



# Pickleball Team League



**Pickleball Synergy (PbS) with support from Pickleball Charlotte is starting a completely new format of competitive but friendly Pickleball play in the Charlotte area !!!**

## League format

The League format is simple and flexible and combines the best from various formats (round-robins, ladder leagues, tournaments, etc.)

Basic module is a round-robin between 4 teams (3 matches for each team)

Each team is composed of 6 players – 3 women & 3 men

Partners within each team will be determined randomly by blind draw

They will form 3 doubles: 1 mixed, 1 women’s & 1 men’s double

Once assigned, partners play together all day (6 to 9 games)

Individual matches will be played as close to a tournament style and official USAPA rules

2 out of 3 games to 11 win by 2

Expected level of players: Intermediate/advanced players: 3.5+

Some restrictions may apply (like only one 4.5/5.0 player per team ...).

### **No long term commitment for players needed**

Everything is done in a day (more exactly-under 3 hrs.).

Next time is a new round-robin and any player could be easily substituted/replaced (in consultation with Team’s Captain, of course).

### **Are you a Captain material?**

If you think you will be able to assemble and lead the team, sign up/let us know.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e45a5aa23a2fd0-pbsteams>

We will provide you all necessary information and do our best to connect you with some “free agent” players.

If not enough Captains enlists we keep right to compose “house teams” at our discretion.

<p>Questions? Contact info:  <a href="mailto:pickleball.synergy@gmail.com">pickleball.synergy@gmail.com</a></p> <p>*Some restrictions may apply</p>	 <b>Better Together 1+1 = 3</b>
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By participating you acknowledge that you are playing on your own risk.

**These are some FAQ that you may found helpful:**

<p>1.</p>	<p><b>Where is “Pickleball Charlotte”?</b></p> <p>Pickleball Charlotte (aka. Sport Connection) is at 10930 Granite Street, Charlotte, NC For more information visit: <a href="http://www.sportsconnectionnc.com/details.php?Pickleball-65">http://www.sportsconnectionnc.com/details.php?Pickleball-65</a></p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>What does “sign as an individual player - free agent” mean?</b></p> <p>If you want to play but don’t have a team - sign as an individual player and we will do our best to connect you with an available Captain in need of players.</p> <p>By signing as a “free agent” you are just showing your interest to play. If interested Captain contacts you, you have opportunity/right to decline offer if you are not available (or not interested in playing with that team).</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>I don’t have a team but would like to play with my 2 friends?</b></p> <p>See <u>What does “sign as a couple /group” mean?</u></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>What does “sign as a couple /group” mean?</b></p> <p>If you want to play on the same team with your spouse, favorite partner/s or friends you can sign up as a Couple /group If Captain wants you on his/her team, he/she must take all/both of you.</p> <p>But you can sign as a “free agent”, too</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>What does “If you are already part of a Team you don't need to sign up individually” mean?</b></p> <p>Your Captain will assign you.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>What does “Partners within team will be determined randomly by blind draw” mean?</b></p> <p>That means that your partner (within same team) will be assigned to you just before your first match / game. Then you will find out do you play mixed double (WM) or same sex/gender double (WW or MM) and who your partner will be. Once assigned, you will play together all matches (6 to 9 games).</p> <p>Next time is a new drawing.</p>

7.	<p><b>What does “a near-tournament experience” mean?</b></p> <p>Individual matches will be played as close to a tournament style and official USAPA rules (unless otherwise noted):  2 out of 3 games to 11 win by 2, change sides (3<sup>rd</sup> game at 6), one time-out per side/game, use of scoresheets, bracelets for starting servers, etc.  Tournament novices will especially benefit and others will renew their knowledge. Eventually, we will try to offer some officiated games.</p>
8.	<p><b>I am not a member of Pickleball Charlotte. Can I play?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p> <p><u>First 2 times</u> you will pay member’s price of \$7.  <u>After that</u> you must decide to:</p> <p>a) become a member and continue to pay member’s price of \$7 (and use other member’s benefits like open play, round-robins, clinics...)  Or  b) play as a guest and pay \$10 every time you play</p>
9.	<p><b>Do I need to pay in advance? Usually I need to pay for 6-8 weeks.</b></p> <p>No. You pay <u>only</u> when you play.</p>
10.	<p><b>Why would I pay seven dollars when I can play for much less somewhere else?</b></p> <p>We believe you will get value for your money through quality of the play.</p> <p>Of those \$7:  \$5 is a regular open play fee  \$1 is for local charity – Levine children hospital  \$1 is for PbS – for expenses (prizes, printing, copying, etc.)</p>
11.	<p><b>I would like to form a team and to be a Captain but I cannot find enough players?</b></p> <p>If you don’t have a full team, you can sign up as a “Captain/Team” and we will do our best to connect you with available players in need of a team.</p>
12.	<p><b>As a Captain what will my duties be?</b></p> <p>Once you assemble your team, you will be liaison between League coordinator and a team. Contact us and we will provide you with all necessary information.  We will organize a meeting for Captains before the first match.</p>

13.	<p><b>I cannot find 3<sup>rd</sup> woman player. Can there be a team of 4 men &amp; 2 women?</b></p> <p>No. Mixed double always play against mixed double, men's vs. men's and women's vs. women's. We recommend that you have a bigger roster for your team. Or to use free agents if needed.</p>
14.	<p><b>I am a Captain. What if I cannot be there?</b></p> <p>We recommend to have one or more Co-captains (or assistants) in a case that Captain is not available.</p>
15.	<p><b>Do I need to play to be a Captain?</b></p> <p>No. You can be a Captain and not to play with your team. For example if you are injured or you think you can contribute more as a Captain than as a player.</p>
16.	<p><b>What skill level do I have to be to participate in PbS Team League?</b></p> <p>Expected and preferred level is 3.5 and up. But don't let that stop you from trying. 😊</p>
17.	<p><b>Why do you allow only one 4.5/5.0 player?</b></p> <p>We want to balance/equalize quality of teams and avoid formation of a "super team". That is why <u>we put limit on a maximum combined skill level of players on the courts at 24.</u> That is equivalent of six 4.0 players. If you have one 4.5 player, you must have at least one 3.5 player or two 3.5 players if you have one 5.0 player.</p>
18.	<p><b>How are you going to know that there are not more than one 4.5/5.0 player on the team?</b></p> <p>You will inform your Captain about your skill level. Captain will be responsible for truthfulness of data. If we find out that you have made a formal statement earlier with your skill level higher than one that you provided to us - you (and your team and Captain) will deal with the consequences (up to removal from the League).</p>

\*League organizer reserves the right to reverse decisions that are not considered beneficial for the League