

PPPA Policy #12

Pikes Peak Pickleball Association Regular Board Meetings Open to Members

The four regular PPPA Board meetings held annually will be open to membership participation and attendance.

1. A Public Comment time of 15 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of each meeting and will appear on the agenda. Any active PPPA member in good standing (i.e., dues paid) will be given the opportunity to address the Board during the Public Comment time. Members wishing to address the Board may do so at this time. There will be a specified time limit for public comment, not to exceed three minutes. When there are a large number of speakers to be heard, pertaining to a specific topic, the Board President may ask for only a couple of representatives to share similar comments. Depending upon the meeting location, there may be a limitation in the number of participants based on the room size and fire code restrictions. If so, the first members to sign up for public comment will be allowed to participate not to exceed such restrictions.
2. If speakers during the Public Comment time become rude, agitated, or verbally attack any Board members or other PPPA members personally, they will be asked to stop and to leave the Board meeting.
3. Members should contact the Board Secretary at least seven days before the Board meeting to be put on the agenda to speak at the Public Comment time with a specific topic. If the 15 minutes of Public Comment time is not full for a particular Board meeting, a member in attendance who has not signed up to speak beforehand may be able to speak after other members who did sign up have their turn.
4. The Board will listen during the Public Comment time but will not reply or discuss the topics that are brought forth. This will be a time for members to professionally express their ideas, suggestions, and concerns.
5. Once the Public Comment time has concluded, the Board will follow the agenda and continue with Board business. Members may choose to stay to listen and observe the Board meeting but cannot participate. In order for the Board to operate efficiently, observers will need to be quiet or will be asked to leave. If the Board would like to discuss items brought up during the public comment time, it will do so apart from that Board meeting and if necessary, be made an agenda topic at the next Board meeting.
6. There are situations when the Board will require closed, executive sessions for topics that are not appropriate for public consumption. These include topics such as individual member or personnel concerns, financial information where disclosure may affect PPPA's negotiating position, concerns with local governments, etc. In order to enter executive session, a Board member will make a motion to enter Executive Session, another will second that motion, and then a vote of attending Board members must be 50% or more to enter Executive Session. At that time, the Board will thank members for attending and they will be dismissed.

Adopted by the PPPA Board 3/14/2022 (date)
Signed by the PPPA President //Joe Johnson//