



VPA Player Guidelines

VPA membership is an annual membership from Oct 1 – September 30. Membership renewal is required each year to play at VPA sessions

A non member may attend as a guest twice (2) as a drop in but will then be required to take out membership for liability insurance purposes and for use of VPA equipment and services

All non member guests and individuals taking beginner lessons are required to sign a VPA liability waiver – Adult or Youth version with a host or the instructor. Once signed, the waiver is valid for the current season only i.e 2018/2019

Only VPA members may purchase “punch passes, monthly unlimited or summer play passes”

For those paying a drop in rate, exact change is required as the hosts do not carry change

Outdoor play season May 1 – September 30/ Indoor play season Oct 1 – April 30

The majority of VPA play sessions require player registration using a software program called “Sign up Genius”. Members need to create a login and password. This one time registration step allows players to then edit their play session sign ups. For example: edit or delete their name for a specific play session

Non member guests must be signed up on Sign up genius by the Host Coordinator

The sign up genius software does not move up players from the “WAIT LIST” section. Players need to move themselves off the wait list when a space opens.

Daytime and evening play sessions are defined by style and/or level of play i.e. scramble, round robin, ladder, drills etc. Each play session has a cap = a maximum number of players.

All indoor and outdoor play sessions are run by volunteer “Hosts” set up by the Host Coordinator. Hosts are assigned to play sessions that are under contract between the VPA and an agency. If a host is not present, we ask that you do not initiate play for liability purposes.

VPA members that set up and play at non-contracted play sessions at PV gym, a School district gym or the Vernon Boys and girls club gym may be billed directly for the court rental if the VPA receives an invoice from the rental agency i.e. Vernon Parks and Recreation, Vernon Boys and Girls Club or School District 22

Hosts prepare “Master check in sheets” a minimum of 1 hour prior to the start of a play session using the data from Sign up genius; note that any deletions or additions made by VPA members may not be available to the hosts if done within 1 hour of play start time. Hosts do not have internet access at play.

Registered players on sign up genius are asked to check in with the HOST a minimum of 10 minutes prior to their registered play session.

If a registered player has not shown up and checked in with the HOST by the play session start time, their spot will be released to players on the wait list and then to drop ins if space is available.

If a play session is deemed FULL by the HOST and a registered player shows up after the session has started, they will not be able to play.

If you are not able to attend a play session, please DELETE your name from the sign up genius registration a minimum of 1 hour prior to play time, to enable another player to sign up. Ongoing “NO SHOWS” may lose their ability to register on Sign up genius

All VPA play sessions have registration and/or player number caps. Once this cap is reached, the session is deemed full by the HOST.

All VPA members are required to follow the VPA Code of Conduct at any defined VPA event

During play sessions, players are asked to take their turn sitting out.

Some play sessions use play boards that require a name tag. Name tags on the play boards are to be moved by the owner of the nametag only and not moved by others.

“Scramble” play sessions require nametags for the play boards. Please take your name tag home after each play session. Nametags are the player’s responsibility.

We encourage VPA members to play with a variety of members during play ... mix it up and have fun!

VPA members are asked to help with net set up and net take down. Equipment costs the club and we ask that it is treated with respect and care. Players unsure of how to set up or take down nets are encouraged to ask the host for assistance. Please take the time to learn.

HOSTS will load the equipment storage box at the end of each session. This is to prevent damage to VPA equipment and to ensure that all items fit in the box.

Runners with indoor play soles are required for indoor play venues. No black soles please as they scuff and can do damage to gym floors.

Pickleball paddles are available for players taking VPA lessons. The association has a few paddles available for loan through session hosts, but we ask that you purchase your own paddle as soon as possible for ongoing play.

Eye wear is strongly encouraged for player protection

Outdoor shoes and boots are to be left at the gym entrance for each Indoor play session in order to keep the gym floors clean and dry

Only court shoes may be worn on the outdoor dedicated courts – please remove your daily wear shoes before entering the court walkway entrances to avoid bringing in dirt, rocks and sand.

Most important guideline of all

Have fun!