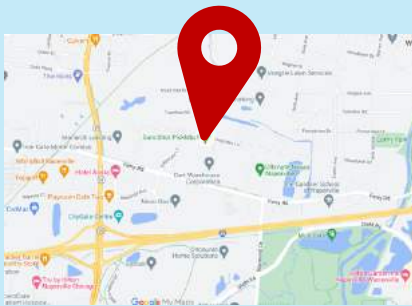


BIG DILL NEWS

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: JUNE PRUSAK

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Get Ready to Navigate: Pickleball Tournament Kickoff!

How to find Sure Shot Pickleball facility on your GPS?

Be careful when you type in the address, do NOT use Ln. You have to spell out "Lane".





The address is 2244 Corporate Lane, Naperville, IL. It is north of I-88 and east of Rt. 59.

Arrive Safely!

June 29th & June 30th Game Day Guide: Pickleball Tournament Agenda

- **8am:** Players check-in with your phone (open Scoreholio App)
- **8:30am:** Group Photo/ Announcement
- **9am:** Ready, Serve, Dink Games Begin
- **2:55pm:** Game Over
- **3pm:** Awards at the Podium

Players Reminders:

-  Avoid wearing lime green or yellow shirts because it may camouflage the tournament balls.
-  Bring your own paddle. Rental available for a fee.
-  Bring your own food/snack/drink. Eat & drink whenever you want.
-  There is a limited number of lockers available; use your own padlock.



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Serve, Dink, and Dominate: The Road to Pickleball Success!



Embracing the Joy of Pickleball: An Invitation to Our Deaf & Hard of Hearing Players

Dear Pickleball Enthusiasts,

It brings us immense joy to witness the remarkable growth of the pickleball community, especially among our Deaf and Hard of Hearing friends from the Midwest region. The journey of Deaf Midwest Pickleball has been nothing short of inspiring, and we are thrilled to welcome you all to this year's tournament.

The Birth of Deaf Midwest Pickleball

The idea of a Deaf Pickleball Tournament was first sparked by the visionary Deaf couple, Rob and Lindy Cundy, from Canada. Their suggestion to host a National Deaf Pickleball Tournament in the United States led to the inaugural event in San Diego, California, in November 2021. Inspired by this success, the first-ever Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament was held at the outdoor pickleball courts in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, on June 19, 2021, with a total of 88 players participating in recreational and competitive levels.

Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Growth

In 2022, the tournament faced challenges in securing pickleball courts and managing fees in Wisconsin. However, with unwavering determination, the Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament made a triumphant return to Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2023. Despite the scorching summer heat and unexpected rain, the event was a resounding success, with 106 players showcasing their skills both indoors and outdoors.

A Celebration of Community

This year, the Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament returns to Illinois, offering a two-day indoor tournament in Naperville, just prior to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) conference in Chicago. With a record-breaking 136 players participating, this event promises to be a true celebration of community, friendships and the love for the game.

Looking Ahead with Excitement

As we look towards the future, both Wisconsin and Missouri have expressed interest in hosting the 2025 Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament. Regardless of the location, we encourage you to continue honing your skills, embracing the spirit of friendly competition, and most importantly, cherishing the laughter and joy that pickleball brings. The growth of the Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament is a proof to the power of inclusivity and accessibility. It is truly a "big dill" to provide a place where communication access is prioritized, allowing players to connect, compete, and lastingly friendships.

We extend a warm welcome to all Deaf and Hard of Hearing pickleball players from the Midwest region. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer to the game, this tournament determines to be an unforgettable experience.

Let's come together, celebrate our shared passion, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Dinking with Delight,

June Prusak
2024 DMPBT Director



SCOREHOLIO APP



This year, we're excited to announce that Deaf Midwest Pickleball will be using the ScoreHolio app for the first time! This app is designed to make our tournament run smoothly and efficiently. A big shout-out to Bobby Rawalji and Geno Cancio for bringing this idea to the Pickleball World!

As your Tournament Director, I want to let you know that I haven't used this method with such a large group before, but I'm confident it will work well.

With ScoreHolio, you can easily check in digitally. The app will tell you which court you're on and who you're playing with and against. After each match, the committee will collect the final score from one person on the winning team to enter it into the app.

Your ranking in the tournament will be based on the number of wins and your point differential.

Here's how the playoffs will work:

- On Saturday, the top 4 players in each level will move on to the playoffs.
- On Sunday, the top 3 teams from each pool in levels 3.0 and 3.5 will advance to the playoffs. For level 4.0, all teams will enter the playoffs.

