# Florida Pickleball Leagues, Inc.

## **Rescheduling Policy**

### **POLICY**

Captains have 2 weeks after match schedules are published to work with Captains of opposing teams to reschedule matches if needed. In order to identify problematic dates in the published schedule, Captains are encouraged to:

- 1. Ascertain which players are on more than one FLPI team and those players' priorities;
- 2. Ask players what tournaments, if any, they expect to play during the FPLI season;
- 3. Ask players about potential vacation plans/out-of-town dates during the FPLI season;
- 4. Know how to use the Player Availability Tool in Pickleballscores to easily poll players for availability. Note: this tool can be used repeatedly to get updates.

In order to reduce the need for rescheduling matches, Captains are encouraged to have sufficiently robust rosters to ensure that six players plus a substitute player can be available for each match. Captains are expected to work with each other in good faith and to make all reasonable efforts to accommodate rescheduling requests within this 2-week period. Captains may agree to swap home and away matches if their courts are available during that time.

#### **Public Court Schedule Changes**

- 1. As to matches scheduled on public courts, the Captain of a team who seeks to reschedule a match ("Asking Captain") should identify two alternate dates that work for their team. The Venue/League Coordinator should be notified and confirm dates are available. The Asking Captain should contact the Captain of the opposing team ("Considering Captain") as soon as possible to request a schedule change and propose the two alternate dates. If neither of the proposed dates works for the Considering Captain's team, the Asking Captain should go back to the Venue/League Coordinator.
- 2. The Venue/League Coordinator will update all court times in Pickleball scores

#### Rescheduling After the 2 Week Period Due to Player Unavailability

- 1. Except for rescheduling necessitated by inclement weather as discussed below, the schedule is presumed to be final 2 weeks after initial publication and further rescheduling is strongly discouraged.
- 2. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a team is unable to field a match with six players, the Asking Captain may contact the Considering Captain to see if rescheduling the match is feasible under the following restrictions:

- a. The Captains must reach agreement on a new match day and time and the Asking Captain must propose the new day and time for the rescheduled match to their LC by email **PRIOR** to the originally scheduled match.
- b. The email request to the LC should specify:
  - Scheduled match day, time, court venue, home team, away team and flight;
  - New match day, time, court venue, home team, away team and flight;
    and
  - Reason for the change
- c. The newly scheduled match must take place prior to the end of the season.
  - 3. If the Captains are unable to reach agreement on a new match day and time prior to the originally scheduled match and/or are unable to provide the required notice to the LC when seeking approval of a proposed rescheduled match date, the match will proceed as originally scheduled and the Asking Captain's team may have to forfeit a line (i.e. six games) if only four or five players are available to play the match at the scheduled time.
  - 4. If the rescheduling of a match after the 2-week period results in an additional court fee, the team requesting the change is responsible for payment of that fee.

### Rescheduling Due to Inclement Weather

- 1. Rescheduling matches due to inclement weather is warranted in cases of rain and/or sustained winds of at least 20 mph. The Captain or Captains seeking to reschedule a match due to inclement weather should, on the day of the match or the evening before the match, take a screenshot of the weather forecast for the locale where the match is scheduled to be played and email same to the VC/LC for determination as to whether the match needs to be rescheduled or not. The VC/LC will promptly inform the affected Captains of their decision.
- 2. The rescheduled match must take place prior to the end of the season.