



ATLANTA TEAM PICKLEBALL

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. If I must default a point, where must I default?

If you know in advance of the match that you will be short of players, you must default from the bottom up. If you do not know in advance and your players don't show up, default on the position they were to play, but don't move players around on the scorecard.

2. What is the default time if someone is late for a match?

15 minutes after the scheduled time of the individual match if a court is available.

3. What do I do if my opponent wants to keep rescheduling the rainout match?

Once the rained-out match has been rescheduled, the day and time stand. The teams are expected to play that position at that time with any eligible player(s). If a team cannot play the position on the agreed rescheduled date, they default on that individual match. Both captains should contact the League Coordinator with the agreed-upon date and time to prevent problems.

4. Can we make up matches beyond the deadline day if both teams cannot play within the time allotted?

No. The only exception to this rule will be teams with State, Sectional or National Championship conflicts as authorized by the Local League Coordinator.

5. Do we have to wait an hour for the rain to stop?

Yes, even for makeup matches.

6. Can we call the match off without showing up?

Yes. If it is obviously raining, the match may be rescheduled via a phone call. Captains should keep in touch with each other concerning “iffy” weather. You must still allow for a one-hour delay of the official or agreed-upon start time before deciding.

7. If a point is defaulted to my opponent early, does a rainout allow me to play the point in a rescheduled match?

Yes. Defaults given prior to the written line-up exchange are considered a courtesy and are not binding.

8. What happens when the home team has no lights, and the match must be suspended for darkness?

Use inclement weather rules – no default points may be taken.

9. What happens when the lights go off in the middle of a match and can't be re-lit?

Wait 10 minutes for lights to come back on, or if you have no control of the light switch, you must use inclement weather rules.

10. What happens when courts are unavailable because another league hasn't completed their matches?

Players are to wait for the courts.

11. What happens if the League Coordinator discovers a makeup match has not been scheduled and/or played by the makeup deadline?

No extension is given, and no point is awarded to either team. It is recorded as a double default.

12. What if players are on the wrong court?

If it is discovered that a player(s) is on the wrong court in an individual match before the first game of all matches affected has been completed, players are to go to the correct courts and begin the matches over. If the discovery occurs after the first game is completed, the matches will be completed as started and count as matches played in good faith.

13. What should I do if I think a player is not the person on the line-up?

If you have a reasonable suspicion that a person is not who they claim to be, please have the team captain file a grievance with the league coordinator.

14. As the home team, are we required to provide refreshments?

Even though it is not a requirement, it is a courtesy for the “home” team to provide some sort of light refreshments, as many of these players will be traveling to team matches directly after work and may not have a chance to eat. If a visiting team decides to provide courts for the match (with at least 24 hours’ notice), then it is courtesy of the “visiting” team to provide refreshments.

15. What do I do if I have a question?

Consult the league’s Rules and Regulations. Contact the Atlanta Team Pickleball League Coordinator

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