



ARIZONA
Pickleball Players League

- Bringing Competitive Team Based Pickleball Throughout Arizona -

Introducing

APPL

“APPL morphed from a 6 team men’s pilot league in 2019 to a 95 team over 1100 players structured men’s and women’s league in 2020.”

“Our product opens play up to a wider diversity of player skills and gives the tournament weary ones a less costly more active experience”

“I love the pickleball league concept. It’s a great way to enjoy organized competitive games with minimal cost and lots of flexibility. Had a fun season with my team and look forward to seeing league play take off in Arizona and on a national level. Excellent addition to tournament and recreational play.”

-Vicki Foster (3x National Champion Tournament & Teaching Pro)

"As a beginning player at the start of the season last year, the big challenge was finding other beginners who wanted to play on a consistent basis.

The league gave me 12 other players willing to practice weekly. That would have been well worth the small price of admission, but we also had 6 competitive matches.

Out of our team of 13, 5 of us continue to play almost daily. And, 4 of us bought a pickleball machine to help us improve. I've attended birthday parties for people I didn't know a year ago. It has been a fantastic experience in every way. Thank you APPL!!!"

John-Scott Dixon Captain (Men's 3.0 Pecos Park Team)

- **Where is Pickleball today?**

- ***Huge infrastructure and focus on singles and doubles tournament competitions***
 - Costs to enter increasing, becoming more difficult to participate, ...
 - Yet less than .1% of pickleball players play in sanctioned tournaments
- ***The majority of players are looking for organized events that don't require membership and are fun***
 - Local Round Robins popping up everywhere (some organized, some not)
 - Players want to enjoy a low cost simple & active game
 - Organizers are emerging (individuals and organizations) to support this need
- ***Cities are adding nice pickleball complexes.***
 - Pecos Park (Phx), Gilbert Regional Park, Kino Sports Complex (Tucson)
 - Looking to add quantity and quality of services to communities
- ***However there is little to no infrastructure on “team-based” league pickleball play***
 - Team: More than 2 players on a team
 - League: A group of teams that play each other over a period of time for a championship
 - Tennis (USTA) has over 330,000 players playing team-based league tennis

- **What is “Team Based” League Pickleball?**
 - Team based league pickleball is a competition where several teams consisting of 6 or more players compete against other teams within the same skill level over a period of months for a championship using a standardized and structured format of play.
- **How much does it cost over the season?**
 - Less than the cost to play in one tournament!
- **Where can you find it? -- *APPL***

