

COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

1. Objective

The objective of this Championship is to provide a platform for players to interact and befriend one another through a common interest in Pickleball. This will foster community bonding, thereby building a stronger and more well-connected community.

2. Rules

- 1.1 The Championship shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of Community Pickleball Individual Championship 2025 set out herein, the SPA Sanctioned Tournament Structure and Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics **(Appendix A)**.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting the latest version of the USA Pickleball 2024 Official Rulebook:
<https://usapickleball.org/docs/USA-Pickleball-Official-Rulebook-2024-v1.pdf>
- 1.3 Scoring system shall be on new rally scoring. Player may refer to **Appendix B** for Rally Scoring Rules.
- 1.4 Players may use any USA Pickleball approved paddle that are posted on the USA Pickleball website. Players are to note that non-approved paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks.
- 1.5 We shall be using USA Pickleball approved **Franklin X26 Lime Green or Blue** for this tournament.
- 1.6 Any queries can be sent to tampinesnorthcsn@gmail.com

3. Event Details

Venue	¹ Community Auditorium, Our Tampines Hub	
Dates	04 & 05 Jan 2025	
Time	9am to 9pm	
Registration Closing	30 Nov 2024 or when all slots filled	
Age Groups (based on year of birth)	Youth	Age 13 to 25 years old (Born from 2000 to 2012)
	Middle-Age	Age 26 to 59 years old (born from 1966 to 1999)
	Senior	60 years old and above (Born in 1965 or earlier)
Residents	Players with registered address postal code belonging to the GRC cluster as shown in Appendix C	
Participant Briefing	To be advised Online via Zoom (Subject to change)	

¹ Championship venue is a multi-purposed hall with timber/parquet court flooring. Non-Volley Lines shall be marked with removable vinyl court tapes. Net System shall be existing venue badminton net posts.

Note – Schedule is subjected to changes.

4. Category Details

4.1 There are a total of 13 categories:

- Youth Men's Singles (YMS)
- Youth Women's Singles (YWS)
- Youth Men's Doubles (YMD)
- Youth Women's Doubles (YWD)
- Youth Mixed Doubles (YXD)
- Middle-Age Men's Singles (MMS)
- Middle-Age Women's Singles (MWS)
- Middle-Age Men's Doubles (MMD)
- Middle-Age Women's Doubles (MWD)
- Middle-Age Mixed Doubles (MXD)
- Senior Men's Doubles (SMD)
- Senior Women's Doubles (SWD)
- Senior Mixed Doubles (SXD)

4.2 Maximum Number of Individuals or pairs per category is 32 and a minimum number of 16 individuals or pairs for each category to proceed.

4.3 Youth and Senior player are allowed to register a maximum of 2 (two) categories.

4.4 Regarding 4.3, do note the 2 categories may play on the same day and each category may play up to 10 matches.

4.5 Middle-Age player shall only be registered with only 1 (One) category.

4.6 Each PA Grassroots Organisation except collaborating CSNs can only send 1 individual or pair per category.

4.7 The Championship is open to all Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Valid Pass Holders with a Singapore registered address.

4.8 Player needs to be resident of the GRC of the PA Grassroots Organisation.

5. Registration

5.1 Team Manager are to submit their team registration form to

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5.2 All registrations shall be submitted in the Official Registration Form and endorsed by a PA Grassroots Organisation.

5.3 After registration closes, teams may replace a player with a valid reason accepted by the organizer, but they may not swap players from another pair. Player replacements must be made no later than December 15, 2024. After this date, no further replacements will be permitted, and the individual or pair will be considered to have forfeited their match and may be disqualified from participating in the Community Pickleball Team Championship 2025.

6. Championship Format

- 6.1 Double Elimination format will be used for the Championship.
- 6.2 Open random draw will be conducted for all categories.
- 6.3 Rally Scoring shall be adopted for this Championship. The first player/doubles to reach the stated points below shall be the winner.
 - 1 set 21 points with a deuce (win by 2) till a maximum of 30.Only finals will be on:
 - Best of 3 sets of 15 points with a deuce (win by 2) till a maximum of 21.
- 6.4 No change of ends during Games. Player with first choice of end, serve or defer shall be determined by chance draw.
- 6.5 No timeout for all matches throughout the Championship.
- 6.6 All matches except the Finals will be self-officiated. A Match Commissioner will be assigned to oversee the match, record the score after the match and report to the Championship Director.
- 6.7 Referee and Line Judges shall only be assigned on the Finals.
- 6.8 Championship Director may at his sole discretion assign additional officials to officiate any match. This can be done before the match commences, and during the match.
- 6.9 The decision of the organiser on all matters relating to the Challenge, including the eligibility of a participant and the selection of the winners, is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

7. Prize Money and Medals

- 7.1 Medals shall be awarded to the top 4 positions
- 7.2 Prize vouchers will be awarded to the top 3 positions.

