Mudsock Youth Pickleball Rec+ will not have coaches since the season is designed for only game play. We will have adults present to manage attendance, run game play and court rotation, keep score, and assist with rules. If you have general pickleball knowledge and would like to volunteer, please indicate so during registration!

## **Do you take requests?**

You may add a time or player request in the comments section of your online registration form at [myathletics.com](https://myathletics.com). Please note, we do not guarantee requests. Players will be assessed and grouped evenly. You cannot sign up with a partner and will rotate partners each game.

## **My participant doesn't fall within the age group; can they still play?**

Please reach out to [info@myathletics.com](mailto:info@myathletics.com) for more information on this. While we'd love to accept players of all ages, we want to ensure that there is enough court space, and that a competitive balance is maintained.