- **What is APPL?**

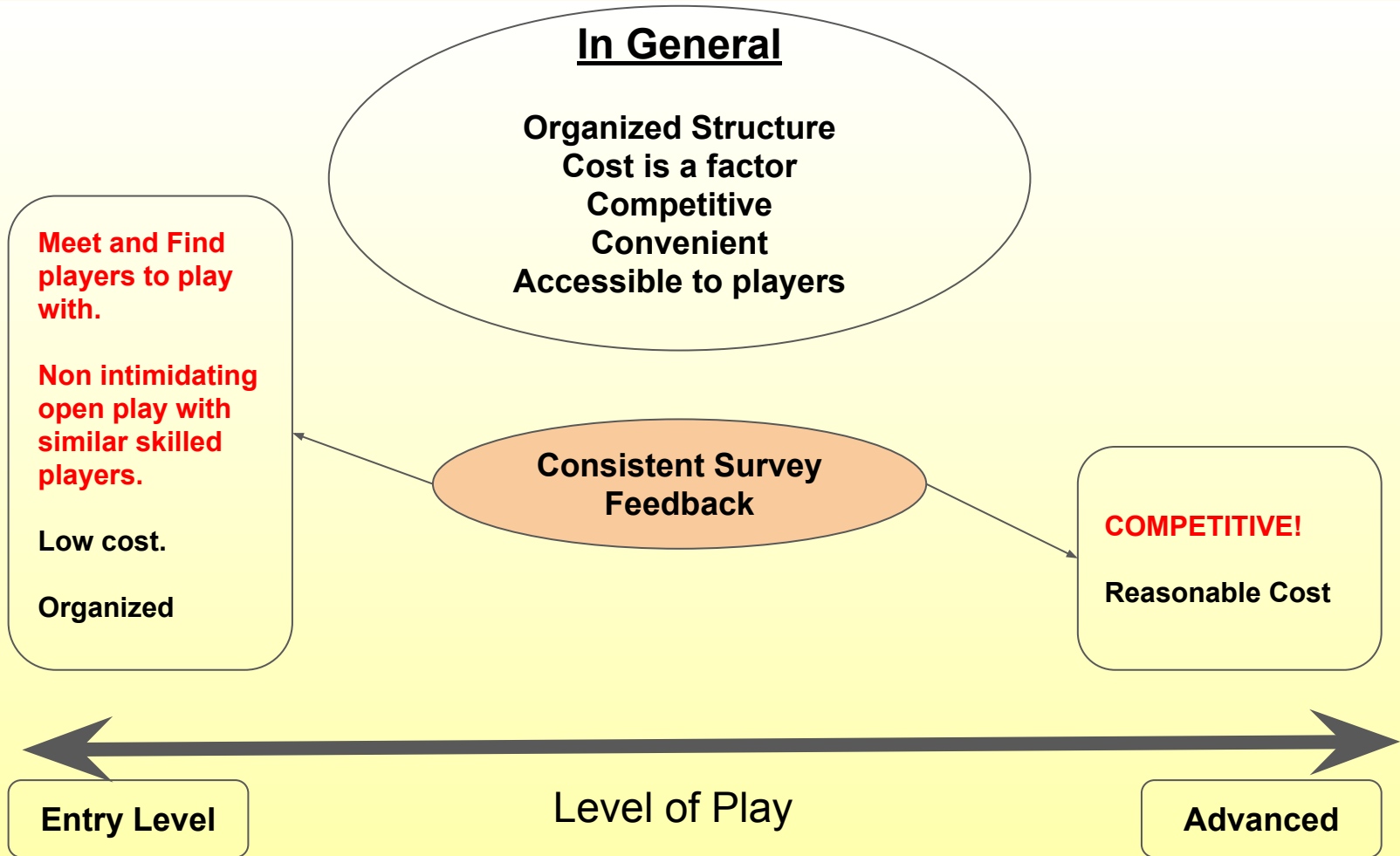
- **APPL** is a nonprofit corporation run by a team of volunteers with years of experience with team-based league pickleball. Several have USTA tennis league experience.
- **APPL's mission** is to bring the team-based league experience to all players throughout Arizona and not just those who can qualify, afford or manage to get into tournaments.
- **We** are proud to be addressing this unfulfilled void for the right reasons and not for personal profit.

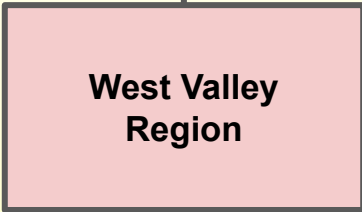
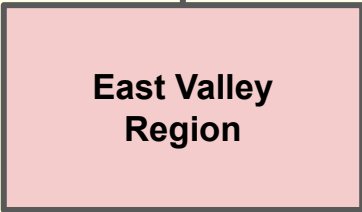
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Some Statistics

- **APPL's team-based league concept started in 2012 with the East Valley Interclub League (EVIL)**
 - Originally 5 active adult communities (50+)
- **The APPL format and organization started in 2019**
 - Wanted to expand to 18+ and players still in the workforce
 - EVIL became a regional league in APPL and is still growing.
 - The Casa Grande Region was started up
 - The East Valley Region was started up
- **APPL's Season 2020 had over 1100 players participate on 95 teams**
- **With the addition of the West Valley Region and Southern Region we expect participation in Season 2021 to easily increase 50%.**
- **Our mission to bring a new pickleball experience that is fun and competitive to players in the communities has also been fueled through City partnerships with mutual goals**
 - Casa Grande & Phoenix
 - Now engaged with Tucson/Pima County, Gilbert, Tempe, Surprise, Goodyear

What Is Important to Pickleball Players?





