

## Pickleball Interclub Guidelines

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Interclub play has become an integral part of Keowee Key's pickleball play. Since pickleball does not have a governing body (like tennis has with USTA), guidelines for interclub play have been established to direct interclub opportunities for Keowee Key's pickleball players.

The purpose of these interclub guidelines is to provide a simple means for Keowee Key club members to have a structured form of play with members of sister clubs in order to expand playing opportunities and build camaraderie with area players.

The interclub guidelines for current and new teams are as follows:

- Play should be "level" based, i.e., participating players should be of comparable levels.
- There should be a "captain/facilitator" who is responsible for organizing the team of at least 5 players (all of whom are active Keowee Key Pickleball Club members) and all related details. Individual player participation should be limited to one team within a given group, skill, or age level. Team rosters should be finalized prior to beginning play.
- The captain is responsible for organizing scheduled play with at least two other clubs/teams.
- Interclub should be club centric; therefore, combining players across communities into a single team (e.g. via a "draft") does not qualify as interclub.
- Play should be structured in the form of a "season" with multiple reciprocal (home and away) matches across a designated period of time.
- Play should be organized during "non peak" playing times. The captain is responsible for ensuring that court time is managed properly. Existing interclub teams/playing days and times are:
  - Mens Advanced/High Intermediate (Thursday evening)
  - Mens Intermediate (In process)
  - Womens Advanced/High Intermediate (Monday afternoon)
  - Womens Intermediate (Tuesday afternoon)
  - Womens Beginner/Intermediate (Wednesday afternoon)
- Once a team has been formed/before a new season begins for an existing team/whenever there are significant changes to an existing team, the team details (including: team level, team type, Keowee Key team members, proposed season schedule, and desired court times/dates) should be discussed with the Keowee Key pickleball pro who will provide guidance as needed and obtain FRC management approval. Approval will be confirmed to the respective team captain.