



# EAST NAPLES PICKLEBALL INTER-CLUB LEAGUE

## Rules/Regulations/Procedures (2026)

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

**Captain:** Each team will have a Team Captain who is responsible for dues collection, team selection, rosters and home-game organization.

**Club Teams:** A team is comprised of individual pickle ball players who live in your community; players may be owners or renters in good standing with your community/HOA. We will be limited to 10 teams per division and one team per community per division.

**Community:** Refers to individual residential communities within the East Naples geographical area. Each community must have a minimum of four (4) pickle ball courts to participate in the League.

**Divisions/Ratings:** The League is divided into two (2) skills levels or Divisions:

- Division One defined as 3.5 – 4.0 Player Ratings (Designated "1" on Roster DIV Column)
- Division Two defined as 3.0 – 3.49 Player Ratings (Designated "1/2" on Roster DIV Column)
- Players with a rating above 4.0 are not eligible to participate.
- All new players must be rated by League's Professional Rater at a charge to be determined.
- The League will coordinate ratings sessions and post them to SignUp Genius... Teams will be responsible for getting their players/potential players to sign up via eMail link or Website.
- The League Professional Rater will verify players' identities and ages by viewing their driver's licenses and will check mark appropriately on the League Player Rating Form.
- The Rater will deliver the ratings to the League; we will post ratings on the website and assign players to rosters.
- Current players will have their ratings adjusted annually using the League Rating Adjustment Process. They had to have played in at least three matches to be eligible for adjustment.
- No player can be placed on a roster or play in the league without being rated. No Exceptions!
- Players placed in Division One can only play in that division for the season. However, players from Division Two may play UP to Division One; Division One players (3.5-4.0 ratings) may not play in Division Two.
- Player Rating Adjustment Request Form: Some players may have ratings which restricts them to Division One while their actual skill level precludes them from playing in Division One. This form and process enables captains to request specific downward player ratings based on facts. Assigned members of the Coordinating Committee will approve or disapprove each case. (See Page 7 for example)
- Official Rosters are posted on the League Website-  
[Rosters & Player Ratings | East Naples PBIL \(en-interclub.wixsite.com\)](https://en-interclub.wixsite.com/en-interclub)

**Games:** All games are to be played to 11 Points, no add. A coin toss will determine which team serves first in Game 1; the team that loses the coin toss will pick the court they want to defend. For Game 2, the teams switch sides and the team that lost the coin toss serves first. For Game 3, teams switch sides/serve and switch sides again at the first score of 6. The one coin toss applies to all four matches.



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**League:** The term “League” refers to the East Naples Pickleball Inter-Club League. The League is comprised of players from the individual member communities.

**League Web Coordinator:** Maintains League Website, receives & tracks all team rosters, confirms weekly player submissions, tracks match results and provides reports on League’s web site, <https://en-interclub.wixsite.com/eastnaplesinterclub>

**Player:** A player is any person who is a member of your community in good standing either as renter or owner. No player under the age of 40 is permitted to play in this League. Additionally, no more than one player between the ages of 40 and 50 may play per team per game and no more than one player falling within this age group can be on the court at any given time.

### LEAGUE SEASON & PROCEDURES:

The League Season will begin the second week of January...depending upon how many clubs are participating, will consist of a 10-week schedule. The schedule may contain bye week(s) to maintain a balanced number of games and home/away games.

**Team Rosters:** At the beginning of the League Season, the League will post a Master Roster showing all rated players by team and division designation on the website. In the event of a player being added after the start of season, it is the Club Captain’s responsibility to get the player rated and inform the League Web Administrator of the change prior to any given match in which the added player will be participating. Failure to do so will render that player ineligible for that day’s match.

**Individual Game Rosters:** Each Club captain must furnish a Game Roster/Line-up for that week’s match two days in advance to the League Web Coordinator. Game Rosters will be submitted via the “Weekly Player Submission Form” on the website. This submission form must include a minimum of 4 men and 4 women with an additional 1-2 men and 1-2 women as alternates in case of no-shows or injuries. The Web Administrator will send the verified Scoresheet with player names & positions to the captains the day before the match.

