



FPC is Expanding the Use of Playtime Scheduler in November

WHAT IS PLAYTIME SCHEDULER (PTS)?

Playtime Scheduler for Pickleball (PTS) is a website that allows members to sign up for specific sessions shown on the FPC calendar. You need an account to use this sign up software. There is no cost to setting up or using your account. Feedback from FPC members currently using PTS indicate it is easy to use and can be used on your laptop, tablet, or smart phone. PTS automatically notifies you when sessions offered at your level are available. You can check who is attending and if there are enough members signed up to give you lots of games. You can communicate with other members in your session through the use of notes and emails. You can sync your pickleball schedule seamlessly with your personal calendar, ensuring that you never overlook a scheduled session.

See instructions below on setting up your account.

WHY IS FPC USING PTS?

In November, FPC is expanding the use of PTS. Members will continue to sign up for drills and will now be able to sign up for Women's Play on Thursday and Super Seniors' Play on Wednesday.

Being able to use a pickleball play scheduler gives everyone opportunities to play with members at their own level and optimizes player numbers. Games are more evenly matched. You can plan your play for the week ahead of time. You can ensure there are enough players before you head out the door. You can invite other members to sign up and play with you. With our current practice of Drop In to play, there can often be too many or too few players. When there are too many players, there is lots of wait time and shorter play time. PTS is useful in reducing wait times and maximizing your time on the court. With too few

members, there are fewer games and the potential of the session being cancelled.

A play scheduler also improves communication. There is a centralized location for viewing, scheduling, and tracking games. If a venue needs to be cancelled or the start time changed, you receive an email immediately. If there aren't enough players, you can recruit other members or receive notice the session has been cancelled.

WHY SHOULD I USE PTS?

FPC is encouraging all members to set up an account on PTS. While only a few November sessions require members to preregister, the club is moving towards adding more sessions to the pre-registration format and away from Drop In play.

Sessions listed on PTS are only for members who have paid court fees in November. Visitors are still welcome at sessions that are on the FPC calendar and where we continue to use the Drop In format.

WHEN/WHERE IS FPC USING PTS in NOVEMBER? New sessions highlighted in pink

Bridge Church	
Tuesday 6-7 PM	Drills 3.0-3.5
Thursday 6-7 PM	Drills 3.5+

Journey Church	
Tuesday 9-10 AM	Drills 3.0-3.5
Wednesday 1-3 PM	Super Seniors Round Robin play for Players over 70

Currie Center	
Wednesday 9-10 AM Gym 1	Drills 3.0-3.5
Wednesday 9-10 AM Gym 2	Drills 3.5+
Thursday 8:30-10:30 AM Gym 2	Women's Round Robin

FPC expects that some of these sessions will generate a wait list. When there are 3 courts available for play, a maximum of 18 players will be accepted except for drills where the maximum is 15. A wait list of 4 will also be generated. Please make sure to cancel your registration with sufficient notice to alert a member on the wait list if you cannot play.

A session that has less than 4 members signed up will be cancelled the morning of that session. Check your emails and the website to ensure your session is still available.

