

# Litchfield Pickleball Association

## Member Information Package

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# Litchfield Pickleball Association

The Litchfield Pickleball Association (LPA) was the first organized Pickleball association in southern NH and was started in 2011 with 42 members. We are now have over 150 members and growing. We play in Litchfield indoors at Talent Hall, located at Roy Memorial Park on Albuquerque Ave. with the entrance on Wood Hawk Way and outdoors at Sawmill Park.

We communicate to members through emails and our web site. Be advised that you will need internet access to be able to sign up to play in pickleball sessions of the LPA.

The Town of Litchfield, NH has made space available for play of LPA members. Membership fees are collected to pay for the expenses of operating the LPA. Included in the expenses are donations to the Town's Recreation Department to support LPA use of the Talent Hall facility and Sawmill Park. In the event collected funds exceed our direct financial needs, the LPA will utilize the funds in a manner to support pickleball in the Town of Litchfield. We do not plan on maintaining a large balance of collected funds from our pickleball activities unless there is a plan to accrue funds for a future large expenditure.

In Talent Hall there are two courts for our use by LPA and at Sawmill Park there are four courts for use by the LPA. Because of limitations on court availability, there are two different membership lists. One, the **Talent Hall membership**, covers the indoor play sessions and the other, the **Sawmill Park membership**, covers the outdoor sessions. **Note membership in the Talent Hall membership automatically enrolls a member in the Sawmill Park membership group.**

Memberships are for individuals 18 years of age and over. Per our use agreement with the Recreation Commission, a waiver will be required to be signed to be accepted for membership.

The LPA membership offers an economical means of learning and participating in the sport of Pickleball. The cost of the two groups of membership is given below.

**Litchfield Residents:** Membership is open for either the Talent Hall or Sawmill Park groups,  
**Non-Litchfield Residents:** Membership maybe open for either the Talent Hall or Sawmill Park groups. Check the LPA website to determine if applications are currently being accepted for non-residents

## Talent Hall Membership

Annual membership fees for November 1 to October 31 are \$50 for Litchfield residents and \$70 for nonresidents (**check the LPA website to determine if applications are currently being accepted for non-residents**). Payments are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Members who have not paid annual membership fees by November 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the membership roll and their LPA SUG access will be deleted. Annual new membership fees for signups after May 31 will include membership through November 1 **and** for the following membership year. Non-residents membership fees are a greater amount as Litchfield residents indirectly fund Talent Hall/Sawmill Park through real estate taxes. Costs to play at each session are free for members and guests.

## Sawmill Park Membership

**Note membership in the Talent Hall Group automatically enrolls a member in the Sawmill Park membership group.**

Annual membership fees for May 1 to April 30 are \$25 for Litchfield residents and \$35 for nonresidents (**check the LPA website to determine if applications are currently being accepted for non-residents**). Payments are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Members who have not paid annual membership fees by May 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the membership roll and their LPA SUG access will be deleted. Annual membership fees for signups for the Saw

Mill Park membership after July 31<sup>st</sup> will be prorated to \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Nonresidents membership fees are a greater amount as Litchfield residents indirectly fund Talent Hall/Sawmill Park through real estate taxes. Costs to play at each session are free for members and guests.

Application for LPA membership is included as the last two pages of this document which includes the Waiver form. Prospective new members are to fill out those pages and return them along with the appropriate membership fee via mail for processing by the Treasurer,

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Fees must be by check (payable to the “Litchfield Pickleball Association”) or cash. Please expect approximately two weeks for applications to be processed and the SUG access established.

Upon receipt of the application and fee, you will be sent an invitation to SignUpGenius (SUG). Please click on the “Sign Up” button in the email and create your SUG account using your email address and a password of your choice. If you already have a SUG account with another organization, you need not create a new one. You can use your previous account ID and password to login in. Once your account is created you will be able to sign up for sessions on SUG.

### **LPA Members Information and Policies**

- A person authorized by the LPA Board must be present to open/close Talent Hall.
- Individuals desiring access codes for Talent Hall are to contact the LPA Board at [litchfieldpickleball.board@gmail.com](mailto:litchfieldpickleball.board@gmail.com)
- No member shall give the access codes to anyone else.
- All LPA members and Guests must sign the Litchfield Waiver form in order to use any facilities.
- To reduce damage to the courts, use the rear entrance to Talent Hall. Please carry in your footwear that you will play in and change before your session.
- Non alcoholic liquids for hydration maybe brought into Talent Hall or Sawmill Park
- SignUpGenius (SUG) is used to schedule all sessions.
- Members should not attend a session to play unless they were able to obtain one of the slots for a scheduled time.
- **Talent Hall Only:** No member shall sign up for more than one session of play per day unless there are open slots available one hour prior to the beginning of the second session sign-up. Skills & Drills sessions are not considered a session of play for application of this rule.
- **Saw Mill Park Only:** No member shall sign up for more than three consecutive hour time slots. A member may sign up for two three-hour play sessions a day with at least one hour in between sessions.
- **Guests**
  - A member may bring a single guest per session. The Guest must sign the Litchfield Waiver form prior to play. Blank forms are located in the sign in box. Complete and place the signed Waiver form in the sign in box. When signing up on SUG to bring a quest, the member shall include in the comment section the word Guest and then the guest’s first name, Guests are **not** to be included in the head count when signing up thus the head count for a member bringing a quest should be shown as 1.
  - If the total number of players (including guests) exceeds 12 at Talent Hall or 24 at Sawmill Park, a guest’s member sponsor must sit out whenever the guest plays.
  - Guest attendance of an individual is limited to three times within a one month period unless a membership application is pending.

