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## Court Timer Pilot Program for Courts 7, 8, 9 & 10

In an effort to reduce wait times and speed up play, we are conducting a pilot program to use 15 minute court timers when 8 or more players are waiting on a court. The pilot program will run from May 1st to May 31st, 2025 and will apply only to courts 7, 8, 9 & 10.

### How it Works:

- The decision to change a court to timed games will be made by the front desk staff. As a guideline, timed games will be initiated when 8 or more players are waiting on a court.
- The front desk will provide a timer and a sign (see image below) indicating that the timer rules are in effect on that court.



Court Sign

- A 15-minute timer will run for each game.
- One of the waiting players is designated as the "time keeper" for the game. The time keeper can use either the provided timer or a smart phone to track the 15 minutes.
- When the 15 minute timer expires, the game is over and the team ahead is the winner. If the score is tied, the next point wins the game, regardless of serve.
- While timers are in effect, all existing rotation rules still apply (e.g. 2 minute maximum warm up, winners rotate off after 3 consecutive wins on challenge courts 9 & 10, 2 wins on courts 7 & 8, and so on).

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not have 8 paddles they are unaffected).

- The timer rules remain in effect until the court is notified by the front desk.

### Why This Pilot Program?

Use of timers is being evaluated as a potential solution to increase player rotations and reduce wait times when excessive crowd conditions exist.

### Next Steps:

1. Announce the Pilot Program: In addition to this email, we will have flyers posted on courts 7-10 to detail the program.
2. Run the Pilot Program: The pilot starts on May 1 and will run through May 31, 2025.
3. Collect Feedback: We welcome your feedback during the pilot. After the pilot ends, we will send out a survey to participants to gather additional feedback.
4. Assess and Recommend: Based on your feedback, the TPA Board of Directors will determine if the timer rules were beneficial, and what rule changes (if any) will be incorporated into our Policy of Play.

We appreciate your participation and feedback as we pilot this program. Thank you for helping us create a better playing experience for everyone!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at [info@tustinpickleball.org](mailto:info@tustinpickleball.org).

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