

OHCC Pickleball Drop-In Rules
September 1, 2021

The “**paddle saddle**” manages who plays next. Put your paddle in when you arrive and are ready to play. Do not rearrange paddles once they are placed in the saddle.

General Rules:

1. If you are “next on” but don’t wish to play then (for whatever reason), simply say, “skip me.” The next paddle in line becomes part of the “next on” group. Your paddle (skipped player) remains in its position.
2. To start the new match, the 4 players decide on the partners. There is no requirement that winners must split. There is no guarantee that a participant can always play with their preferred partner.

Three Court Drop-In:

1. **8 or more paddles** when a match finishes, all 4 exit and the first 4 paddles are “next on”. If those exiting wish to continue, winners’ paddles go into the paddle before the non-winners’ paddles.
2. **7 or fewer paddles.** The non-winning players exit, and the first 2 paddles are “next on”. Exiting players who wish to continue add their paddles to the end of the saddle.

Two-Court Drop-In:

1. **6 or more paddles** when a match finishes, all 4 exit and the first 4 paddles are “next on”. If those exiting wish to continue, winners’ paddles go into saddle before the non-winners’ paddles.
2. **5 or fewer paddles,** the non-winning players exit, and the first 2 paddles are “next on”. Exiting players who wish to continue add their paddles to the end of the saddle.

One-Court Drop-In:

1. **4 or more paddles** when a match finishes, all 4 exit and the first 4 paddles are “next on”. If those exiting wish to continue, winners’ paddles go into saddle before the non-winners’ paddles.
2. **3 or fewer paddles.** The non-winning players exit, and the first 2 paddles are “next on”. Exiting players who wish to continue add their paddles to the end of the saddle.