- Members who are parents or guardians of individuals under 18 may bring them as guests and must sign the Waiver form on their behalf. They must remain with their guest through the play session.
- LPA will furnish pickleballs.
- Avoid interfering with play on the neighboring court. Don't attempt to retrieve your ball from the other court during play on the other court. Alert players immediately of a ball on their court so play can be stopped to prevent injury.
- Levels of Play
  - At Talent Hall, sessions of play are scheduled for Recreational, Competitive, and Advanced players. Additionally, sessions for Skills & Drills and New Players may be allocated depending on our available building time and demand.
  - At Saw Mill Park sessions are scheduled without consideration of level of play. The expectation is that attending members will allocate court use as appropriate based on desired level of play of attendees.
- If you are a New Player and are seeking instruction and help getting started, sign up for a New Players session as posted on SUG. Also please contact an LPA Board member or send an email to [litchfieldpickleball.board@gmail.com](mailto:litchfieldpickleball.board@gmail.com) to confirm your New Player sign up so that we can be sure to arrange for LPA members to conduct the new player session.
- Sessions of Play are grouped by the following categories
  - **Recreational** play is intended for players seeking exercise, fun and social interaction. Overly aggressive play, including overhead smash shots, is restricted from this group. New players should plan to begin playing in this group and join Competitive or Advanced groups as improvement of their skills warrant. Be patient with new players as we all have to start sometime. If you are a more experienced player playing with someone who is just starting out, use the session as an opportunity to help the new player and also practice your shot placement and skills. While not encouraged, players capable of playing in the Competitive or Advanced groups may play in the Recreational group but must play in a manner that respects and is consistent with the overall level of the Recreational players.
  - **Competitive** sessions are for individuals who have increased in the skill levels. This group is focused more on playing to win. It is intended to include players that have acquired a good knowledge of the rules, can use both forehand and backhand strokes, can move effectively on the court, are able to play well at the kitchen line, and can use drop shots with some consistency.
  - **Advanced** sessions are intended for those players who are able to: execute accurate drive, third shot drop, and dink shots; effectively initiate and maintain dinking sequences; take pace off the ball to reset to dinking; run down lob shots; and sustain fast kitchen line rallies. Advanced players will have a full knowledge of rules. Aggressive play is to be expected as Advanced players play to win. Members are requested to not sign up for Advanced sessions unless they feel they meet the criteria. If players are uncertain if they should play in the Advanced group it is suggested that they observe an Advance group to determine if they feel confident in signing up to play with the Advanced group.
- Skills & Drills sessions are scheduled as time is available. Regular game play is not expected to occur in these sessions.
- New Players sessions are scheduled as needed. The focus of these sessions is to facilitate instruction for new players and recent new players.
- To contact the LPA please send an email to [litchfieldpickleball.board@gmail.com](mailto:litchfieldpickleball.board@gmail.com)

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**Litchfield Pickleball Association**  
**Membership Profile and Application**  
**&**  
**Waiver Form**

Name .....

Current Street Address .....

City .....State .....Zip Code .....

Telephone: Home.....Mobile.....

Please circle which phone would you prefer to be contacted on?    H    M

Email address.....@.....

Emergency Contact:

Name.....Relationship.....

Address .....City .....State ...

Emergency Telephone Contact Number .....

Application for:

Select one

Talent Hall Membership (includes Sawmill Park membership)

Sawmill Park Membership

Applicants acknowledge that primary communication from the LPA is done via email or our website.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Litchfield Pickleball Association (LPA) Waiver**

In consideration of being permitted to be a participant in the Litchfield Pickleball Association, the undersigned hereby releases, waives and discharges from all liability and covenants not to sue the Town of Litchfield, their agents and employees, and/or the Litchfield Pickleball Association members and Board of Directors, for any and all loss or damage, and any claims or demands therefore, on account of injury to the person or property, or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by negligence of the Town of Litchfield and employees, and /or the Litchfield Pickleball Association members and Board of Directors, while the undersigned participates in the LPA.

The undersigned further agrees to indemnify the Town of Litchfield, their agents and employees, and/or the Litchfield Pickleball Association members and Board of Directors, from any and all liability, loss or damage included but not limited to bodily injury, illness, death or property damage which the Town of Litchfield, their agents and employees, and/or the Litchfield Pickleball Association members and Board of Directors, become legally obligated to pay including judgements against the Town of Litchfield, its agents and employees, and/or the Litchfield Pickleball Association members and Board of Directors, on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in the death of the named participant, whether or not such liability is sole, joint or several. The undersigned expressly acknowledges and agrees that the participation in his LPA program may present a strain on the undersigned participants body, or its parts, and therefore the undersigned represent to the Town of Litchfield and to the Litchfield Pickleball Association, that to the best of my/our knowledge, the undersigned participant is in proper physical condition to allow the undersigned to participate and that the undersigned assumes the risk of participating.

The undersigned understands that in the case of injury or illness, the undersigned's emergency contact will be notified. If it is impossible to contact the undersigned's emergency contact and it is an emergency, the undersigned hereby gives permission to the attending physician to treat, hospitalize, administer anesthesia, or to order injections or surgery for the safety of the undersigned.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all of its terms. The undersigned are aware that the effect of the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement is to release the Town of Litchfield, their agents and employees, and the Litchfield Pickleball Association members and Board of Directors, from liability for personal injury and property damage caused by their negligence. The undersigned voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance, signs this release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements of inducement, or promises apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. The undersigned executed this release on the date indicated next to my name.

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Home Telephone                                      Work Telephone                                      email address

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Emergency Contact                                      Relationship                                      Emergency Telephone

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Printed Name                                      Signature                                      Date

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Street Address

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Town                                      State                                      Zip