8. Supplementary Rules

- 8.1 Apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball shall not be allowed.
- 8.2 Late Reporting:
 - **10 mins** – will result in **disqualification from the Championship**
- 8.3 Any match or set concede a walkover means maximum points shall be awarded to the opponent, e.g. 15:0 or 21:0
- 8.4 Injury during Rally: The rally continues to its conclusion despite an injury to any of the players. During a Game, if a player cannot immediately continue after the **10 minutes** medical time-out period has expired, a Forfeit shall be imposed.
- 8.5 Players need to be available during the Championship dates, request to change match day will not be entertained.
- 8.6 The Championship Organisers reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations or schedule the fixtures of the Championship at any time as it deems fit. The decision on all such matters shall be final, and no prior notice is required. However, Participants shall be informed before the competition.
- 8.7 Any protest shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the Organisers before the commencement of the next schedule match. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
- 8.8 The Prize Presentation Ceremony shall be held with the conclusion of Championship. All prize winners or nominated personnel must be present in neat attire (no singlet, slippers and sandals) to receive the prize. Failing which, the Organisers reserves the right not to award the medal, prize voucher (if any) and trophy to the winner
- 8.9 Depending on prevailing Health Advisories, the Organizers reserves the right to postpone or cancel the entire Championship without prior notice.
- 8.10 Player absents for match without any valid reason, may not be allowed to participate in the Community Pickleball Team Championship 2025.

9. Photography and Video Recording Indemnity

- 9.1 By joining the event, player agrees to grant permission to Tampines North Grassroots Organisations (TNGRO) to publish videos, photographs, quotes and personal information in TNGRO's publicity material.
- 9.2 Player understands that these materials may be used in/on some or all of these below, but not limited to, all without any form of compensation:
- TNGRO's publications/videos, such as brochures, posters, advertisements and magazines;
 - TNGRO website and/or web pages of organisations which are in partnership with TNGRO;
 - TNGRO's social media platforms;
 - Advertisement, such as print advertisements, and television and radio commercials;
 - Events.
- 9.3 Player hereby releases and discharge TNGRO from any and all liability by virtue of distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion and/or use in composite form, whether the same is intentional or otherwise.
- 9.4 Player understands TNGRO may use your process or procedure resulting in the completion of the finished product, the publication, distribution or public display, when video/photos of Team are used in accordance with the usage as above.
- 9.5 Player understands all videos/photographs taken shall become the sole property of PA and will not be returned.
- 9.6 The copyrights of the videos/photographs shall belong solely to TNGRO and they may be used in accordance with the usage as above.

Appendix A – Pickleball Rally Scoring System

Introduction

In Rally Scoring, points are awarded for every rally. The side that wins the rally, scores a point as well as the right to serve. The first side that reaches the game point wins the game. Each side shall have only one serve before Side Out.

In any game of Doubles, after Side Outs, when serve is won back after a rally for any side, the server will be alternated from their previous server.

Before the Game

- Chance Draw to determine side to serve/choose ends.

Singles

- As long as the side holds serve, after scoring each point the server will alternate serving from the right/even and left/odd sides of the court.
- If the side's score is even (0, 2, 4 ...), the serve must be made from the right/even serving area and be received in the right/even service court by the opponent.
- If the side's score is odd (1, 3, 5 ...), the serve must be made from the left/odd serving area and be received in the left/odd service court by the opponent.
- When the receiving side wins a rally, a point is scored and the serve is passed to them. The subsequent serve is then made from the service court with reference to the score.
- The side to reach the game point first wins the game.

Doubles

- As long as the side holds serve, after scoring each point the server will alternate serving from the right/even and left/odd sides of the court. there is no restriction on the position of the partners of the correct server and receiver as long as they are on their respective team's side of the net. They can be positioned on or off the court.
- If the side's score is even (0, 2, 4 ...), the serve must be made from the right/even serving area and be received in the right/even service court by the opponent.
- If the side's score is odd (1, 3, 5 ...), the serve must be made from the left/odd serving area and be received in the left/odd service court by the opponent.
- When the receiving side wins a rally, a point is scored and the serve is passed to them. In Doubles, the receiving side never change their service courts.
- The side to reach the game point first wins the game.

