



## **Reschedule Policy for West Valley, East Valley & Southern Regions**

**\* Casa Grande rescheduling policy in Last Paragraph**

### **POLICY**

Captains have from December 2-14 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 APPL team and those players' priorities;
2. Ask players what tournaments, if any, they expect to play during the APPL season;
3. Ask players about potential vacation plans/out-of-town dates during the APPL 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 requests during the rescheduling period. Captains may agree to swap home and away matches if their courts are available during that time.

### **APPL Managed Venue Schedule Changes**

1. As to matches scheduled on APPL managed venues, the Captain of a team who seeks to reschedule a match ("Asking Captain") should use the APPL MANAGED VENUE MATCH RESCHEDULING button under Captain Resources and identify two alternate dates that work for their team. 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 rescheduling tool and find other available dates.
2. Once a new date and time is agreed upon, the HOME MATCH CAPTAIN will select that date and time in the rescheduling tool and after a confirmation is received (not a pending confirmation), make the change in their regional Pickleballscores website: Schedules > Select Match > Edit > Change the date and time to reflect the change and click "submit these changes". Note: In our software systems only the home match captain will be allowed to make the changes, even if they didn't initiate the rescheduling request.
3. In the event there are no available time slots for the match venue, contact your LC to help reschedule the match.
4. If the rescheduling of an APPL managed venue results in additional court fees, the team requesting the change is responsible for payment of that fee.

## Private Venue Schedule Changes

1. If the Asking Captain is the home Captain, they should reference their HOA's court schedule and identify two alternate dates on which three courts are available for two hours each, that work for their team. The Asking Captain should contact the Considering Captain as soon as possible to request a schedule change and propose the alternate dates. If the dates proposed do not work for the Considering Captain's team, the Asking Captain can propose other available dates or ask the away Captain if the match can be rescheduled on the away Captain's home courts.
2. If the Asking Captain is the away Captain, they should ask the Considering Captain if there are alternate dates at the home Captain's HOA where three courts are available for two hours each that work for both teams. If not, the Asking Captain can ask the home Captain if the match can be rescheduled on the away Captain's home courts.
3. If the Captains reach agreement on a new match date, the HOME MATCH CAPTAIN will make the change in their regional Pickleballscores website: Schedules > Select Match > Edit > Change the date and time to reflect the change and click "submit these changes". Note: In our software systems only the home match captain will be allowed to make the changes, even if they didn't initiate the rescheduling request.
4. If the rescheduling of a private court match results in an additional court fee, the team requesting the change is responsible for payment of that fee.

## Rescheduling Due to Inclement Weather or Unforeseen Circumstances

1. The schedule is presumed to be final at the end of the rescheduling period. After that, rescheduling is warranted in cases of rain and/or sustained **winds of at least 20 mph**. **The match to be cancelled shall NOT be called any earlier than the travel time for the Away team plus 10 minutes.** The Captain or Captains seeking to reschedule a match due to inclement weather should take a screenshot of the weather forecast for the locale where the match is scheduled to be played and send the screenshot to the LC for the LC's determination as to whether the match needs to be rescheduled or not. The LC will promptly inform the affected Captains of their decision.
2. If a weather-related rescheduling is approved, the Captains will follow the process above for their venue and notify their LC by email **AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR** to the proposed rescheduled match date. Note: Pecos Park rescheduling requires at least 12 days prior notice.
3. Any other change requests for unforeseen circumstances must be approved by your Regional Director. The Asking captain will be responsible for any change fees that may occur if the rescheduling is approved.
4. The rescheduled match must take place prior to the end of the season.

## **Reschedule Policy for Casa Grande Region**

The Casa Grande Region enjoys a relationship with the city of Casa Grande Recreation Department which affects court availability differently from other regions. More particularly, all Casa Grande matches are scheduled to be played at Dave White Park on the same days each week. This arrangement allows predictable time and opportunity for the city to accommodate

the growing general community interest in playing pickleball. The schedule APPL prepares in conjunction with the city and publishes the first week of December therefore is final. Matches may be rescheduled only in the event of inclement weather, **which means rain or sustained winds in excess of 20 mph**. The APPL Casa Grande Regional Director uses the online National Weather Service forecast for the Casa Grande airport, located 4 miles north of Dave White Park, to determine whether matches need to be rescheduled due to inclement weather.

In the event a full day of matches is canceled due to inclement weather, the Regional Director may either reschedule the cancelled matches for a day outside the normal schedule or reschedule the cancelled matches for a day during a “bye” week when otherwise no matches would be played. If some matches are cancelled due to inclement weather but other matches go forward as scheduled, the Casa Grande Regional Director will give the home Captains of the affected teams available dates for rescheduling the cancelled matches. Captains will work together to agree on rescheduled dates and will advise the Regional Director once agreements on rescheduled dates are reached.