

## 2024 Liability Waiver for SMPA run pickleball leagues in Royal Oak

### Release.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in a pickleball league run by the Southeastern Michigan Pickleball Association (SMPA),

**I, for myself and for my heirs or assigns, covenant not to sue SMPA,** including the officers, employees, agents, and collaborators noted below

- SMPA's officers, the members of SMPA's board of directors, and SMPA's volunteer event leaders
- The city of Royal Oak, which owns the Whittier Park and Upton Park pickleball courts

**and I hereby release, waive, and discharge all of the above from liability from any and all claims resulting in personal injuries, death, accidents, illnesses (such as communicable diseases including COVID-19), and property loss arising from participation in a SMPA pickleball event.**

### Assumption of Risk.

Participation in a SMPA pickleball event carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary but include (while not being limited to) 1) minor injuries such as bruises, sprains, and dehydration, 2) major injuries such as eye injuries, joint or back injuries, heat stroke, heart attacks, broken bones, and concussions, and 3) catastrophic injuries such as paralysis and death. **I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in playing pickleball. I assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.**

### Indemnification and Hold Harmless.

I also agree to indemnify and hold SMPA and all named above harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees, brought as a result of my involvement in a SMPA pickleball event.

It is recommended that participants in SMPA pickleball events as well as those otherwise using Royal Oak city parks make provisions to provide adequate coverage within their own insurance.

### Rules.

I have also read and agree to follow SMPA's rules and guidelines document for 2024 outdoor pickleball leagues at Royal Oak's Whittier and/or Upton parks.

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| Signature of Participant | Printed Name of Participant | Date |
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