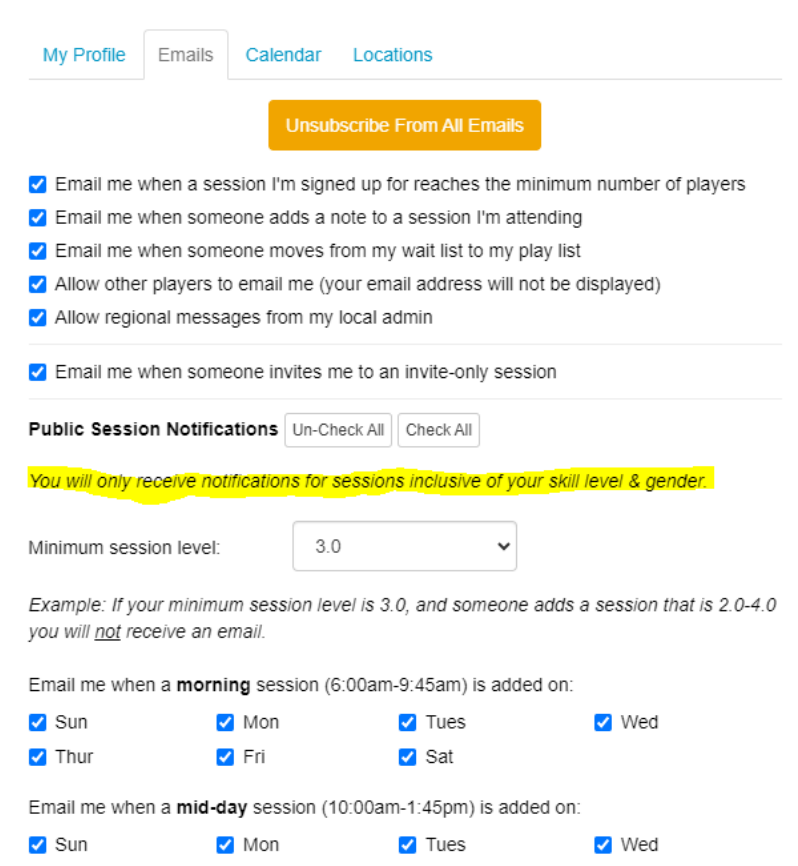
HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR PTS?

If you are interested in playing in any of the sessions where pre-registration is required, you will need to set up an account in PTS.

How Do I sign up? Follow the link

<https://playtimescheduler.com/register.php?reg=client> to get started. PTS is a website and not an app. If you encounter issues signing up for Playtime Scheduler try this video link that a club in Etobicoke, ON produced for their members.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kSHbSK30m8> Make sure to fill out the email form in your account in order to receive emails.



The screenshot shows the 'Emails' tab of a user's profile. At the top, there are navigation links for 'My Profile', 'Emails', 'Calendar', and 'Locations'. Below these is an orange button labeled 'Unsubscribe From All Emails'. A list of notification preferences follows, each with a checked checkbox:

- Email me when a session I'm signed up for reaches the minimum number of players
- Email me when someone adds a note to a session I'm attending
- Email me when someone moves from my wait list to my play list
- Allow other players to email me (your email address will not be displayed)
- Allow regional messages from my local admin
- Email me when someone invites me to an invite-only session

Below this list is a section for 'Public Session Notifications' with 'Un-Check All' and 'Check All' buttons. A yellow highlight is under the text: 'You will only receive notifications for sessions inclusive of your skill level & gender.' Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Minimum session level:' set to '3.0'. An example text reads: 'Example: If your minimum session level is 3.0, and someone adds a session that is 2.0-4.0 you will not receive an email.'

Next is a section for 'morning' sessions (6:00am-9:45am) with checkboxes for Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri, and Sat, all of which are checked.

Finally, there is a section for 'mid-day' sessions (10:00am-1:45pm) with checkboxes for Sun, Mon, Tues, and Wed, all of which are checked.

Once you have an account with PTS, you will receive an email from our Club each week when the sessions are open for registration. The sessions will be open each week on Saturday morning for the upcoming week.

A NOTE ABOUT RATINGS

Please use as accurate a rating as you can when you set up your account. If you have played in a club tournament or ladder, please review your rating on Pickleball Brackets. If you have never played before please choose a rating of 2.0 for real beginners and 2.5 if you have paddle or racquet experience but no pickleball experience. And a 2.75 if you have pickleball experience but are still learning skills and strategy. If you want to join a Rated Play session, your self rating impacts your level of enjoyment in that session. Be fair to yourself and others as you assign yourself a rating.

THAT'S IT

1. Sign up for an account with PTS before November 1 if you want to participate in the sessions that require pre-registration. Don't worry if you miss the first week, you can join in any time in November.
2. When you receive an invitation, select the sessions you want to attend that week. **Initially, please choose no more than 1 drill session** however if on Sunday there are openings available in other drill sessions, please sign up.
3. Let us know how it goes!

We are trying something new. We expect that there will be some glitches. Please be patient as we adjust the schedule and the directions for participation to make it work for members.

If you still have difficulties email fpcscheduler@gmail.com .

We appreciate your help in trying these new ideas and improving our FPC.

