

# <u>The Rundown</u>

What: From beginners to experienced league players, StillFire Pickleball welcomes all playing types and styles in a laid back, social atmosphere on Wednesday nights. All doubles play, team-based. It's a lot social, a little competitive, and co-ed!

When: Wednesday nights - league play runs 6-8 weeks

6:30 PM\* start time for Men's Doubles. Women's Doubles follows the Men's match. The night ends with Mixed Doubles.

Where: The league is facility-based with players having the option to choose the facility that works best for them. Teams choose a facility and play all matches at the chosen location.

How this league is unique: 3 lines of doubles: men's doubles, followed by women's doubles, followed by mixed doubles – 2 out of 3 sets to 15. 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 11! more beer & more fun with themed nights and social yet competitive atmosphere; end-ofseason party at the StillFire brewery with free pizza & beer for all (21 and over).

Teams: Consist of minimum 3 women and 3 men

Free Agents: We also offer the option to register solo as a "Free Agent" player!

We recommend that free agents register early in the registration process as we assign free agents to teams on a first-come, first serve basis.

Please note that there are seasons in which the number of free agent players outweighs the number of teams with open space available. If this is the case, "homeless" free agents are contacted at the conclusion of registration and a full refund is issued.

#### Location Options:

Bitsy Grant Tennis Center: 2125 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

Sandy Springs Tennis Center: 500 Abernathy Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30328

Fair Oaks Tennis Center: 1460 W Booth Rd Ext SW, Marietta, GA 30008

ITA Atlanta: 3110 Presidential Dr, Atlanta, GA 30340

Pickle and Social (Gwinnett): 2925 Buford Dr Suite 2100, Buford, GA 30519

#### Important Dates:

Registration Opens......January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Registration Closes......February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Play Begins......Week of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Play Ends......Week of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 End of Season Party......TBD

#### Cost:

\$65 Registration Fee/Person which includes:

- StillFire Shirt
- Court fees
- Balls provided for the season
- End-of-Season Party at StillFire Brewery (21 and up) \* with free pizza and beer
- Entry into giveaways throughout the season
- Swag for all players
- The opportunity to be a part of Atlanta's top social pickleball experience.

\*The End-of-Season Party has free food & StillFire (and/or root beer if under 21) for all league members. Players can enjoy patio games and a relaxed and social atmosphere.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## "I want to join a team with people I know. How do I join my team?"

- The key is to use the <u>e-mail link</u> your captain sends to you. If you don't see an email from \*Your Captain's Name\* MatchTime" in your inbox, your captain can resend the link to your email by logging into MatchTime and using the "Add/Edit and Invite Players" button.
- Go back to ustaatlanta.com/stillfirepickleball and select the "READ ME BEFORE REGISTERING" tab for more information on how to register correctly. Wanting to captain but still have questions?
  E-mail us at StillFireLeagues@ustaatlanta.com

### "I'm a free agent and have one or more friends who'd also like to play on the same team with me. How do we ensure that happens?"

 We assign free agents to teams in the order in which they register, which means signing up earlyon in the registration process is helpful! You and your friends should all register individually as free agents and <u>then</u> shoot us an email at <u>StillFireLeagues@ustaatlanta.com</u> with your first and last names so we can group you together in the system. We'll be in touch after registration closes about placing you on a team.

### "I almost have enough players to create a full team but not quite. What should I do?"

 Create a team and invite your players to join per the instructions found within the "Read Me Before Registering" tab at ustaatlanta.com/stillfirepickleball then email us at <u>StillFireLeagues@ustaatlanta.com</u> to let us know that you're looking to add free agents to your roster in order to meet the roster minimum. (This also applies to teams who have met the roster minimum but would like more players added to their team. We often have more than enough free agents to go around so don't hesitate to send a request for additional players.)

### "How do I know which level I should register for?"

If you're unsure about what your skill level is, e-mail us: StillFireLeagues@ustaatlanta.com and we'll talk it out. It's a real bummer for other teams when opposing teams are too strong or too weak for a division so let us help you figure out which division's right for you!

### "I'm a *free agent* and want to play every week on the team you place me on."

We coordinate the league, but your captain will be the one who makes weekly line-up decisions.
Like any team, you'll want to communicate with your captain about your season availability and expectations. Keep in mind that they've been nice enough to add a stranger to their roster so show them some #respect.

### "I love BEER. Why am I not receiving BEER every night in a tennis/BEER league?"

The facilities you play out of are public facilities so while we can't shower you with beer each week, we will have beer giveaways throughout the season <u>and</u> the End-of-Season party will involve LOTS of StillFire beer! (You don't want to miss the party...trust us.)



### "I love WINNING. I want to beat everyone and win the champion's prize. Is this the right league for me?"

- Listen, everyone enjoys winning things, but this isn't the U.S. Open and to be honest, no one will care whether you win or lose. This is a *social league* which means if you act a fool on the court and are overly competitive, the people across the net will think you're crazy and no one will want to be your friend.

Take a deep breath, chug a beer, and be nice to people. Having a good time is the name of the StillFire PB game. If you want to play in a competitive tennis league with a rulebook that's longer than your newsfeed, <u>USTA Atlanta has LOTS of awesome leagues</u> for you to choose from.

### "How many players are on a team?"

- The minimum is three women and three men but the max. number of players you can have on a roster is ENDLESS. Some teams have up to 20 players, some have 6. We *recommend* having more than six players as there may be some double-header situations that make it a little challenging for short-stacked teams.

#### "How much does this cost again?"

 \$65. You spend more on Lyft rides and drinks out on the weekends, don't lie. Calculate how much court fees and balls cost for 6 to 8 weeks of matches and you'll quickly discover that this is a small price to pay (+ a tshirt, giveaways, swag, the end-of-season party with dinner/beer provided, and an excuse to exercise and have a wicked good time with your friends on Wednesday nights)!