**Game Day Substitutions:** If a Player cannot play, then that player is replaced by an Alternate on the Scoresheet. You may replace the open alternate slot with another Roster Player prior to the beginning of the match as long as you review it with the other captain before the match. You cannot move someone directly into a playing slot. Alternate replaces named player being removed; new Alternate can be selected. Once the match begins, no player not on the scoresheet may play, i.e., you cannot “pull a player from the stands”- even if said player is on the master roster. All substitutions must be gender like.

**Times/Days:** League play is Thursday with games beginning between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 PM for Division One; Division Two will play Wednesday with games beginning between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 PM. Should there be a conflict for a particular Club, the teams will agree on another day and time to be considered by the League on a case-by-case basis. The new day and time must occur before the following week’s scheduled matches. Schedules will be posted on the Website.

**Rain Dates:** If a match is cancelled due to inclement weather, the hosting team will offer dates for the make-up games based on their court availability. Both Captains will coordinate a mutually agreeable time for the matches, which must occur prior to the following week’s scheduled matches.



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**Match scoring:** Weekly match will consist of four individual matches: 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 2 Mixed Doubles (Female Player will serve 1<sup>st</sup> in MD). Each team is made up of 4 players 2 from Home Club and 2 from Visiting Club. Each team will play a full match consisting of 3 games to 11 with no add (first team who reaches 11 wins).

For each of the four matches, the team that wins two out of three games gets 1 point for that match. Example, Team A Men's Doubles wins 2 games, they get a point for that match; Team B Women's Doubles wins 2 games, they get a point for that match... and so on.

At the end of each weekly match there will be a winner. In the event of a tie on any match day, the winner will be determined as follows:

- Example: 2 wins 2 losses per Team...the 1<sup>st</sup> Tiebreaker to determine the winner for the day will be total games won for the day;
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tiebreaker for the day would be Total Points,
- If total points are tied for the day, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiebreaker will be used. The captains will select two players from their teams to pair off for one game to 11 with no add to determine that day's winner. The players for this tiebreaker may include any player on the Scoresheet for that day-including Alternates. The results of this tie-breaking game will not be included in the end of year totals.
- If a Tiebreaker is used, then the team that wins the Tiebreaker gets an additional point. Example, the match is tied at 2-2; Team A wins on one of the Tiebreakers. The final score is Team A 3, Team B 2.
- See Sample filled-in Scoresheets on Page 6 for examples of the above scoring rules.

**League Play:** Each Club will have an even number of home and away matches. The home team supplies water and pickle balls for all players during home games.

**Referees:** Referees will not be assigned. Players on-court will be responsible for adjudicating all calls WITHOUT advice from non-players and captains. See Page 9 for details.

**Official Balls:** Pickle balls provided by the Home Club may differ as some communities are required to use "quiet" balls. These are permissible at that Club's home facility.


### Play Format Rules:

- Match time must occur within 15 minutes of the scheduled match time, or the late team forfeits that game. Any late person(s) who arrive after the 15-minute forfeit of game rule may play in the remaining games from the beginning. In other words, if a player is late and misses the start of Game 1, he/she can still play in Game 2 and 3, providing they are at the hosting courts in time for the start of those games and if he/she is listed on the Scoresheet (Game Roster).
- Each team has the right to call two (2) time outs per game for a maximum of one (1) minute per time out. Once a time out is called, all paddles are placed on the ground until the time out is over and play resumes.
- There is a 2-minute break in between games per USAPA rules.
- Also Refer to ENPBIL "Match Operations Plan" for 2024-5 for specific details on game procedures...Incorporated here by reference.



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## 2025 Teams and Start Times

East Naples Pickleball InterClub League: Home Court Times				 East Naples Pickleball InterClub ★ League
Team		D1- Thursday	D2- Wednesday	
Forest Glen		6:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Hacienda Lakes		6:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Naples Heritage		6:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Naples Reserve		3:00 PM	3:00 PM	
Pelican Lake		1:00 PM	1:00 PM	
Verona Walk		4:30 PM	3:00 PM	
2025 Schedule: 10 Games, 5 Home, 5 Away- 2 Games Against Each Team; No Byes				

**Tracking Results:** Score sheets will be distributed to each Club Captain via eMail the day before the match. Please check results and have BOTH captains sign after matches are completed.

The winning Captain will report the score via call, text or eMail League Web Coordinator, Dave Paruti with the score within 1-hour of the completion of the match.