Regional Leagues

- SAPPL

- Women's Division
Grps: 3.0 thru 4.5/5.0
- Men's Division
Grps: 3.0 thru 4.5/5.0
- Mixed Division
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Regional Leagues

- Red APPL (RAPPL)

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- EVIL

- Women's Division
Grps: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0
- Men's Division
Grps: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0
- Mixed Division
Grps: 3.5+

- Green APPL

- Development League
Women & Men

Regional Leagues

- WAPPL

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(season 2022)

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*** Unique to APPL**

APPL Mission:
To provide infrastructure and leadership for the operation and expansion of amateur competitive team-based pickleball leagues for men and women throughout Arizona

*** All of the above is run by volunteers**

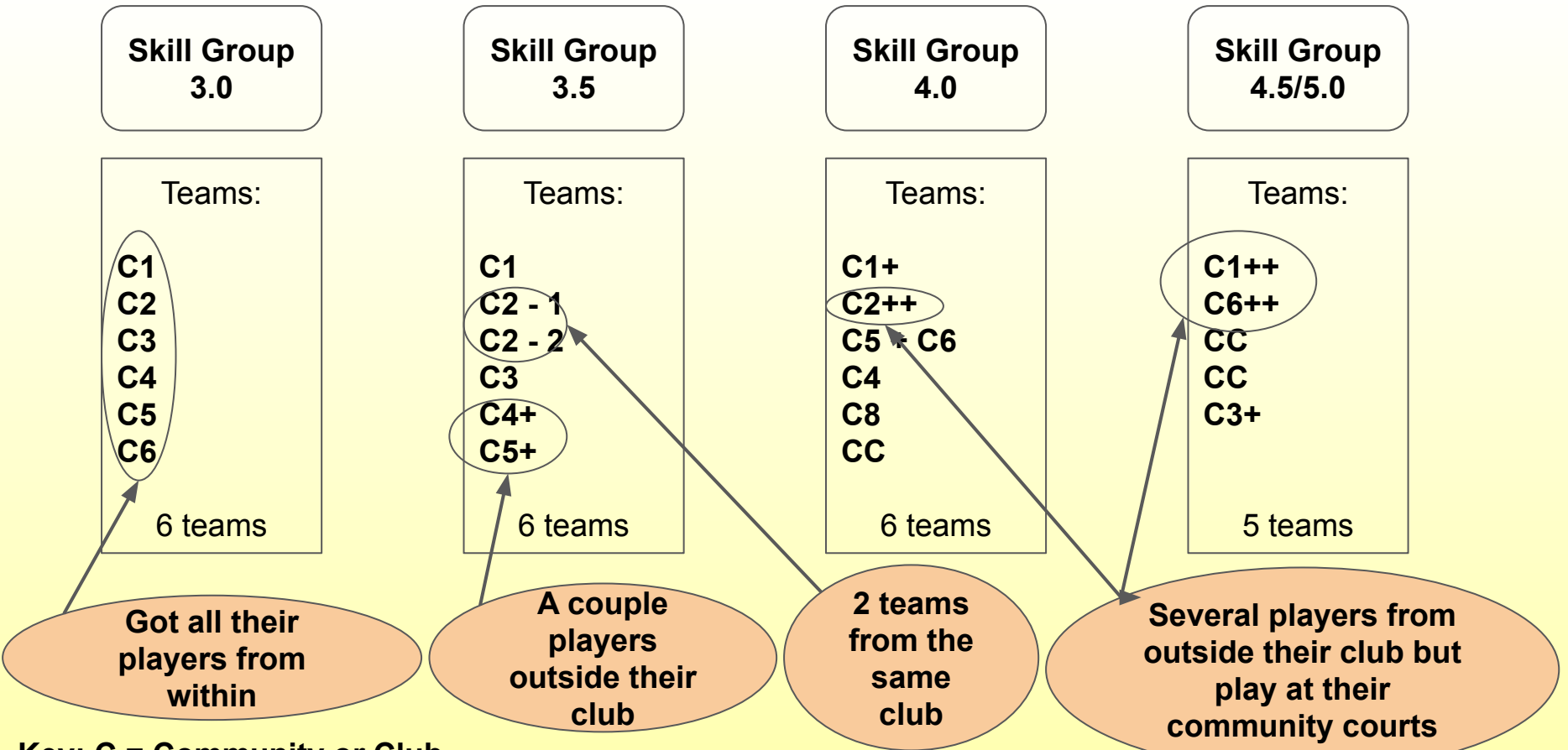
Court Demand:

