

Department of Kinesiology, SJSU

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Class time: Tues 6:00 -7:50 pm in Sport Club Fitness Center

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KIN 22A Beginning Racquetball

DESCRIPTION Emphasis will be on learning fundamental racquetball skills, basic tactics, etiquette, basic rules, and applications of the knowledge and skills in games. There is no prerequisite. It is assumed that students enrolled in the Kin 22A class have little or no experience in racquetball, and students enrolled in the Kin 22B class have some playing experience and are comfortable playing simple games from the beginning. Since this is a combined class, the content for Beginners and Intermediate players will basically be the same but with different emphases. The instruction time will also be separated. The beginners will mainly focus on fundamentals and mechanics. The game assignments will also be separated in groups according to the player's ability.

OBJECTIVES Upon successful completion of course requirements students will:

- a) demonstrate an understanding of the basic terminology, rules, tactics, and etiquette of the game,
- b) demonstrate ability to perform the basic racquetball skills, and to apply basic skills, rules, and etiquette in single games, as well as in practice,
- c) demonstrate ability to properly warm up and to use simple drills,

CONTENT

Knowledge:

- a. Concepts, brief history, and contemporary status of the game.
- b. Benefits of playing racquetball
- c. Basic etiquette
- d. Strategies
- e. Basic rules and game procedures.
- f. Basic terminology.
- g. Using and taking care of the equipment

Performance:

- a. Basic skills:
 1. Strokes Mechanics
 - 1). Proper Grips
 - 2). Forehand
 - 3). Backhand
 2. Shot Selection
 - 1). Down the line

- 2) Cross Court Pass
- 3). Pinch Shots
- 4). Ceiling balls
- 5). Multiple walls
- b. Basic tactics (combined with skills)
 - 1). Serving tactics
 - 2). Returning tactics
 - 3). Rally tactics
 - 4) Offensive strategies
 - 5) Defensive strategies
 - 6) Court coverage philosophies
- c. Warm-up routine and basic drills
- d. Single games
 - 1). Round robin tournament
 - 2). Elimination tournament

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- a) Active participation in all class activities, including lectures, practice, discussion, quizzes, written examinations, skill test, games and tournament, and assignment, etc..
- b) Attending classes in a timely manner.
- c) Loose fitting clothes and sport shoes (non-marking) for ease of movement and safety, no jeans or other street clothes/shoes in classroom.
- d) Cooperation and mature behavior are expected in the class.
- e) At least 5 minutes warm-up period is required before any skill practice.
- f) Students are required to bring their own racquets, although there are a few racquets at the front desk for lease. Safety eye goggle is MANDATORY.
- g) The last class meet will be the FINAL EXAM date.

EVALUATIONS

- a. Participation.....20%
 - evaluated by in-class participation, drills, questions and answers
 - preparation for classes (with proper clothing and equipment)
- b. Homework10%
 - on rules. (About 15 short questions posted on website for the whole semester.)
 - email the answer for 2 questions a week starting the third week.
- c. Games Assignment.....50%
 - there are about 3 rounds of round-robins and 2 tournament throughout the semester.
- d. Final Exam.....20%
 - written exam (based on the lectures and material discussed in class)
 - and/or game play with pre-defined rules (TBA)
- e. Grading: A =85 - 100% B =70 - 85% C =55 - 70% D =40 - 55% F = 40% or lower

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Tentative Schedule

Week	Skills	Knowledge
1	Basic rules Equipment & Safety	Green-sheet, Policies Introduction, History
2	Forehand grip Power stroke	Game rules review How to play a game How to score – basic strategies
3	Backhand grip Backhand stroke	Benefits of racquetball Aggressive game style “What’s the call” Game play
4	Use the walls Side-walls	Rules – hindlers, Safety Wall drills Game play
5	Backwall play Kill shots setup	Rules – point hindlers Back wall drills Game play

6	Defensive shot selection Ceiling balls Multiple walls	Wall paper shots Around the world Game play
7	Serve philosophy & mechanics: Drive Serve Return of Serve	Rules – fault serve and out serve Serve and return drill Game play
8	Z-serves High and Low Z Fast and soft Z	Rules – appeal Z-serve drills Game play
9	Lob serves Half lob, Full lob Short hop	Safety “5-foot” line Lob server drills Game play
10	Center court control Safety Out of the serve box Driving	Rules - avoidable Footwork 3-rally drills Game play
11	Shot selections Down the line, Cross Court Pinch, Reverse Pinch, Splat	Footwork Review Power Strokes Combination drills Game play
12	Combination drills	Revisit equipment – string tension Game play – finish all round-robins
13	Tournament play - Singles Team Competition	Warm ups Referees
14	Tournament play - Singles Double Elimination	Official Rules - revisit Introduction to Doubles & Cut-throat
15	Challenge Games	Final Exam
