



Dear Members,

Thank you for your patience this summer as we completed the Gymnasium HVAC installation and navigated schedule adjustments during summer camp season. As we are preparing for September, we wanted to provide a few updates regarding pickleball. Our goal is to provide a fun, recreational space for members of all skill levels to enjoy pickleball at the West Morris Area YMCA. ***Please review the updates below carefully.***

ANNUAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

There is a nominal annual fee to register for Open Play. This fee helps support the YMCA and purchase equipment.

- Annual registration is required to participate in Open Play.
- Registration for 2026-2027 opens on September 1, 2026, and will run through August 31, 2027
- There is a \$25 non-refundable annual registration fee
- This registration helps us maintain participant information, provide up to date communication, and purchase equipment.
- To register for pickleball, please visit: <https://www.wmaymca.org/schedules/pickleball>
 - Select the Annual Program Registration drop-down
 - Click the REGISTER button
 - Complete the registration

NEW: TIME SLOT RESERVATIONS

To ensure that you receive ample gameplay opportunities during a given session, we will be requiring registration for the specific days & times that pickleball will be offered. There will be **no additional fee** to sign up for sessions. However, there will be a maximum number of players allowed at a given session (24 players for full gymnasium sessions, 8 players for half gymnasium sessions). All sessions will have a designated skill level assigned to them. You **must** play within your skill level. The skill levels will be as follows:

- Beginners
- Advanced Beginners/Casual
- Emerging Intermediate
- Intermediate

Please consult the Pickleball page on our website for descriptions of each level, or feel free to take the USA Pickleball self-assessment found here: <https://usapickleball.org/skill-level/>

Reservation Details & Instructions

Sign-Up Timeline

- Session sign-ups will open on Sunday prior to the scheduled session
- Session sign-ups will close at the end of the scheduled session
 - This will allow for same day sign-ups, provided slots are available

How to Reserve a Spot

1. Go to wmaymca.org/schedules
2. Navigate the calendar to the date you wish to play
3. Locate the skill level session on that date that matches yours
4. Click “Reserve”

SCHEDULE & CHANGES

- As always, the schedule is subject to change, but any updates or new initiatives will be announced in advance.
- Please ensure that we have your updated email and regularly check our website, Daxko Core App, email, and social media for communications.

Please note: Pickleball offerings will be reduced during Summer Camp, as in previous years.

MEMBERS ONLY POLICY

Participation in all pickleball offerings, including Open Play, is limited to active West Morris Area YMCA members. Guests and Nationwide members are not eligible to participate.

NEW PLAYER EVALUATIONS

- All new pickleball players at the West Morris Area YMCA are required to complete a Balance & Coordination Evaluation prior to participating in Open Play.
- To schedule an Evaluation, visit <https://www.wmaymca.org/schedules/pickleball>
 - Select the Evaluation drop-down
 - Click ‘Book an Evaluation’
 - Select a date & time
- If none of the available appointments work with your schedule, please contact Colin at fitnessinfo@wmaymca.org to arrange for an appointment.

Evaluation Details

- Includes:
 - Pickleball basics
 - Balance and coordination assessment
 - Introduction to Open Play
- One-time fee: \$20
- Available to West Morris Area YMCA members only

Please note: After completing the evaluation, players must also complete the Annual Program Registration before joining any pickleball activities.

GROUP LESSONS

Group lessons resume in **October** and are open to players of all skill levels.

- Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Monthly registration (approximately 4 lessons)
- Fee: \$50 per month
- Registration opens on the 15th of the prior month
- West Morris Area YMCA members only
- Participants must complete the Balance & Coordination Evaluation and the Annual Program Registration prior to enrolling in group lessons

EQUIPMENT

- Paddles and pickleballs are available for use and may be checked out at the Welcome Center.
- Collateral is required at checkout and will be returned once the equipment is returned.

QUESTIONS?

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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Thank you for your continued support of the Y. We look forward to seeing you back on the courts this fall!