- Only need 3 courts per match
- Matches take max. 2.5 hours to complete (typically 2hrs...not including warm up)
- Teams home courts could be at their club or at a City complex (if arranged)
- Each community can create as many teams as they want
- In a 6 team Skill Group (10 matches to be played against the other teams) only 5 home court matches (3 courts per match) are needed over the 12 week season. The other 5 are away matches.
- Courts are usually scheduled during non peak times

Match Format:

- A team roster usually contains 10-12 players
- On match day 6 players are in the line-up for the home team and the visiting team (12 players - 3 pairs of 2 players on each team)
- Games played per match: 18 (each pair plays 6 games)(2 games against each of the other team's pairs)
- The team with the most team points at the end of the match wins

League Example: Key Point: Lots of Options



Key: C = Community or Club

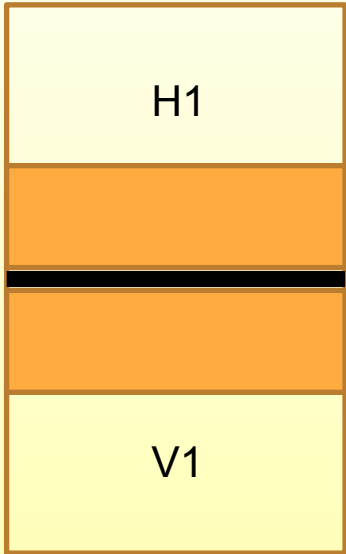
- C1 - Pebble Creek
- C2 - Sun City Festival
- C3 - El Mirage
- C4 - Sun City West
- C5 - Happy Trails
- C5 - Verrado
- C6 - Sundance
- C7 - Surprise
- C8 - Marinette
- CC - Players from anywhere. Use City Courts for Home Courts

Note: The number of teams in a Skill Group is typically 4 - 6. But can be larger without exceeding 5 home matches.



Team Dinking Devils (H) vs Smashers (V)

Round 1

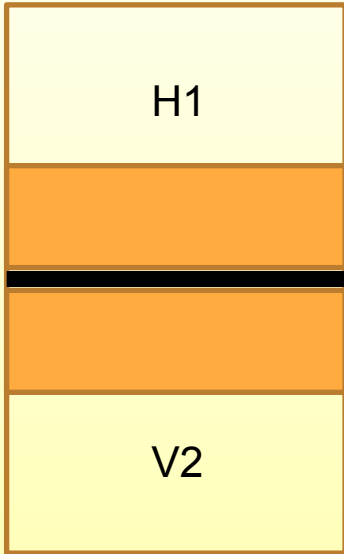


Team H1 – Jeff & Bob
Team H2 - Tony & Tom
Team H3 – Jim & Steve

Team V1 – Carl & Dave
Team V2 - Bill & Chris
Team V3 – Sam & John

Team Dinking Devils (H) vs Team Smashers (V)