The playoff brackets will be created by the ScoreHolio app.

Looking forward to a fantastic tournament with you all!

STEPS TO USING SCOREHOLIO APP

Please follow step 1 to Step 4, only BEFORE June 29th. On the day of your Tournament, do step 5 at the registration table.

Special note: The tournament director may make changes as needed.

SCOREHOLIO
Tournament Check-In

STEP 1: Download the Scoreholio App
Allow Push Notifications & location services

STEP 2: Click on **Player Profile**

STEP 3: Click **CREATE ACCOUNT** and input your information

STEP 4: Click **SEND VERIFICATION EMAIL** and enter code from your email

STEP 5: Click **CHECK IN** and have the tournament organizer scan your QR code

YOU ARE ALL SET!
HAVE FUN & GOOD LUCK

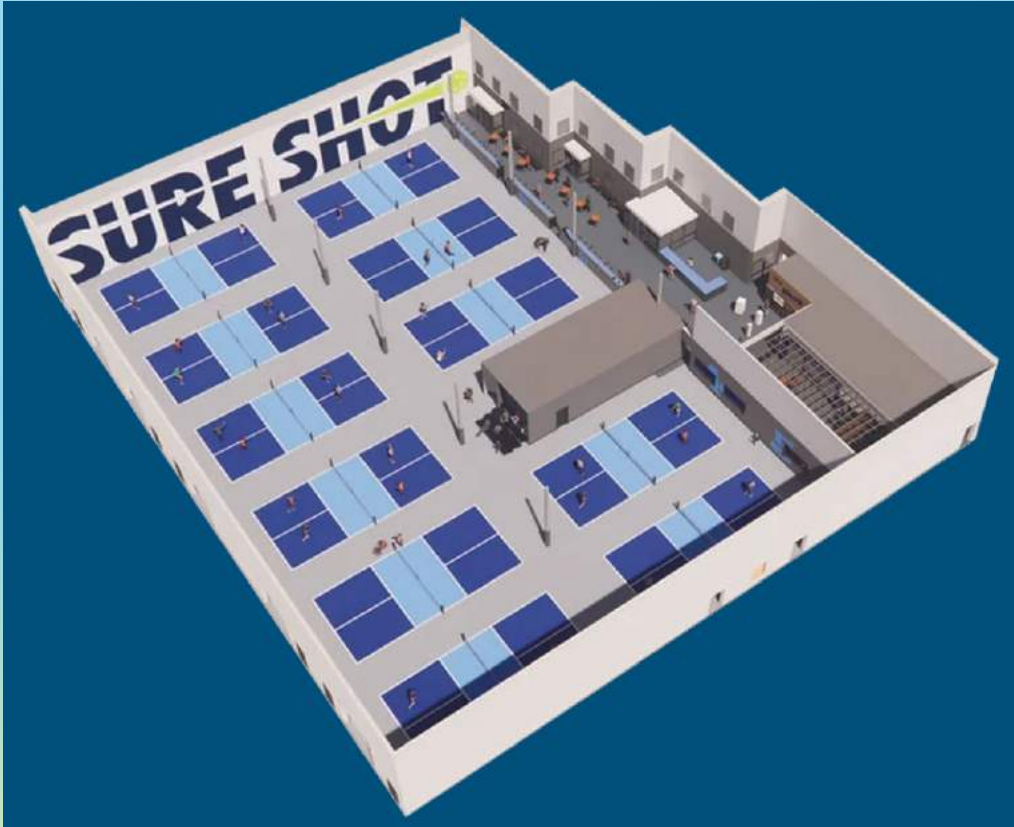
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Sure Shot Photo Album



RAIN OR SHINE, GAME ON!

Indoor Dill-ightful Pickleball Courts Preview



WELCOME PLAYERS



SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

Welcome to the official players of the 2024 DMPBT!

8am- Check-in
8:30am- Announcement/Group photo
9am- Games begin
2:55pm Medal Awards

OFFICIAL REGISTERED PLAYERS

Updated as of June 8, 2024

3.0

Scott Reekers
Becca Wasilewski
Rebecca Dubowe
Brian Donovan
Carol Nemecek-Kowalski
Denise Johnson
Kim Mokris
Tayla Newman
Ryan Ruble
Kelsey Maginity
Anthony Maginity
Jesse Brewer
Sisakoth Chun
Haydee Garcia
Tia Ivanko
Sherri Taylor
Lisa Goetz
Larry Berke
Jay Yang
Josue Baquero
Travis Hayes
Geno Cancio
Susan Demers
Lore Kinast