A copy (scan or readable photo) of the scoresheet will be sent League Web Coordinator or designee following the match for use in League Rating Adjustment Process the League Rating Adjustment Process. Standings and Scores will be posted on the website.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Other Conduct Issues:** Anyone can file a complaint in writing about any player to Judi Antonelli....She will investigate the complaint and then give it to the Organizational Committee for execution. If the Organizational Committee agrees, a written warning to the player will be provided to the Player and Captain. The player will have 5 days to file an appeal or accept the warning. For a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, the penalty will be: 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense- 2 game suspension, 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense- Permanent Suspension.

This process will not apply to Rules Interpretations or Game Protests.

**Determination of League Champion:** At the end of the season, the club having the most weekly wins in each Division will be designated as a Division Champion of the East Naples Pickleball Inter Club League. (Refer to Page 8 for more information)

- If there are 2 Teams tied at end of year in a Division, then one full playoff match will be held between the teams for all 4 brackets – scoring will be the same as weekly matches including tie breaking procedures. Home Team will be determined by W/L between the Teams or Coin Toss.
- If there are 3 or more Teams are tied at end of year in a Division, then a one day double elimination tournament using the 3rd Tiebreaker Rule to determine the Champion among 3 Teams. (See Page 8 for details)

**Championship Trophy:** Annually, the East Naples Pickle ball Inter-Club Overall winner for each division will receive a trophy engraved with their Club's name and the year they won. This trophy is to be held by the winning Club's community and displayed for the entire year. Each subsequent year the winning club will have its name added to the trophy.

**End of the Season Award Party:** This party will occur in late March/early April.



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## COSTS:

The current fee to be a member of the East Naples Pickle ball Inter-Club league will be \$50.00 per Community per team, paid in cash. This money will be used to cover the cost of the trophies and expenses of administrator/coordinators., i.e., paper, ink, etc.

Note: All league monies will be spent at the end of year party leaving dues fund at zero. This is necessary to avoid any taxing or legal requirements.

## ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Policies, disputes, grievances, incidents, or decisions for the league will be made solely by the Organizational Committee.

### East Naples Pickleball Inter-Club League Organizational Committee

Ron Prassas, League Coordinator, Forest Glen

Joe Contaldi, Verona Walk

Lisa Smith, Pelican Lake

Dave Paruti, Naples Heritage  
League Web Administrator

Jane Kelly, Naples Heritage  
League Web Administrator

[EN-Interclub@comcast.net](mailto:EN-Interclub@comcast.net)

**All official documents for the League are posted on the Website... These include Announcements, Rules, Rosters, Directories, Scoresheets, Schedules & Standings.**

<https://en-interclub.wixsite.com/eastnaplesinterclub>

League Directory is provided separately and not posted on the website due to privacy considerations.



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## Sample Completed Scoresheets- With & Without Tiebreaker

East Naples Pickleball Inter-Club League										
Weekly Score Sheet - <i>Normal- Not Tied Example</i>										
	Home Team:	Naples Stars		Visiting Team:	Hollywood		Winning Team:	Naples Stars		
	Division:	1		Week:	1		Date:	18-Jan		
	Time:		11:00		Tiebreaker		N/A			
Scoring: Enter # of Points Per Game for Each Team Under Score & 1 for Win/ 0 for Loss Under Game & Winner										
Match Games	Home Team Players			Visiting Team Players			Home Score	Visitor Score	Home Game	Visitor Game
	Player 1	Player 2		Player 1	Player 2					
Men's G #1	Dave Paruti	& Bob Burton		Fred Flinstone	& Barney Rubble		11	3	1	0
Men's G #2							10	11	0	1
Men's G #3							11	7	1	0
Women's G #1	Judi Antonelli	& Cheryl Lidie		Phyllis Diller	& Judy Garland		6	11	0	1
Women's G #2							11	0	1	0
Women's G #3							11	10	1	0
Mixed Doubles G #1	Mary Katis	& Victor Katis		Rob Petrie	& Laura Petrie		10	11	0	1
Mixed Doubles G #2							11	6	1	0
Mixed Doubles G #3							10	11	0	1
Mixed Doubles G #1	Jeff Millar	& Sharon Grider		Don Rickles	& Gilda Radner		6	11	0	1
Mixed Doubles G #2							11	3	1	0
Mixed Doubles G #3							11	10	1	0
<i>Totals</i>										
Alternate Players	Bob Hall	& Jackie Leven		Mickey Mouse	& Minnie Mouse		119	94	7	5
Captain Signatures _____										

Weekly match will consist of four individual matches: 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 2 Mixed Doubles.