Round 2

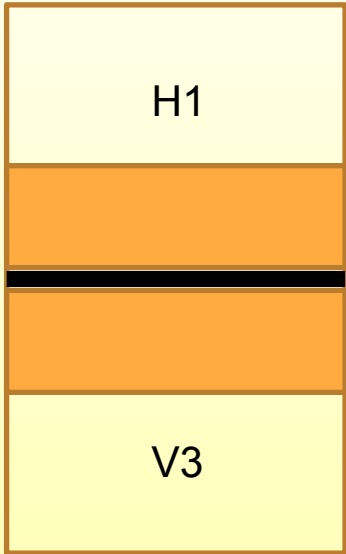


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Round 3



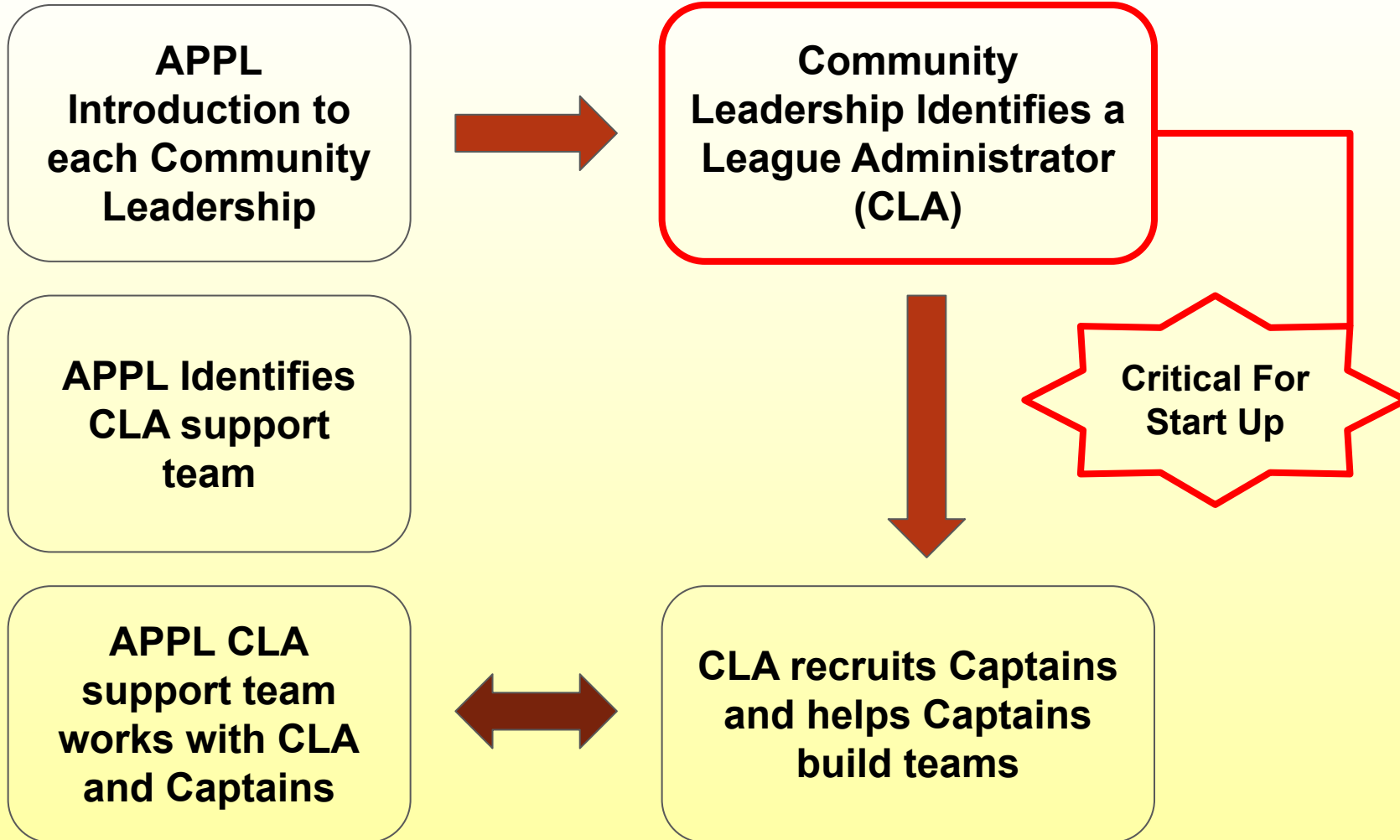
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Processes & Templates

