



ATLANTA PICKLEBALL – RULES AND GUIDELINES:

League Play / 5-Line Team Mixed



- All matches will begin at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings. (Unless team captains agree to change).
- Each team will provide a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 players per each weekend match.
- Each participant must be registered with Atlanta Pickleball Association.
- Each Match will be played in a Doubles format. (2 out of 5 lines must include 1 female player).
- Each game day will consist of 5-lines of play, or 5 total matches each week. (If a team does not have 10 players available, then we will allow you to mix up your partners, therefore allowing some players to participate in two matches each week).
- Line 1 or 2 players should not play Line 4/5 players to keep matches fair, fun, & competitive.
- Each (line) match will be the best 2 out of 3 games, played to 11 points. (You must win by 2 points). If a 3rd set/match is needed, then you will play first to 15 points/win by 2.
- The “team” that wins at least 3 out of the 5 line matches overall will be determined the Winner for that week, and earn (1) Point.
- All games will be played using the USAPA and IFP rules and scoring system.
 - See link: <http://www.usapa.org/ifp-official-rules/>
- We ask that each team call their own lines, faults or rule violations. (Teammates not participating in a match are encouraged to assist with calls for any faults, line out of bounds, or violations).
- Determining the Serving Team: To start a match, it will be determined by coin toss. The winner will have the option to choose a side of the court, or if they want to serve or receive first. (The losing team will serve first for the second set/match). A coin toss will be used to determine who serves 1st for the 3rd set if needed.
- Each match will start using a 0-0 Start, or 0-0-2 Format. (This means the team who serves first will not be able pass the serve to their partner once a fault occurs. The opposing team will then start using the scoring system by calling their points (0), their opponent’s points, and the number of server (1). Please call out the score before each ball is served to prevent arguing or miscommunication on scoring.
- Each time the serve changes possession to the opponent, (Side Out), the serve will start with the player standing in the right side box.
- Home Teams will be responsible for providing at least 1-portable net. (We ask the away team captain to bring 1-portable net to use on the 2nd court, for now).
- Each team will be responsible for providing 1-roll of temporary court tape. (Frog Tape, Court Line Tape, etc).
- Home team will be responsible for providing at least 2-3 game balls per court, using a USAPA approved outdoor ball for an outdoor court, (and an indoor ball for matches played indoor).
- Adding a player: Each team has until the 4th week of the regular season to add players, which is when rosters will be officially closed. After that, it must be approved by Atlanta Pickleball Management.
- Players added after week 4 (if approved) will not qualify to participate in the playoff/championship tournament.
- Atlanta Pickleball does not offer refunds.
- **EVERY TEAM WILL MAKE THE PLAYOFFS FOR THE 2016 SEASON! (Single Elimination Tournament).**