



ALTA Pickleball Quick Reference Guide

Getting Started

- **Levels:** Use the Skills Guide; team creator rates the team for the first season.
- **Minimum Age:** 18+ only. No senior league currently.
- **Official Rules:**
 - ALTA Pickleball Rules
 - USA Pickleball Rulebook (2026).

Teams & Rosters

- **Start a Team:**
 - Mixed / Coed: 10 players (5 men / 5 women)
 - Men's / Women's: 8 players
 - All players must have an ALTA pickleball membership.
- **Courts:** Minimum **2 ALTA-approved courts** for the season.
- **Joining Teams:** Use *Teams Looking for Players* on the ALTA website.
- **Roster Changes:**
 - Allowed during registration & correction periods
 - After schedules post, **up to 6 add-ons** allowed during the season.

League Formats

- **Mixed (Spring/Fall):**
 - 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles, 2 Mixed Doubles (12 points max)
- **Coed (Summer):**
 - 2 Men's Doubles, 2 Women's Doubles (12 points max)
- **Men's / Women's:**
 - 3 Doubles lines (9 points max)

Scoring & Matches

- **Games:** Best of 3 games to **15**, win by 2.
- **Ties:**
 - Regular season Mixed/Coed: no tiebreaker
 - Playoffs (6–6): one game to **11**, win by 2
- **Player Limits:** One line per player per match.

Serving & Calls

- **Score Call:** Server announces **3 numbers** (server – receiver – position) before serving.
- **Illegal Serve:**
 - Replay granted for clearly illegal motion
 - 3rd illegal motion = fault
- **Foot Faults / NVZ Violations:** Any player may call.
- **Lines:**
 - All lines “in” during play
 - **NVZ line is out on serve**

Equipment & Courts

- **Balls & Paddles:** Must be USA Pickleball approved.
- **Indoor vs Outdoor:** Use the correct ball type.
- **Courts:** Hard surface only (no clay), indoor or outdoor, lighted, with nearby restrooms.
- **Clothing:** Any color permitted.

Home Team Responsibilities

- Provides **balls** and pays **court fees**.
- Contacts visiting captain **≥4 days before the match** with:
 - Number of courts (minimum 2)
 - Indoor or outdoor
 - Ball type and color
 - Additional logistics – gate codes, parking, viewing restrictions, refreshments

Timing & Scheduling

- **Default Time:** 20 minutes after scheduled start (only late line defaults).
- **Rescheduling:**
 - Matches may be played **early by agreement**
 - Matches may **not be played late**, except weather make-ups per league rules.