Scoresheets

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| APPL Scoresheet | | | | | | Match ID#: <u>TA-MD4.0-07</u> | | | | | | | |
| Rev: 12/10/19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home Team: <u>Dinking Devils</u> | | | | | | Visiting Team: <u>Smashers</u> | | | | | | | |
| PLAYER NAMES | | | | | | PLAYER NAMES | | | | | | | |
| H1 | | <u>Jeff / Bob</u> | | | | V1 | | <u>Carl / Dave</u> | | | | | |
| H2 | | <u>Tony / Tom</u> | | | | V2 | | <u>Bill / Chris</u> | | | | | |
| H3 | | <u>Jim / Steve</u> | | | | V3 | | <u>Sam / John</u> | | | | | |
| Sub 1 | | <u> </u> (Optional) | | | | Sub 1 | | <u> </u> (Optional) | | | | | |
| Subtotal Pts | | Game Scores | | Points | | Game Scores | | Points | | Game Scores | | Points | |
| HOME | VISIT | | | HOME | VISIT | HOME | VISIT | HOME | VISIT | HOME | VISIT | HOME | VISIT |
| | | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | |
| Round 1 | <u>7</u> | <u>7</u> | H1 <u>5</u> vs V1 <u>11</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | H2 <u>11</u> vs V2 <u>4</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | H3 <u>7</u> vs V3 <u>11</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | |
| | | H1 <u>7</u> vs V2 <u>11</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | H2 <u>11</u> vs V3 <u>9</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | H3 <u>12</u> vs V1 <u>10</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | | | |
| Round 2 | <u>9</u> | <u>8</u> | H1 <u>11</u> vs V2 <u>7</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | H2 <u>11</u> vs V3 <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | H3 <u>5</u> vs V1 <u>11</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | |
| | | H1 <u>11</u> vs V3 <u>13</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | H2 <u>11</u> vs V1 <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | H3 <u>5</u> vs V2 <u>11</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | | | |
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| Total Pts | <u>22</u> | <u>24</u> | Total Pts | | Home Team must report the score within 48 hours of match completion (see the APPL website) | | | | | | | | |
| HOME | | | VISITOR | | Visiting Team captain should initial the Home Team scoresheet confirming score | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Home Team captain should retain the scoresheet until the season is over | | | | | | | | |



APPL Core Can Provide:

- **Creating team schedules**
- **Maintaining the standings**
- **Helping you advertise the regional league**
- **Maintain Central Web site**
- **City Park court coordination**
- **Non-profit legal status**
- **Insurance**
- **Possible APPL-wide sponsorships**

You Provide

- **Club/Local Coordination**
- **Teams**
- **Courts**

APPL Schedules RAWD 3.5 : APPL Schedule RAWD3.5

| Match ID | Visiting Team | vs. | Home Team | Date | Time | Location | Winning Team | Score |
|--|--------------------|-----|---------------------|------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| RA-WD3.5-01 | Sweet Dills | vs | Designated Dinkers | 1/13 | 6:00p | Sunland Springs | Designated Dinkers | 32 - 11 |
| RA-WD3.5-02 | STP | vs | Valley Girls | 1/14 | 11:30a | Pecos | STP | 33 - 9 |
| RA-WD3.5-03 | Valley Girls | vs | Sweet Dills | 1/20 | 2:00p | Pecos | Sweet Dills | 23 - 21 |
| RA-WD3.5-04 | Designated Dinkers | vs | STP | 1/22 | 9:00a | Dobson Ranch | Designated Dinkers | 29 - 19 |
| RA-WD3.5-05 | Sweet Dills | vs | STP | 1/29 | 9:00a | Dobson Ranch | STP | 32 - 9 |
| RA-WD3.5-06 | Valley Girls | vs | Designated Dinkers | 2/17 | 6:00p | Sunland Springs | Designated Dinkers | 34 - 7 |
| RA-WD3.5-7 | Designated Dinkers | vs | Sweet Dills | 2/17 | 2:00p | Pecos | Designated Dinkers | 34 - 10 |
| RA-WD3.5-8 | Valley Girls | vs | STP | 2/19 | 9:00a | Dobson Ranch | STP | 24 - 22 |
| RA-WD3.5-9 | Sweet Dills | vs | Valley Girls | 2/25 | 11:30a | Pecos | Valley Girls | 31 - 16 |
| RA-WD3.5-10 | STP | vs | Designated Dinkers | 3/7 | 1:00p | Sunland Springs | STP | 28 - 21 |
| RA-WD3.5-11 | STP | vs | Sweet Dills | 3/2 | 2:00p | Pecos | STP | 34 - 7 |
| RA-WD3.5-12 | Designated Dinkers | vs | Valley Girls | 3/3 | 11:30a | Pecos | Valley Girls | 29 - 21 |
| Southern/East Valley Regional Championship | | | | | | | | |
| | SAPPL Winner | vs | Red APPL Winner STP | 3/25 | 11:30a | Dave White Park | | |

