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 / Co-Ed: 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)
- **Co-Ed (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:** Each line will play 3 games to 15, win by 2.
- **Ties:**
  - Regular season Mixed/Co-Ed: 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.