



Atlanta Team Pickleball

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What level should I play?** A Skills Guide is provided in the Rules and Guidelines Packet to help in this decision. Level play is determined by DUPR level. If a player doesn't have a DUPR rating, they will be prompted at Registration to answer a series of questions that will direct them to the appropriate level. If you have questions regarding this first contact your captain, then division coordinator for assistance. League Coordinator: pickleball@ustaatlanta.com
- 2. How can I start a pickleball team?** • Recruit at least ten players, five men and five women.
- 3. Where does this League play out of?** This is a Captain driven league. Captains get a team together; From there they will register their team at: matchtime.com/signup/atlanta-team-pickleball-spring-2024/.
 - You must be able to reserve a minimum of 2 Pickleball courts for the seven week season at an approved pickleball facility. This can be done at registration when selecting your facility from the drop down menu. If your facility is not listed (approved) then you will be able to start that approval process at that time.
- 4. How can I join an existing team?** Check the website for FREE AGENTS (Find Players and Teams) [Free Agent - I'd like to find a pickleball team competing in the Atlanta Team ATPB \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)
- 5. How can I find more players for my team?** We suggest asking your friends, fellow club members, or neighbors to play. If you need more players for your team you may also reach out to the USTA Atlanta Pickleball Coordinator to refer you to some players in your area and skill level. Please send an email to pickleball@ustaatlanta.com with this request.
- 6. What is the minimum and maximum number of players for a team?** The minimum number of players needed to register a team is ten—five men and five women. There is no maximum number.
- 7. Are teams allowed to add players after the rosters have been submitted?** If so, how many? Yes, you may add—and delete—players throughout the registration period and season.
- 8. What is the match format?** Currently, the only ATPB is a mixed doubles league. Matches consist of four lines of play: Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and two lines of Mixed Doubles. If at the end of these lines of play the line score for win-losses is 2-2. A singles line will be played to 11 win by 2 with unlimited substitutions (after a player is subbed out in the singles tiebreak they cannot return back to play). FALL 2024 – Men's and Women's League coming!!

9. How many points do you play in a game, and how many games per match? Each line will play 3 out of 5 games to 15, win by two points. The winner is the line that win three games first.

10. What is the maximum number of points that a team can win for a match? What if the score is tied? Total possible team points per dual meet is 1.

11. Can a player play more than one line in a match? Yes. Double Competitors (cross-overs) are permitted; NOTE: **any one player may ONLY cross over during two team matches per season. NO CROSS OVERS ARE PERMITTED FOR PLAY OFF's or CITY FINALS.** (The purpose of cross-overs is to help in availability issues, not to maximize the best player on the team. It is the captain's responsibility to recognize when players have met their two-team crossover matches per season. Should a player exceed their two match crossover limit, a default would be given to the opposing team for the line listing the player who double competed more than twice per season.

12. Can a player join more than one team? Players may only be a member of one team per division. However, players may play on different teams in different divisions or different levels provided they meet the age and level play requirements.

13. Which team is responsible for providing balls and paying court fees? The home team is responsible for providing approved balls and pays all court fees.

14. Who can call a foot fault on the server or on a player illegally in the No Volley Zone (NVZ) or kitchen. Any player may call a foot fault.

15. In pickleball, is a ball landing on a line in or out? All lines are considered "in" while the point is in play. On serve, however, the NVZ line is "out". The NVZ line is part of the NVZ.

16. How is the score to be called in a pickleball match? The server must call the complete three-digit score 10 seconds before serving (or before beginning the service motion). The first number is the serving team's score. The second number is the receiving team's score. The third number is the serving position always 1 or 2, e.g., 2-3-2.

17. Can I use any color or type of balls, any type of paddle, wear any color of shirt? All balls and paddles must be USA Pickleball approved. Outdoor balls must be used for outdoor courts or rough surfaces. Indoor balls must be used for indoor courts or smooth surfaces. Players may wear any color of clothing. **Pink and Orange colored balls are not permitted.**

18. Can pickleball courts be indoor or outdoor and any type of surface? Approved courts may be indoor or outdoor hard surface (clay is not approved). They may use painted or taped lines on tennis courts or dedicated courts. Facilities must have a minimum of two lighted courts, and restrooms located no more than 300 feet from the court. NOTE: Tennis nets are not permitted. (However, if your team only court availability is with permanent PB lines, and tennis nets, please contact the coordinator for possible approval.

19. What is the default time if players are running late? What about the other lines? The default time is 20 minutes after the scheduled start time. Only the players who fail to arrive within 20 minutes of the scheduled start time will be in default. Each of the three games for that line only are scored zero and the team points will be awarded to the non-defaulting team.

20. Can matches be played earlier or later than the scheduled date? Captains may agree to play a match or matches early. Matches may not be played later than scheduled match time. In the case of inclement weather, refer to the Rules and Regulations regarding deadlines for make-up matches.

21. Is there a minimum age for this ATPB? The minimum age for ATPB is 18.

22. Is there a senior league for pickleball? Currently there are 18+ and 50+ divisions.

23. Who can call an illegal serve and what is the penalty? An “illegal serve” is a serve using an illegal service motion. This does not pertain to a service ball that does not land in the service area or a foot fault; those two errors are considered a fault. If the receiving team determines that the service motion was clearly illegal, the receiving team may call for a replay before the return of serve. Server will have two attempts to correct the serve motion. If the third service attempt is called illegal, it will result in a fault.

24. What is the home team captain's responsibility other than filling out the scorecard and reporting the scores? The home team captain is responsible for contacting the captain at least four days prior to the match. The home team will provide the following information: • the number of courts available (minimum is two), • indoor or outdoor, • type and color of balls being used. (The visiting team may wear any colors regardless of the ball color.)

25. If my team wins the City Championship can we then advance further? City Champions will receive free entry (for all players listed on the roster during the regular season) to the National Team Pickleball Qualifying Tournament.

ALL DUPR ratings for Team players will be reset for the qualifying tournament AND additional members may be added to this team. Levels for the qualifying tournament are: 7.5 and 9.5. Additional information will be sent out to advancing Teams.

26. How can I find the official rules for pickleball? The official USA Pickleball Rulebook (2023 edition) can be found at: [The official USA Pickleball Rulebook \(2024 edition\) can be found at: USA Pickleball official Rulebook and Rules Summary.](#)

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