RED APPL Rosters, Schedules & Standings

MENS 4.5/5.0 Team Rosters

[Mangoes](#)

Standings

[Hitmen](#)

Schedule

[SCAMeR's](#)

[Team Geenen](#)

[Team Stevenson](#)

[Backhanded Compliments](#)

MENS 4.0 Team Rosters

No Teams This Season

MENS 3.5 Team Rosters

[Ball Busters](#)

Standings

[Poachers](#)

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[Senior Picklers](#)

[Bangers and Smash](#)

[Insurica Nomads](#)

WOMENS 4.5/5.0 Team Rosters

[Minja's Rotten Apples](#)

Standings

[Responsible Dinkers](#)

Schedule

[Team Barron](#)

[Team Elliott](#)

[Team Baze](#)

[Drop Shot Divas](#)

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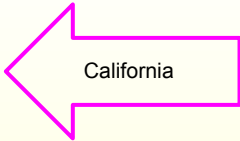
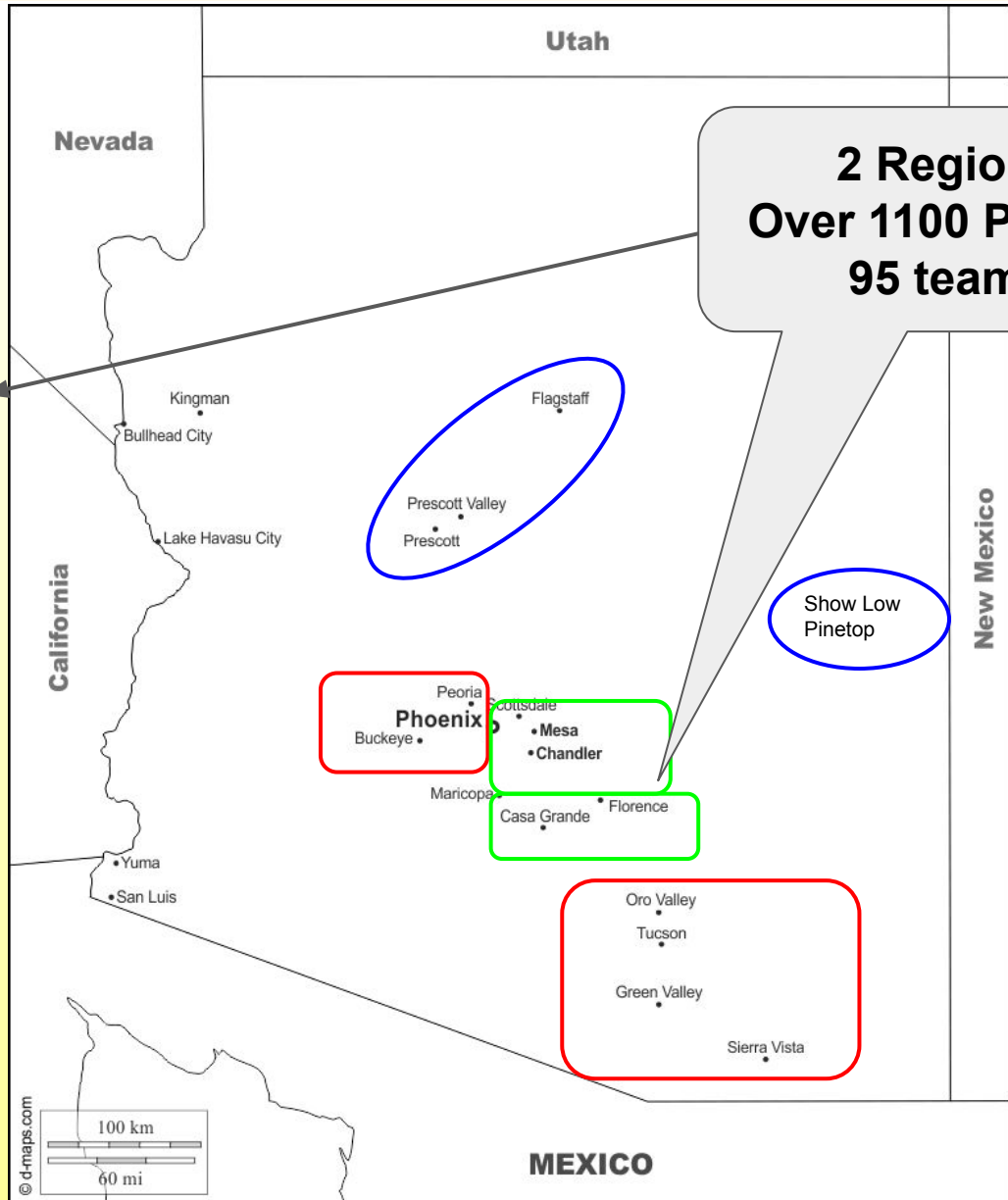
[Designated Dinkers](#)