Each team will play a full match consisting of 3 games to 11 with no add (first team who reaches 11 wins). At the end of each weekly match there will be a winner.

In the event of a tie, the winner is determined as follows: 1st Tiebreaker is Total Games; 2nd Tiebreaker is Total Points

If total points are tied , then the captains will select two players from their teams to pair off for another game to 11 with no add to determine that day's winner.

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Weekly Score Sheet- <i>Tied Using Tiebreaker</i>										
	Home Team:	Naples Stars		Visiting Team:	Hollywood		Winning Team:	Naples Stars		
	Division:	1		Week:	1		Date:	18-Jan		
	Time:		11:00		Tiebreaker		4/0			
Scoring: Enter # of Points Per Game for Each Team Under Score & 1 for Win/ 0 for Loss Under Game & Winner										
Match Games	Home Team Players			Visiting Team Players			Home Score	Visitor Score	Home Game	Visitor Game
	Player 1	Player 2		Player 1	Player 2					
Men's G #1	Dave Paruti	& Bob Burton		Fred Flinstone	& Barney Rubble		11	3	1	0
Men's G #2							10	11	0	1
Men's G #3							11	7	1	0
Women's G #1	Judi Antonelli	& Cheryl Lidie		Phyllis Diller	& Judy Garland		6	11	0	1
Women's G #2							11	8	1	0
Women's G #3							5	11	0	1
Mixed Doubles G #1	Mary Katis	& Victor Katis		Rob Petrie	& Laura Petrie		10	11	0	1
Mixed Doubles G #2							11	6	1	0
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Mixed Doubles G #1	Jeff Millar	& Sharon Grider		Don Rickles	& Gilda Radner		6	11	0	1
Mixed Doubles G #2							11	3	1	0
Mixed Doubles G #3							11	10	1	0
<i>Totals</i>										
Alternate Players	Bob Hall	& Jackie Leven		Mickey Mouse	& Minnie Mouse		113	103	6	6
Captain Signatures _____ Tiebreaker ↑										


Weekly match will consist of four individual matches: 1 Men's Doubles, 1 Women's Doubles and 2 Mixed Doubles.





# EAST NAPLES PICKLEBALL INTER-CLUB LEAGUE

## Player Rating Adjustment Request Form & Process (See Page 1 for details)

 <b>East Naples Pickleball InterClub League Player Rating Adjustment Request Form</b> Process: Some Players May Have Ratings Which Restricts Them to D1 While Their Actual Skill Level May Preclude Them From Playing in D1. This Process Enables Captains To Request Downward Adjustment in Specific Player Ratings based on Facts. Members of the Coordinating Committee Will Approve or Disapprove.				
<b>TEAM:</b>		<b>CAPTAIN:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Player:</b>	<b>Rating Yr:</b>	<b>Rating:</b>	<b>Requested Rating:</b>	
<b>Reason(s) for Request &amp; Substantiation:</b>				
Approve: ___ Disapprove: ___ By: _____				
<b>Player:</b>	<b>Rating Yr:</b>	<b>Rating:</b>	<b>Requested Rating:</b>	
<b>Reason(s) for Request &amp; Substantiation:</b>				
Approve: ___ Disapprove: ___ By: _____				
<b>Player:</b>	<b>Rating Yr:</b>	<b>Rating:</b>	<b>Requested Rating:</b>	
<b>Reason(s) for Request &amp; Substantiation:</b>				
Approve: ___ Disapprove: ___ By: _____				
<b>Player:</b>	<b>Rating Yr:</b>	<b>Rating:</b>	<b>Requested Rating:</b>	
<b>Reason(s) for Request &amp; Substantiation:</b>				
Approve: ___ Disapprove: ___ By: _____				

