

## **LCPC's Use of GroupMe** (Microsoft group messaging and scheduling app)

LCPC is a large club with many events. To communicate more effectively (and to avoid filling up your inbox), we are expanding our use of the LCPC GroupMe groups. GroupMe is a Microsoft Social Media/Messaging platform/application. Using GroupMe, you can communicate to your groups or a person in a group. LCPC will be using GroupMe to communicate event scheduling (drills) and ad-hoc communications such as cancellations due to weather, etc. GroupMe is not required but highly recommended so that you do not miss these communications!

**LCPC cannot provide technical support, reset passwords. Also, LCPC takes NO responsibility for any data breaches or related issues.** Please do NOT post any personal information.

### **Some helpful GroupMe tips:**

- On iPhones the MENU is accessed by tapping on the group name at the top of the screen.  
On Androids, the MENU is accessed using the Hamburger icon (3 parallel lines) in the top left corner of the screen.
- **If you are comfortable doing so**, please include your last name (or at least the first letter of it) so that people know who is signed up. Adding a photo of your face on your profile also helps a lot. To edit your profile, tap your profile on the bottom right of the home screen. To add a photo tap the photo/avatar (upper part of screen) and choose **Take photo** or **Choose Photo**.
- Please **only respond to events if you ARE going to play** or if you changed your mind and can't. This avoids cluttering up the thread with messages.
- **Use the Calendar view** (go to menu and Calendar View) to see what events other than standard LCPC playing times may be planned. This is way more helpful than the message thread view. We will not add regular club playing times as events, but drills sessions and all ad-hoc games are scheduled this way. This is especially helpful in the off-season when there is a day that we can play outside.
- Feel free to **add an event** (outside of LCPC planned times) and invite people in your group to respond (select + sign on top right of Calendar View). This is more effective than a message asking who can play at a certain time. You can see who is signed up by tapping on the calendar event.
- You can **Direct Message** a specific Member of the group by going to MENU, MEMBERS, and finding the specific member you want to message. Emails and/or phone numbers are NOT available to other users in groups.

- Feel free to add your own GroupMe with a subset of members and/or friends to arrange play outside of the LCPC scheduled events.
- Please keep non-Pickleball related messages to Direct messages or non-LCPC groups only.

**The LCPC GroupMe groups may not be used for solicitation of any type** (promote a business, brand, event, fundraiser, etc.) If in doubt on whether you should post something, please talk to a board member. Board members may post Pickleball Tournaments or similar events from time to time to provide opportunities for interested players.