Red APPL Women's 3.5 Standings

| Rank | Team | Wins | Losses | Ties | Points |
|------|---------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| #1 | STP | 5 | 1 | 0 | 170 |
| #2 | Designated <u>Dinkers</u> | 4 | 2 | 0 | 171 |
| #3 | Valley Girls | 2 | 4 | 0 | 119 |
| #4 | Sweet Dills | 1 | 5 | 0 | 76 |

Red APPL Men's 4.5/5.0 Standings

| Rank | Team | Wins | Losses | Ties | Points |
|------|------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| #1 | Team Geenen | 8 | 2 | 0 | 255 |
| #2 | Team Stevenson | 6 | 3 | 0 | 228 |
| #3 | SCAMeR's | 4 | 4 | 0 | 177 |
| #4 | The Hitmen | 4 | 5 | 0 | 161 |
| #5 | The Mangoes | 3 | 5 | 0 | 161 |
| #6 | Backhanded Compliments | 1 | 7 | 0 | 142 |



Existing 2020

- East Valley Region
- Casa Grande Region

Planned 2021

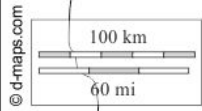
- West Valley Region
- Southern Region

Planned 2021

- Northern Summer
- Eastern Summer

Targeting 2022

- California
- New Mexico
- Other Interested States



- **People like to be on teams!**
 - Less intimidating
 - Easier to meet new players and improve skills
 - Fun to visit other players clubs/venues
 - Fun to have a balance of competitive and social play at your skill level
 - People who play at City courts now enjoy playing APPL team-based league pickleball
- **APPL appeals to all skill levels and supports the objectives those interested in developing pickleball in their communities.**

The logo for the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) features the word "ARIZONA" in a stylized, multi-colored font. The letters are filled with horizontal stripes of yellow, red, and blue. The letter "O" is replaced by a yellow pickleball with a green leaf on top and the acronym "APPL" written in black on its surface. Below the word "ARIZONA" is the text "Pickleball Players League" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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Thank You!