3.5

Breann Smith
Julie Foulks
Mark Greco
Jeffrey Dallos
Doug Sampson
Tanya Hammersmith
Scott Thom
Sarah Faber
David LeFors
Judie Cronlund
Andrew Wisniewski
Gregory Tompkins
Jean Modry
Matt Pollack
Benjamin Letendre
Kris Saucedo
Mindy Hopper
Alan Fagin
Michelle Mendiola
Howie Virnig
Carey Seigel
Peter Kujawa
Mike Mokris

4.0

Bobby Rawalji
Justin Perez
Jim Foulks
Wilson Velazquez
Sandra Velazquez
Jay Kowalczyk
Daniel Houlihan
Marika Kovacs-Houlihan
Lizzie Bloom
Matthew Eby
Debby Sampson
Steve Trapp
Judy Yang
Carrie Lou Bloom
Carlos Lopez
Peter Schultz
Michael Dubowe
Eric Hameister
Cory Ivanko
Jill Dmyszewicz
Adam Wasilewski
Ricky Wolfe
Marcos Aguilar
Robert Schleifer

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Deaf Midwest Pickleball



SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Welcome to the official players of the
2024 Mixed Doubles

8am Check-in

8:30am Announcement/Group Photo

9am Games Begin

2:55pm Medal Awards

Updated as of June 8, 2024

3.0

Scott Reekers- Kim Stehle
Carol Nemecek- Kowalski- Scott Thom
Kelsey Maginity- Anthony Maginity
Michael Mokris- Tayla Newman
Kim Mokris- Ryan Rumble
Sherri Taylor- Kris Saucedo
Lisa Goetz- Larry Berke
Alan Fagin- Michelle Mendiola
Brian Donovan- Lore Kinast
Josue Baquero- Haydee Garcia
Travis Haynes- Sisakoth Chun
Jay Yang-- Laura Kim

3.5

Bobby Rawalji- Sarah Faber
Justin Perez- Breann Smith
Tanya Hammersmith- Michael Dubowe
Debby Sampson- Doug Sampson
Julie Foulks- Mark Greco
Denise Johnson- Tom Armato
Jeff Dallos- Needs a female partner
Greg Tompkins- Sheila Tompkins
Tia Ivanko- Cory Ivanko
Judie Cronlund- Howie Virnig
Andy Foster- Mindy Hopper
Wilson Velazquez- Sandra Velazquez
Amy Umhoefer- Daz LeFors

4.0

Carrie Lou Bloom- Jay Kowalczyk
Daniel Houlihan- Marika Kovacs- Houlihan
Judy Yang- Andrew Wisniewski
Steve Trapp- June Prusak
Shaun Dmyszewicz- Jill Dmyszewicz
Marcos Aguilar- Debra Marusich
Billy Mauldin- Dria Rushing

PLAYER LOOKING FOR A PARTNER

Jeff Dallos-- 3.5 female

If you (the paid player) find a partner
or someone interested in teaming up
with a player, please email me ASAP
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Deaf Midwest Pickleball

TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS AND COURTESY

- **Court Numbering:**
 - Each court is numbered on the net.
- **Officiating:**
 - All games are self-officiating.
- **Determination of Serve or Side:**
 - Use Quarter which is found in the Red Bucket, Call Head or Tails before you flip.
 - Winner of the call chooses first- pick to serve or pick a side.
- **Scores:**
 - Games are to play to 11 points.
 - Sign the scores visibly and clearly to the opponents.
 - Switch sides at 6 points.
 - Notify the final score of each game at the committee table.
- **Line Calls:**
 - Line calls are made only on your side of the court. Be respectful of the decision. No fans are allowed to tell the players of the line calls.
- **Inter-Court Ball Handling:**
 - If the ball comes onto your court from another court, stop your game immediately to prevent injuries.
 - If your ball is on the other court, walk slowly with hands or paddle up in the air and notify the teams on a different court of the ball.
- **Tournament Balls:**
 - DMPBT ball is to be placed in the red bucket after every game.
 - If the ball has a crack, please bring the broken ball to the committee to get a replacement DMPBT ball.
- **Court Vacating:**
 - Leave your court immediately after you are done playing so the next group may begin their game.
 - Be respectful of other players that are playing.
- **Personal Items on Court:**
 - Bring only your paddle, drink, and phone to and on the court.
 - There is a limited number of lockers available; use your own padlock.
 - DMPBT and SureShot Pickleball facility are NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items.



