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## Purpose of the 4.5 Skill Group

Pickleball Kelowna recognizes the importance for all pickleball players to have competitive games against other players with the same skill level or better skill level, to maintain and improve their skills. All players are welcome to play with lower skill level groups or to play during Club Open Play.

## Qualifications to participate in the 4.5 Skill Group

- Player must be a member in good standing with Pickleball Kelowna Club (PKC).
- Player holds a USAPA/PCO or PKC rating of 4.5 or higher.
- Visitors from other clubs, with a 4.5 USAPA/PCO rating, will be welcome to play. The drop-in fee and signed waiver is applicable.

## Format of Play:

- King & His Court or Round Robin
  - Players sign up when they arrive at the courts
  - Be prepared to stay and play for the entire time
  - Play begins promptly, arrive early to warm up
  - The group captain will choose a round robin sheet based on the number of players that have signed up, so make sure to sign up on the whiteboard before you warm up.
  - If there are not enough players for the draw, the group captain can ask other players to join the skill group for the current day, to make even teams.
- Arrange Your Own Game (AYOG)      **Paddle Rack Procedure**
  - Please put your name on your paddle to identify whose paddle is on the rack.
  - Place your paddle on the paddle rack by the courts to be in line for the next open court.
  - If there are paddles on the rack, players on the court who have finished a game must exit the court so the waiting players can play. This is not optional.
  - Players exiting court can add their paddles to the rack to complete a group of 4, or can place their paddle further down the rack if they wish to have a break or place the entire foursome together in the next empty stack to play with players of their choosing.
  - The first stack of paddles (right to left) goes out to play on the available court.
  - All other paddles are shuffled to the right, remaining in order on the rack as they are moved. Even when a stack has less than 4 paddles in it, it moves to the right just like the 4 paddle stacks.
  - Do not move other player's paddle to a different stack without their permission.
  - If there are less than 4 paddles in the stack to go out next, call out "need (#) more". The players can come from anyone, even if they do not have a paddle in the rack or are part of the 4 players just coming off the courts.

### Opportunities to Play

See the Court Schedule as all scheduled Club Open Play have all skill levels invited.

#### Monday 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12

- Doc's Ladder
- Courts 1-12
- Format of Play: Prearranged Round Robin, sign up through TIH
- Results tracked by Track It Hub (TIH)

#### Tuesday 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12

- PKC Men's League
- Courts 1-12
- Format of Play: Prearranged Round Robin, sign up through TIH
- Results tracked by Track It Hub (TIH)

#### Wednesday 5:30-7:30

- 4.5 Skill Group
- Courts 5-8
- Format of Play: King & His Court

#### Thursday 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12

- PKC Ladies League
- Courts 1-12
- Format of Play: Prearranged Round Robin, sign up through TIH
- Results tracked by Track It Hub (TIH)

#### Sunday 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12

- 4.5 Skill Group
- Courts 5-8
- Format of Play: AYOg, Round Robin or King & His Court, sign up on arrival