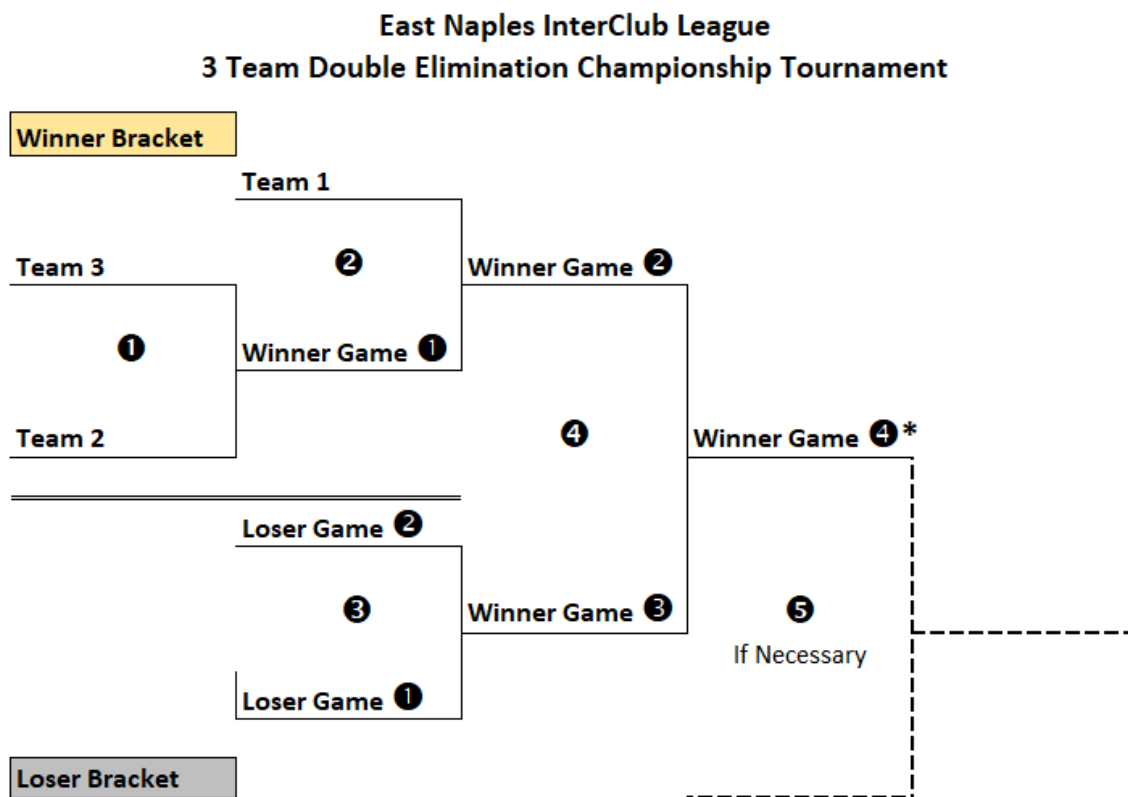


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## End of Season Tiebreaking Process for Division Champion

Determination of League Division Champion: At the end of the season, the club having the most weekly wins will be designated as Division Champion of the East Naples Pickleball Inter Club League.

- If we have 2 Teams tied at end of year, then a playoff match will be held– Procedures & Scoring will be the same as weekly matches including tie breaking procedures.
- If we have 3 Teams tied at end of year, then a one day double elimination tournament using the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiebreaker Rule to determine the Division Champion among 3 teams.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiebreaker Rule Used for Double Elimination Tournament: 1 game to 11 using any combination of two players in One Game to 11 .
  - Captains select any two players from their Roster for each Game.
  - You may use different players in each game.
  - See attached Bracket below... this can be done in as few as 4 games or as many as 5 all in one day.



\* If Winner of Game 4 is from Winner Bracket, Then They are Champions

If Winner of Game 4 is from Loser Bracket, They play Team w/ 1 loss for Championship in Game 5





## EAST NAPLES PICKLEBALL INTER-CLUB LEAGUE

### Referees and How to Adjudicate Issues

- **From Page 3- Referees. There will be no referees in 2025. All calls and disputes will be adjudicated by players on the court with no off-court assistance.**
- From USAPA Rules 4.2: "If a player thinks a wrong score has been called, a player may stop play to ask for a correction before the ball is served.

If it has been served, the rally is to be played out and the score correction (if any) is made before the next serve occurs."

- Can a Captain come onto the court to assist with resolving a dispute? **No- The Captain may not come onto the court or assist from the sidelines either.**

Players are the only ones who can resolve a dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved by the players ... the play stands as called (USAPA- Appeals- 13.f.1).