

Round Robin Captain Responsibilities

Thank you for volunteering to be a Round Robin Captain (RRC). The Executive Committee appreciates your assistance in supporting the Silveridge Pickleball Club and its members. As an RRC, you are an ambassador for the club, and as such, your position extends beyond just facilitating round robin play. RRCs are often the first point of contact with current, new, and prospective players. You can help these players in numerous ways can include:

- Introduce yourself.
- Help players find information by pointing them to the bulletin boards, the website, and where membership forms can be found.
- Point out the Court Schedule, Clinic Schedule, and Social Events, etc.

Listed below are the RRC's responsibilities:

- 1) Familiarize yourself with the Court Safety and Etiquette Guidelines. Information is posted on the bulletin board, with additional information posted on the website.
- 2) Check SignUpGenius (SUG) before your session to see how many have signed up. Knowing the number of players who have signed up will help you plan the play format (round robin or paddle rack).
 - a) If, at any time, you or one of your players has an issue with SUG, please have them contact one of the SUG administrators - Kathy Port (907-460-2323) or Donna Stensrud (780-905-8680).
- 3) Arrive early enough to ensure that the round robin binder and remote for the clock are ready for use, which is optional for your round robin. You may also use an app to organize play for the round robin, which will require the time needed to enter the players' names before beginning.
- 4) Players like to warm up before their session starts. It's important to remember that the prior session ends on the hour and your players should not infringe on the courts without checking with the RRC of the session in play to verify that courts are open for warm-up activities.
- 5) Introduce yourself to new group members and introduce them to the rest of the players.
- 6) Use the time before you begin the round robin to communicate with the players. Let them know about club events that are coming up (tournaments, social events, etc.).
- 7) Organizing Play - all depends on how many players you have and what system you wish to use:
 - a) When using the round robin sheets to generate games, have all players count off to give themselves a number. Markers are available in the RRC binder for those players who wish to write their number on their hand. At the start of each round of games, call out the player number pairings and the court number.
 - b) When using an app to generate games, call out the players and their teammates names and the court they will play on. You can continue to use the app to generate new games if that works for your round robin. Otherwise, you can move to the paddle rack system.
 - c) When using the paddle racks, you can randomly select who plays with who on what court to begin the session. Or you can have people take numbers and use a round robin sheet to generate the first set of games. Following this, players use the paddle rack by putting their paddles in the winners or non-winners holder to generate the next game.

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- 8) If using the game clock, set to 15 minutes for most round robin games. However, this time can be reduced to 12 minutes for days when the temperatures are high, or the number of players is large, or the group wants to get more games played during the round robin. Directions for how to operate the clocks are posted beneath each clock.
- 9) Take small breaks between each set of round robin games. If the paddle rack system is being used, players should monitor their breaks by keeping their paddles out of the paddle rack when they are resting.
- 10) If your session is the last Club activity for the day, ensure that the round robin binder, and the clock remote is placed in the pouch hanging on the gazebo wall, or in the briefcase/backpack and returned to the Club's storage locker beside the gazebo at court 1.
- 11) In regards to the combined group round robin play, before the start of play, each group will meet in their assigned court's gazebo where players will receive a number. The RRC's of both groups will meet prior to play beginning to discuss the number of players they each have and how many will be swapped.
 - a) Example: At the group round robin for groups 3.5 and 4.0+, ten 3.5 players and sixteen 4.0 players register on SUG and show up to play. Group 3.5 will have five even and five odd players. Only five odd players will switch play in each group - five odd 3.5 players will play with the 4.0+ group and five odd 4.0+ players will play with the 3.5 group.
 - i. RRCs can adjust this number to make the group sizes a multiple of four.
 - b) If there is a small number of players for the combined group., RRCs can decide to have all players on one set of courts.
- 12) Safety is a top priority.
 - a) Make sure players follow safety and court etiquette. A poster can be found on the bulletin board, and additional information is on the website.
 - b) Cancel or delay play due to inclement weather.
 - c) If any injury occurs, facilitate the administration of first aid and call 911 in an emergency. Afterwards, advise the Club President or another Executive Committee Member.
- 13) Player's Skill Level: Maintaining strong group play has been an ongoing discussion between RRCs and the Executive Committee for the past several years. Each year the process is reviewed and refined.
 - a) RRCs need to be familiar with the [Club Skill Level Guidelines](#) and refer to it when making recommendations to players.
 - b) Initially: A player starts out at whatever skill level they indicated on their membership form.
 - c) RRC Observation: Sometimes a poor fit is evident after several games and the RRC can discuss with the player the option to move to a different group.
 - d) Player Initiated: What if a player wants to move to a different level? The player can ask their RRCs, fellow players, or clinic coach/instructor for feedback. If the player determines they want to move to a different level, they send the request to silveridgepickleball@gmail.com. The player and the affected RRC's will be notified when a move is completed.

If you need support at any time, please contact Tom Drouillard (905-399-7190), 2nd Vice President or Donna Stensrud (780-905-8680), President.