FAQs

Are the games played outdoor or indoor? Wood floor or Asphalt? We will play indoor on asphalt courts. There are 10 courts.

Where do I stay?

There are several hotels near the tournament site, 2244 Corporate Lane, Naperville, Illinois. You could also do AirBnb or VRBO.

What is Scramble Round Robin format for Saturday, June 29th?

It means you will have a different partner for each game per your division/pool.

Example: Round 1- A/B vs C/D Round 2- A/C vs B/D Round 3- A/D vs B/C

There are three pools for each skill level: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0, with eight players in each pool. All games go up to 11 points. The top two players from each pool move on to the double-elimination playoffs, where games are also played up to 11 points. Medal Awards given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

What is Mixed Fixed Round Robin format for Sunday, June 30th?

You need to bring your own partner to form a team. Each team must have one female and one male player, and at least one partner must be deaf or hard of hearing. There are three pools for each skill level: 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0, with 8 teams in each pool. Games are played up to 11 points. The top two teams from each pool move on to the single-elimination playoffs, where games are also played up to 11 points. Medal Awards given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

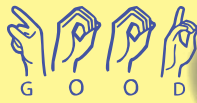
Are there food/drinks provided?

The place sells water bottles, Gatorades, and a few protein snacks. It is highly recommended for the players to bring your own food/drink, to stay hydrated and fueled up.

Questions or Concerns?

Please see any of the followings: June Prusak, Andy Foster or Geno Cancio.

Sponsor SMASH Appreciation



The Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) is second oldest and existing Deaf Club in the USA.

Big thanks to the CCD Board and all its members for being there for us, standing up for what's right, providing a safe space, and leading the way, both in the past and now. Looking forward to more of your awesome support in the future!

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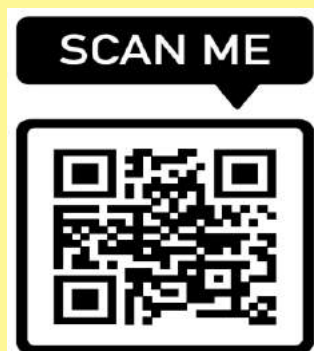
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ADDITIONAL PICKLEBALL INFORMATION



Canada Deaf Pickleball Tournament

July 26th to July 28th, 2024
www.pickleballbrackets.com
(keyword: Deaf)

Delaware Deaf Senior Citizens Pickleball Tournament

Sept. 14th & 15th, 2024
www.pickleballbrackets.com
(keyword: Deaf)



National Deaf Pickleball Tournament

Nov. 7th to 10th, 2024
www.austindeafpickleball.org/ndpt2024/

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT



Sure Shot Pickleball facility offers several paddles for rent or to purchase.

Limited beverages, including alcohol, are sold on the premise.

Apparels are also available to purchase.

WWW.DEAFPICKLEBALLUSA.COM



Deaf Pickleball USA is an organization dedicated to promoting pickleball among the deaf community. We provide resources, support, and events to ensure everyone can enjoy the sport. Join today to play, learn, and connect with fellow enthusiasts!

VOLUNTEER



A huge, pickleball-sized thank you to our amazing volunteers! Your willingness to help has us all feeling like we just scored the winning point.

You're the real MVPs—Most Valuable Picklers!

May your days be filled with laughter, joy, and pickleball victories.

LITTLE DILL NEWS FOR OUR FANS

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Do you have a favorite player or players you want to track their performance on pickleball courts?

SCOREHOLIO

FOLLOW ALL THE ACTION

STEP 1: Download the Scoreholio App
Allow Push Notifications & location services



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STEP 2:  Click on Find a Tournament

STEP 3: Click the upcoming tab

STEP 4: FIND YOUR TOURNAMENT AND CLICK 

STEP 5: Turn on **COURTASSIGNMENTS** & **SUBSCRIBE** to the team you want to follow

YOU ARE ALL SET!
NOW CLICK ON 

FOLLOW ALL THE ACTION



Welcome to the exciting world of Pickleball! We're thrilled to have you join us and discover what makes this sport such a big dill.

To ensure everyone has a fantastic day, here are some handy etiquettes:

Etiquettes:

Court Boundaries:

Fans are kindly asked to stay off the courts at all times. The space and viewing of the games may be limited.

Line Calls:

Let's keep it fair and fun! Fans are **NOT** get involved in line calls or scoring corrections; this responsibility rests with the players on courts.

Indoor Etiquette:

For the comfort of everyone, smoking or vaping is not allowed indoors at any time.



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Be a Star!
Cheer Loud!
Play Proud!
From Fan to
Champion!

