

CORPORATE PICKLEBALL LEAGUE RULES

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1. Game Format

The Corporate Pickleball League will be played in a team format, with teams composed of players from the same company or organization.

Each matchup between teams will consist of three matches: men's, women's, and mixed.

Each match counts as one point for the team. The team that wins at least two of the three matches will be declared the winner of the matchup.

2. Categories

The league will have two categories: Competitive and Recreational. Teams must register in the appropriate category before the tournament begins. Playoff matchups may involve crossover between categories, depending on registration and total numbers of team.

3. Game and Scoring System

Each match will be played under the official pickleball rules: doubles format, to 11 points with a 2-point advantage, best of 3 sets. In the event of a 1-1 tie, a third set will be played to 7 points.

4. Basic Pickleball Rules

Serves must be made underhand and diagonally. The double-bounce rule and the non-volley zone (kitchen) apply. Teams switch sides at the end of each set.

5. Common Faults

Faults include: the ball going out of bounds, failing to clear the net, volleying in the non-volley zone, the ball bouncing twice, or performing an incorrect serve.

6. Teams and Substitutions

Each team must register a minimum of 4 players (2 men and 2 women). Substitutes are allowed. No substitutions are permitted during a set, except in the case of injury.

7. Uniform and Equipment

Players must wear matching jerseys, appropriate footwear, and official pickleball paddles.

8. Conduct and Fair Play

Respect and sportsmanship are expected at all times. Any unsportsmanlike behavior may result in a penalty or disqualification.

9. Tiebreakers in Standings

In the event teams are tied with the same record, the following tie breakers will be used to determine the standings:

1. Head-to-head (H2H)
2. Matches Won/Loss Difference
3. Games Won

10. General Conditions

Matches will be played on official courts. Punctuality is mandatory. The organization may reschedule matches due to weather conditions.

11. Rescheduling Match Date and Venue

If a team wishes to reschedule a previously set match date (for valid reasons), this may be permitted only if:

1. The request is **approved by the League Commissioner**, and
2. The **captain of the opposing team consents** formally (in writing or via league-approved confirmation).

Once the change is approved, the requesting team must **provide the court (venue and suitable time)** for the new match date, ensuring the facility meets league standards (regulation surface, dimensions, lighting if required, etc.).

If the requesting team cannot secure a court that meets requirements, the match must be played on the original scheduled date, unless the league authority determines otherwise.

12. Ranking System and Classification (Internal)

The Corporate Pickleball League will use an **internal ranking system** to sort players and teams into *Recreational* or *Competitive* categories. This system is based solely on league match results, with self-rating or league performance used for initial placement.

- Players rated **2.0 – 3.5** are classified as **Recreational**.
- Players rated **above 3.5** (e.g. 3.6 and up) are classified as **Competitive**.

Ranking Criteria:

1. Win-loss record.
2. Percentage of sets won vs. sets lost.
3. Total point differential.