

All 20 MLP 2026 teams at a glance

One line per team dossier (dossiers/<team>-team-profile.pdf). Ordered by MLP's official 2026 regular-season standings. Team strength is the PKLStats Bradley-Terry rating from official 2026 game results, adjusted for opponents (0 = average team; league rank in brackets). Luck = matchup wins above those expected from points share. Top need is need 1 of the dossier's three, with confidence; best-rated player is that team's highest PKLStats Rating v2 (overall, rank of 101 rated players) among its end-of-season six.

POS.	TEAM	2026 FINISH	TEAM STRENGTH (RANK)	LUCK (WINS)	TOP 2027 NEED · CONFIDENCE	BEST-RATED PLAYER (V2, RANK)
1	New Jersey 5s	1st · 118 pts · Champions (25–3)	+1.62 (2)	-0.4	Two starting women for WD · Medium-high	Anna Leigh Waters 131.4 #1
2	St. Louis Shock	2nd · 111 pts · Runners-up (25–3)	+1.68 (1)	-1.0	Two starting men for MD · High	Anna Bright 125.0 #3
3	Los Angeles Mad Drops	3rd · 86 pts · Quarterfinal (23–5)	+0.92 (3)	+1.3	MD partner for Freeman · Medium-high	Ben Johns 125.2 #2
4	Columbus Sliders	4th · 83 pts · Quarterfinal (21–7)	+0.83 (4)	-0.7	Two starting women for WD · Medium-high	Tyra Hurricane Black 116.1 #8
5	Brooklyn Pickleball Team	5th · 78 pts · Semifinal (20–8)	+0.59 (5)	+0.3	Two starting women for WD · Medium-high	Christian Alshon 118.3 #6
6	Dallas Flash	6th · 72 pts · Semifinal (19–8)	+0.56 (6)	-0.8	MD partner for Ge · Medium-high	JW Johnson 119.3 #4
7	Palm Beach Royals	7th · 54 pts · Quarterfinal (16–12)	+0.36 (7)	+0.5	Two starting men for MD · High	Sofia Sewing 110.5 #17
8	Texas Ranchers	8th · 48 pts · Quarterfinal (16–12)	+0.23 (8)	+1.2	MD partner for Acevedo · Medium-high	Eric Oncins 112.1 #14
9	Atlanta Bouncers	9th · 36 pts · Round 1 (11–16)	-0.25 (10)	-0.4	Two starting men for MD · Medium-high	Jay Devilliers 106.6 #24
10	SoCal Hard Eights	10th · 34 pts · Round 1 (11–15)	-0.43 (14)	+2.2	WD partner for Cailyn Campbell · High	Meghan Dizon 104.8 #27
11	Las Vegas Night Owls	11th · 34 pts · Round 1 (11–17)	-0.47 (16)	+0.7	Two starting women for WD · High	Chao Yi Wang 104.2 #31
12	Chicago Slice	12th · 33 pts · Round 1 (11–16)	-0.32 (12)	+0.6	WD partner for Hendershot · Medium-high	John Lucian Goins 102.9 #36
13	California Black Bears	13th · 31 pts · Missed playoffs (11–15)	-0.42 (13)	+1.2	Two starting men for MD · High	Dylan Frazier 102.4 #38
14	Orlando Squeeze	14th · 26 pts · Missed playoffs (13–13)	-0.18 (9)	+2.2	Two starting women for WD · High	Lacy Schneemann 106.7 #23
15	Miami Pickleball Club	15th · 24 pts · Missed playoffs (10–16)	-0.29 (11)	+0.2	Two starting women for WD · High	Anouar Braham 100.2 #42
16	Utah Black Diamonds	16th · 17 pts · Missed playoffs (8–18)	-0.45 (15)	-1.6	Two starting women for WD · High	Etta Tuionetoa 105.4 #26
17	Bay Area Breakers	=17th · 15 pts · Missed playoffs (5–20)	-0.80 (17)	+0.2	MD partner for Hovenier · High	Blaine Hovenier 99.0 #48
17	Florida Smash	=17th · 15 pts · Missed playoffs (6–20)	-0.93 (18)	-0.7	Two starting men for MD · High	Connor Mogle 95.6 #65
—*	Phoenix Flames	Standing not published · Missed playoffs (2–21)	-0.94 (19)	-2.3	Two starting women for WD · High	Jonathan Truong 94.5 #69
—*	Carolina Hogs	Standing not published · Missed playoffs (2–21)	-1.32 (20)	-0.2	Two starting women for WD · High	Wyatt Stone 97.7 #56

* Carolina Hogs and Phoenix Flames: MLP did not publish a final standing for 2026 (their per-event points are shown in each dossier); they are listed after the ranked teams, ordered by team strength. Sources: MLP official 2026 results and standings; pickleball.com keeper review (1 Sep 2026) for projected keepers behind each need; PKLStats Rating v2 (data/rating/). 2027 rules are proposals as of 9 Oct 2026, so every need and availability statement depends on them. We tested Real Clear Stats' Player Impact+ ratings as an input; they did not improve out-of-sample predictions, so they carry no weight in the PKLStats Rating.