



Westside Pickleball League

2023 Report

Program Mission

Westside Pickleball League (WPL) seeks to provide evening/weekend indoor pickleball play opportunities during the winter months in the West Seattle area. WPL will run ladder leagues at indoor gyms during the winter and will be an ongoing fundraiser for pickleball equipment for West Seattle and Chief Sealth High School (CSHS) Athletics.

Founding of Westside Pickleball League

Westside Pickleball League was founded in October 2022, sponsored by Seattle Metro Pickleball Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and run by 3 League Administrators: Rosina Geary, Amy Greger, and Nancy Rust.

2023 Accomplishments

Westside Pickleball League helped fill the gap for lack of indoor venue in West Seattle during winter months and lack of funding to support local high school athletics.

WPL Ladder Leagues

WPL has seen steady growth since it was founded. We started with 64 players for a 6-week session at CSHS. We have since expanded to SeaTac Community Center and Tukwila Community Center, serving 160 players per week at 3 locations from November to May.

Sponsorship

In May 2023, WPL obtained a one-year sponsorship from Astria Pickleball. Astria became our tournaments' title sponsor. We promote their paddles at our leagues and tournaments, and through a "click through" on our website. Players receive a \$30 discount on Astria paddles. The sponsorship helped fund 4 Douglas nets which were planned for Solstice Park.

Southwest Athletic Complex (SWAC) Pickleball Courts

After receiving approval from Seattle Public School in May 2023, WPL funded the cleaning of 6 tennis courts at SWAC, the painting of 6 pickleball courts, and corners marked for another 6 pickleball courts.

Tournaments

WPL hosted 2 tournaments at the new SWAC courts, which were fundraisers for CSHS Athletics. Both tournaments were run by volunteers including CSHS students. In June, "Astria Rally on the Rock" tournament filled the 12 pickleball courts at SWAC. WPL presented the community with the newly

cleaned and painted SWAC pickleball courts. In October, we hosted “Astria Rally on the Rock - Fall Edition” at SWAC again before we kicked off the indoor ladder leagues in November.

Donations

WPL proudly made donations to the following organizations in 2023.

- Chief Sealth High School Athletics
- Maui Fire Victims
- Highland Park Elementary School
- Westside Baby
- White Center Food Bank
- 3 squeegees to CSHS Tennis team (at SWAC)
- 2 CSHS league spots to CSHS Annual Auction Fundraiser

Douglas Nets

WPL purchased 4 Douglas nets planned for the 6 new pickleball courts at Solstice Park. Since SPR canceled the Solstice plan in September 2023, two of the nets were placed at the Alki courts and the other two on loan to Rainier Beach.

Summer Net Custodian Program

WPL lent 12 portable Swiftnets to the West Seattle pickleball community from June through September.

Pickleball Beginner’s Clinic

Organized a clinic at West Seattle High School as a PTSA fundraiser.

Pickleball Beginner’s Group

Connected new players to instructors, provide resources for new players.

Windscreens

Started installation of windscreens at High Point’s Walt Huntley courts. Project to be completed in 2024.

2024 Plans

WPL Reorganization

Nancy Rust retired as League Administrator in October 2023. Rosina Geary and Amy Greger will continue as League Administrators through 2024.

Process Improvements

Communications will move from Signal to Discord. Offer pre-registration as incentives to CSHS Crew and Leads who help with court set up and clean up on league days. Offer stipends for League Administrators and League Coordinators to support all 3 locations.

Donation Goals

WPL will continue to support Sealth Athletics and the local West Seattle community.

- Chief Sealth High School Athletics
- West Seattle schools

Indoor Tournament

WPL plans to host an indoor tournament in spring 2024. Considering venues at Franklin High School with 8-12 courts and Tukwila Community Center with 3 or 4 courts.

SWAC Tournaments

WPL plans to host 2 tournaments at the SWAC courts. A June tournament after the indoor leagues end for the 2023-24 season, and an October tournament to kick off indoor leagues for the 2024-25 season.

SWAC II – 6 Pickleball Courts (south side)

Submit a new Self Help Request to Seattle Public Schools to paint 6 more pickleball courts at the 3 south tennis courts at SWAC. We received CSHS Principal's approval and support from the Athletic Director and Tennis Coach.

Coordinate Drill Sessions

Connect instructors and players for drill sessions at SeaTac and Tukwila Community Centers.

Host Round Robins

Partner with SMPA Empower Play to host round robins between neighborhood courts with players from various courts such as Lakeridge, Miller, Rainier Beach, and High Point.

Come Play With Us

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