Appendix B – Pickleball Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics (By SPA)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Pickleball was created to be a fun, competitive, and highly social sport. It embodies an ethic of good sportsmanship that includes respect, fair play, and graciousness in winning and losing. We hope all players in Singapore will help promote these foundational values and maintain a positive environment for all.
- 1.2 Ethics refers to the generally accepted norms of right or wrong behaviour, often based on universal values. Ethics is not about legality nor is it meant to be legalistic.
- 1.3 Athletes during Tournament, due to the strong pressure to win, and exposure to the public, are potentially vulnerable to various forms of ethical issues and concerns.
- 1.4 In order to maintain fair and reasonable standards of conduct by participants and players, to protect their respective rights, the rights of the public and the integrity and image of sport and that of pickleball, the Singapore Pickle-Ball Association has drawn up the Code of Ethics set out herein.

2 RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL

- 2.1 Treat and respect everyone equally, regardless of race, language, religion, culture, gender or physical ability.
- 2.2 Shall not use objectionable language directed at another person.
- 2.3 Shall not use profanities of any sort (audible or visible) for any reason.
- 2.4 Shall not argue aggressively with officiating team, opponents or spectators that disrupts in the flow of play.
- 2.5 Shall not make taunts, threats or challenges of any nature toward or against any person.
- 2.6 Shall not use ethnic, religious, racial, sexist or homophobic slurs.

3 INTEGRITY IN ACTIONS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

- 3.1 Protects the image of Pickleball and Sports in general, such as avoiding making a scene in public view.
- 3.2 Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
- 3.3 Not disrupt the flow of play, e.g. taking time between rallies unnecessarily, repeatedly appealing line calls, challenging the referee's interpretation of a rule to lose the challenge subsequently, requesting for medical time out without a valid medical condition, etc.
- 3.4 Not abuse the ball, purposely breaking or stepping on the ball.
- 3.5 Shall not portray unsportsmanlike behaviour, such as making repeated questionable "OUT" calls that, upon appeal, are overruled by the Officiating Team.
- 3.6 Always exhibiting "Best Effort", that not deliberately playing down, defaulting, forfeiting or not giving best effort in matches, whether for their own benefit or otherwise.

4 SAFETY

- 4.1 Consider the safety of other participants, spectators and general public in the same venue space.
- 4.2 Shall not aggressively or recklessly throw a paddle, or striking a ball in frustration or anger, with negligent disregard of the consequences.
- 4.3 Shall not strike any other person, damage or vandalise venue property and fixtures.
- 4.4 Shall not get into fights, or cause injury to player, official or spectator at any time during the tournament.
- 4.5 Shall not spit or cough on a person.

5 PROHIBITIONS

5.1 Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly not allowed in the venue.

6 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS

6.1 Dispose waste in proper manner and keep the tournament venue clean.

6.2 Shall not damage or vandalise venue property and fixtures.

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Appendix C – GRC Cluster

GRC Cluster	Constituency
Aljunied GRC Cluster	Aljunied GRC Hougang SMC
Ang Mo Kio GRC Cluster	Ang Mo Kio GRC Kebun Bahru SMC Yio Chu Kang SMC
Bishan – Toa Payoh GRC Cluster	Bishan – Toa Payoh GRC Marymount SMC
Chua Chu Kang GRC Cluster	Chua Chu Kang GRC Hong Kah North SMC
East Coast GRC Cluster	East Coast GRC
Holland Bukit - Timah GRC Cluster	Holland – Bukit Timah GRC Bukit Panjang SMC
Jalan Besar GRC Cluster	Jalan Besar GRC Potong Pasir SMC
Jurong GRC Cluster	Jurong GRC Bukit Batok SMC Yuhua SMC
Marine Parade GRC Cluster	Marine Parade GRC MacPherson SMC Mountbatten SMC
Marsiling – Yew Tee GRC Cluster	Marsiling – Yew Tee GRC
Nee Soon GRC Cluster	Nee Soon GRC
Pasir Ris – Punggol GRC Cluster	Pasir Ris – Punggol GRC Punggol West SMC
Sembawang GRC Cluster	Sembawang GRC
Sengkang GRC Cluster	Sengkang GRC
Tampines GRC Cluster	Tampines GRC
Tanjong Pagar GRC Cluster	Tanjong Pagar GRC Radin Mas SMC
West Coast GRC Cluster	West Coast GRC Pioneer SMC

* Player can use their residential postcode to check the GRC status @ [PARL | Find MP\(s\) in My Constituency \(parliament.gov.sg\)](https://www.parliament.gov.sg/parl/find-mp)

