

## PICKLEBALL PLAYOFF PROCEDURES and GENERAL INFORMATION 12/19/23

### Who Goes to Playoff Rounds and Playoff Format:

**Flights with one (1) Division:** The top four teams compete. The first place team plays the fourth place team and the second and third place teams play. The winners of these two matches play for the Championship.

**Flights with two (2) Divisions:** The top two teams in each division compete (4 teams). The Division 1 winner plays the Division 2 runner-up; the Division 2 winner plays the Division 1 runner-up. The winners of these two matches play for the Championship.

**Flights with three (3) Divisions:** The top two teams in each division automatically make the playoffs (6 teams); the two third place teams with the best win/loss percentage also go to the playoffs to give a total of 8 teams. Pairings are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round:                      Pair 1 - Division 1 winner vs. Division 3 runner-up  
                                      Pair 2 - Division 2 winner vs. Third place team with best record  
                                      Pair 3 - Division 3 winner vs. Third place team with second best record  
                                      Pair 4 - Division 2 runner-up vs. Division 1 runner-up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round:                      Pair 1 and Pair 2 winners play each other  
                                      Pair 3 and Pair 4 winners play each other
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Round:                      Winners compete in finals

**Flights with four (4) Divisions:** The top two teams in each division compete (8 teams)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round:                      Pair 1 - Division 1 winner vs. Division 3 runner-up  
                                      Pair 2 - Division 2 winner vs. Division 4 runner-up  
                                      Pair 3 - Division 3 winner vs. Division 1 runner-up  
                                      Pair 4 - Division 4 winner vs. Division 2 runner-up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Rounds:              Same as flight with 3 Divisions above

**Flights with five (5) Divisions:** The top two teams in each division compete (10 teams)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round:    Pair 1 - Division 4 runner-up vs. Division 3 runner-up                      3<sup>rd</sup> Round:    Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 5 winner  
                  Pair 2 - Division 2 runner-up vs. Division 1 runner-up                      Pair 4 winner vs. Pair 6 winner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round:    Pair 3 - Pair 1 winner vs. Division 2 winner                      4<sup>th</sup> Round:    Winners compete in finals  
                  Pair 4 - Pair 2 winner vs. Division 3 winner  
                  Pair 5 - Division 1 winner vs. Division 5 winner  
                  Pair 6 - Division 4 winner vs. Division 5 runner-up

### **Flights with six (6) Divisions:**

#### **Section A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round: Pair 1 - Div. 1 winner vs. Div. 3 runner-up  
                 Pair 2 - Div. 2 winner vs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
                 Pair 3 - Div. 3 winner vs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
                 Pair 4 - Div. 2 runner-up vs. Div. 1 runner-up

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner  
                 Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: Second round winners play

4<sup>th</sup> Round: Section A winner vs. Section B winner

#### **Section B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round: Pair 1 - Div. 4 winner vs. Div. 6 runner-up  
                 Pair 2 - Div. 5 winner vs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
                 Pair 3 - Div. 6 winner vs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
                 Pair 4 - Div. 5 runner-up vs. Div. 4 runner-up

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner  
                 Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: Second round winners play

4<sup>th</sup> Round: Section A winner vs. Section B winner

### **Flights with seven (7) Divisions:**

#### **Section A**

1<sup>st</sup> Round: Pair 1 - Div. 1 winner vs. Div. 3 runner-up  
Pair 2 - Div. 2 winner vs. Div. 4 runner-up  
Pair 3 - Div. 3 winner vs. Div. 1 runner-up  
Pair 4 - Div. 4 winner vs. Div. 2 runner-up

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner  
Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: Second round winners play

4<sup>th</sup> Round: Section A winner vs. Section B winner

### **Flights with eight (8) Divisions:**

#### **Divisions 1,2,3 & 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Round: Pair 1 - Div. 1 winner vs. Div. 3 runner-up  
Pair 2 - Div. 2 winner vs. Div. 4 runner-up  
Pair 3 - Div. 3 winner vs. Div. 1 runner-up  
Pair 4 - Div. 4 winner vs. Div. 2 runner-up

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner  
Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: Second round winners play

4<sup>th</sup> Round: Div. 1-4 winner vs. Div. 5-8 winner

### **For all Playoff Rounds:**

The Division Winner will have home court advantage over a second place team; a second place team will have home court advantage over a third place team. In the event two division winners are playing, the team with the best regular season record is the home team. The same procedure holds for two second place teams, or two third place teams playing - the team with the best regular season record will have home court advantage.

### **Ties:**

Ties will be broken in the following manner in determining which team(s) make the playoffs:

- A. In the event of a two-way tie, the team winning the regular season dual meet is the winner and goes to the playoffs.
- B. In the event of a multiple tie, ALTA will determine playoff teams as follows:
  1. Head to head competition will be considered first. If one team has beaten the others during the regular season it will be declared the winner and go to the playoffs.
  2. If the tied teams have split regular season meets, ALTA will determine, for each team, the percentage of points won to points played for the regular season. These percentages taken to three decimal places will be used to determine position. The higher percentage will determine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, etc. to break the tie.
  3. In the unlikely event that there is still a tie, the system will randomly decide positions. Each successive tiebreak will be used only if the preceding one(s) fail to break the tie.

**Note:** The preceding tiebreak procedure will also be used to break any ties encountered during the playoffs.

### **Other Playoff Information:**

For all playoff rounds, the flight level coordinator must approve line-ups before the match is played. City Finals must be played in normal rotation, positions 1-4. For Flights of 3, 6 or 7 Divisions, Third place teams should NOT play teams from their own division in the first round. If this situation occurs, positioning of the third place teams will be exchanged. For Flights of 6 or 7 Divisions, A third place team from one half of the draw may qualify to be included in the other half of the draw.

#### **Section B**

1<sup>st</sup> Round: Pair 1 - Div. 5 winner vs. Div. 7 runner-up  
Pair 2 - Div. 6 winner vs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
Pair 3 - Div. 7 winner vs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
Pair 4 - Div. 6 runner-up vs. Div. 5 runner-up

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winners play each other  
Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winners play each other

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: Second round winners play

4<sup>th</sup> Round: Section A winner vs. Section B winner

#### **Divisions 5,6,7 & 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Round: Pair 1 - Div. 5 winner vs. Div. 7 runner-up  
Pair 2 - Div. 6 winner vs. Div. 8 runner-up  
Pair 3 - Div. 7 winner vs. Div. 5 runner-up  
Pair 4 - Div. 8 winner vs. Div. 6 runner-up

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner  
Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Round: Second round winners play

4<sup>th</sup> Round: Div. 1-4 winner vs. Div. 5-8 winner