

pick@nite

League Format

The pick@nite league uses a 7-week, doubles multi-match weekly format.

- Teams of 4 players will play a men's doubles, a women's doubles, and a mixed doubles matches each week. Coed teams may mix up partners as often as they like throughout the season, but not during matches.
- Teams will receive 1 point per winning match, and an extra point for winning best 2 out of 3. The top four teams will advance to a one-week, single elimination playoff at the end of the regular season. All matches will be played at the ROC on Tuesday evenings.
- There are two sessions played per season. The first session will be 2 weeks long to determine the seeding/league competition, and the second session lasting 5 weeks to accommodate more evenly matched play. (Given there is enough participation to divide into separate leagues)

If your team must forfeit a game or match, you must report as soon as possible to Vince Lederman (vlederman@fbcjonesboro.com) and if there are multiple occasions your team may be dropped from further league play.

Official Pickleball Rules

Pickleball rules and conditions will follow the USAPA Official Rule Book with the following variations:

- Matches will be played best 2 of 3 games to 11 points
- Matches will have a time cap of 35 minutes
- If a match has not ended after 35 minutes, whichever team is leading in points during the game will receive the win for that game. If this causes teams to be tied with games won, then both teams will receive one point for the match, and it will be listed as a tie.
- Matches are self-officiated, and disputes should be settled by league director.
- Players will be responsible for providing their own paddles. Balls will be provided.

Code of Conduct

It is the responsibility of the team manager to enforce and abide by the following Code of Conduct.

- Team managers shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans associated with their team, before, during and after their game. Depending on the severity, frequency and circumstances related to an infraction, a sequence of progressive disciplinary action may be used at the discretion of First Baptist Jonesboro staff.
- It should be noted that any step(s) in the discipline process might be passed or eliminated in applying disciplinary action. The progressive discipline process may

progress as follows: 1) warning to team manager or player, 2) team member or fan removed, 3) player or team suspended from the league.

- Rules of the game and any misconduct violations relating to the field of play shall be enforced by the on-site staff.
- Any player committing a Major Infraction listed below will immediately be ejected from the game and will not be allowed to play or attend games for (1) calendar week and will be required to leave the field of play. An email will be sent to the manager of the team, notifying them of the suspension and the date the suspended player may return to league. Progressive disciplinary action may be taken with repeat offenders.

Major Infractions

- Physical Contact with Official, Player, Staff, or Fan: no player shall at any time lay a hand on, push, strike, or threaten to strike an official, staff, fan, or other player. Players making physical contact with another person in an aggressive manner will be suspended from all league play. (Major infraction involving physical contact usually result in year-long suspensions.)
- Verbal Abuse/Objectionable Demonstrations: no players shall verbally abuse or threaten any staff, official, fan, or other player for any reason. Players shall not make objectionable demonstrations by throwing paddles, gloves, or other equipment in a forceful manner or use any obscene gestures towards another person.
- Unnecessary Rough Play: no player shall use unnecessarily rough tactics or overly physical play during the game against any other player.

League Standings/ Playoffs/ Awards

League standings will be updated weekly on League Lineup. The top four teams in each division will advance to the playoffs the week after the regular season.

Playoffs will be a single elimination bracket, completed in one day. The teams playing each other in the playoffs will play one men's match, one women's match, and one coed match. The team that wins two out those three matches will advance to the next round.

There will only be prizes for the championship team(s)

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please e-mail vlederman@fbcjonbesboro.com