



Spring Flex-Ladder League 2021

KEY INFO

- Six weeks of league play for BPC members “self-rated” at level 2.5 and above.
- Registration deadline is Monday April 19th at 9:30am.
First player match-ups will be posted online by 8pm that same evening.
- Flexible schedule formatting;
Weekly match-up players decide when and where they play three games to 15.
- Scores are submitted weekly online by Mondays @ 4pm.
New standings and match-ups are updated weekly online on Mondays by 8pm.
- You are responsible for finding a substitute if you aren’t available, or giving advance notice so that the ladder manager can arrange for you to skip that week with a “bye”.
Avoid no-shows as they will mess up the ladder
- Check the FAQ sheet on the next page for more details.
- Have Questions? Need more info?
Contact the League Coordinator, John Hatten,
via email at pickleballladder@kulshan.net or text 360-671-7012

KEY LINKS

- Sign-up @ <https://forms.gle/3PpQi3MavRM5WBqw9>
(by Monday April 19 @ 9:30am)
- See the [BPC Self-Rating Skill-Level Scale](#).
- Become a BPC member [here](#). Good through June 2022.
- Contact info for Ladder League Coordinator, John Hatten:
Email: pickleballladder@kulshan.net
Text:360-671-7012

Bellingham Pickleball Club Spring Flex-Ladder League

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate?

BPC members who are “self-rated” at level 2.5 and above. (Become a BPC member [here](#).)

Want more info on BPC “self-rating”? See the [BPC Self-Rating Skill-Level Scale](#).

BPC considers 2.5 to be upper novice; 3.0 & 3.5 to be intermediate; and 4.0 & above, to be advanced.

How do I sign-up and when is the deadline to sign-up?

The deadline is Monday 4/19 at 9:30am. You sign up as an individual at <https://forms.gle/3PpQi3MavRM5WBqW9>.

Will everything go smoothly and perfectly during this league?

While the intentions are good, please keep in mind that this is a first attempt at this with no set examples, so there are likely to be some hiccups and bumps in the road. The goal will be to address any common problematic issues with positive changes. Your support is appreciated. If you don't think you can handle that, this league might not be the best fit for you.

How and when are games played?

You will be matched-up each week with three other players. It is the responsibility of those four to connect to choose a time & location that works for everyone during that week. You'll play three games to 15 points (win by two), so that each person plays with and against each other in all possible combinations.

Select one person from the group to report the game score outcomes for all players by the weekly deadline of Mondays at 4PM via a shared Google form. This can be done by mobile device at the time of the match, or at another time prior to the deadline. For the league to work, it is essential that reporting be done prior to the deadline. The weekly matched groups can decide if they want to play more games following the three required league games to 15.

The league goes six weeks with an opportunity for six matches, from April 20th to May 31st.

How are the weekly player matches determined?

John Hatten will set up the first week's match based on participant self-ratings. There will be an attempt to match you with players at or near your reported skill-level, though of course that won't be perfect. After that, weekly point outcomes for each player determine whether players go up or down in the ladder ranking. The following week's match-ups are based on the new rankings. Each week the results will be posted and new player matches assigned via an online link (by Mondays at 8pm), which will be shared with all participants. You then have until the following Monday at 4pm to play your games and report the scores.

What if I I'm not available and would miss a weekly match-up?

It is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute with a similar skill-level to play in your place so that the games can still take place, AND to inform the other players of the sub's name and contact info. A substitute can be chosen from the league member list, but anyone of similar skill-level can sub for you.

If you know in advance that you will be unavailable during any given week, please let John know @ pickleballladder@kulshan.net, and he will arrange a “bye” for you so that you can skip that week. If you already know that you'll be unavailable during two weeks or more during this league, you are discouraged from signing up.

No-shows will mess up the ladder for everyone, so please avoid them. If you need to exit the ladder league before the last round, as soon as possible: 1. Inform those you are next scheduled to play with, AND 2. Text 360-671-7012 with your name & explanation. Alternatively, email pickleballladder@kulshan.net. Once dropped from the ladder, readmission will be on a case-by-case basis.

What if enough players near my skill-level don't sign up?

You will be contacted by John by Monday April 20th to let you know that there won't be a spot for your level during this spring league.