PICKLESPROUT 2024

28 - 29 Sept, 5 Oct 2024

1. Rules

1.1. The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of the PickleSprout 2024 set out herein, the SPA Sanctioned Tournament Structure and Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics (Appendix A).

1.2. The tournament is open to all participants.

1.3. The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of the PickleSprout 2024 set out herein, the SPA Sanctioned Tournament Structure and Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics (Appendix A).

1.4. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting the latest edition of the USA Pickleball Official Rulebook.

1.5. Scoring system shall follow the Rally Scoring System with no deuce rule (i.e. in Round Robin, first pair to reach 21 points win). Players may refer to Appendix B for Rally Scoring Rules.

1.6. Any queries can be sent to hello@picklego.co.

2. Event Details

Venue	Delta Sports Centre 900 Tiong Bahru Road, Singapore 158790 *Tournament venue is an outdoor court (non-sheltered).
Dates	28 - 29 September 2024 (Sat, Sun) 5 October 2024 (Sat) In unforeseen circumstances (e.g. rain, venue unavailable due to national events), the tournament will be postponed to 5 and 6 October 2024). Please keep 5 and 6 October available as a backup in case of wet weather.
Time	8 am to 10 pm
Registration Open/Closing	20 September 2024
Registration Fee	$55 per pax (Early Bird – Before 11 August 2024) $75 per pax (Normal – Till 20 September 2024) *Fee includes one complimentary event T-shirt per person only for the entire tournament, regardless of the number of divisions registered. T-shirt size shall be subjected to availability.
Skill Level	Beginners only Less than 18 months of Pickleball playing experience Have not won a medal (excluding team events) in a Pickleball tournament in Singapore and/or overseas.
Participant Briefing	Briefing Slides will be sent out by 22 September 2024.

3. Division Details

There are a total of 13 divisions, played over the tournament dates. Their respective maximum capacities are detailed in the table below, on a first-come-first-served basis. Depending on the final registration numbers and court schedule, organisers may adjust the participation capacities.

Age Group	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
19+	MS19+	WS19+	MD19+	WD19+	MXD19+
35+	MS35+	-	MD35+	WD35+	MXD35+
50+	MS50+	-	MD50+	WD50+	MXD50+

Age Groups (Based on year of birth)	**19+**	**Open Category (For all age groups)**
	35+	**35 years and above**
	50+	**50 years and above**

Age Group	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
28 Sept, Sat	WD19+ MD19+	MD35+ WD35+	MD50+ WD50+
29 Sept, Sun	MXD19+	MXD35+	MXD50+
5 Oct, Sat	MS35+ WS19+	MS19+ MS50+	Wet Weather

4. Tournament Format

4.1. Round 1 shall be Group Play in Round Robin format; and Round 2 onwards, shall be Single Elimination format.

4.2. Round Robin Groups shall be arranged by chance draws. The Tournament Committee reserves the rights to move players according to skill level.

4.3. The number of teams per Round Robin Group shall be min 3.

4.4. If a Division has 4 or less entries, the Division shall be withdrawn or merged with another Division.

4.5. For all Divisions, only the top 2 teams in the individual Round Robin groups shall proceed to play Single Eliminations in Round 2. All other teams in the group shall be eliminated.

4.6. The Organisers and Tournament Committee shall have the right to modify the Divisions and Match Format.

4.7. The first team to reach the stated points below shall be the winner.

Matches	No. of Set(s)	Rally Scoring
Round 1 - Group Play (Round Robin)	1	21 points with no deuce
Round 2 - Elimination Round	1	21 points with no deuce
Medalled Matches (3/4th, Finals)	Best of 3	15 points with no deuce

4.8. In the Group Round, all teams shall play each other in Round Robin format. Group Winners are determined based on the number of matches won. If two or more teams are tied, ties shall be resolved by comparing won/loss differential in the following order:

- **Tie Breaker 1 –** Comparing Overall Points Differential (i.e. total number of points won, total number of points lost)
- **Tie Breaker 2 –** Between the qualifying teams, who won in the head to head match to determine advancement to next round

4.9. Only Finals and 3/4th matches shall be Officiated. Therefore, all other matches shall be Non-Officiated. Players shall track and call their own scores before serving, in accordance with the guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook.

4.10. The team that lost in the Semi-finals shall compete for the Bronze Medal. The team that wins the Semi-finals shall compete in the Championship match.

4.11. The Tournament Committee may at their sole discretion assign or add officials to officiate any match. This can be done before the match commences and during the match.

5. Prizes

Medals (Gold, Silver & Bronze), Prize Money and Prizes shall be awarded for all the Divisions listed.

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles

- 1st Prize: $180 per pair
- 2nd Prize: $120 per pair
- 3rd Prize: $100 per pair

Men's Singles, Women's Singles

- 1st Prize: $150
- 2nd Prize: $100
- 3rd Prize: $80

6. Supplementary Rules

6.1. PickleSprout tournament is sanctioned by Singapore Pickleball. It is a Tier 2 tournament.

6.2. The skill level for this Tournament shall be **for Beginners and Intermediate players,** who have played Pickleball for less than 18 months and have not won an individual medal in a Pickleball tournament locally or overseas.

6.3. There is no restriction on the number of divisions an individual can register. However, players must ensure that they do not register in divisions that take place in the same time slot e.g. MS19+ and MS50+. It is the onus of the participant to check for schedule clashes.

6.4. For registration of doubles events, please note that details of both players are required. Player details required are:

- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Email Address
- Contact Number
- Unisex T-shirt size

6.5. Incomplete registrations shall be rejected immediately, and the slots reopened for registration.

6.6. There shall be no transfer of registrations across divisions. Therefore, substitution shall not be allowed even if the tournament is postponed to 5 - 6 October 2024.

6.7. There shall be no more changes to the players list after 21 September, 2359 local time.

6.8. Falsified registrations shall be immediately deemed incomplete even if registration fees are paid. There shall be no refund and the slot shall be reopened for public registration again.

6.9. Participants requesting refunds shall write in to hello@picklego.co. Note that should a refund be done, there shall be an administrative and bank charges amounting 10% of total registration fee. Any request for changes will be subjected to a 10% administrative fee.

6.10. Players may use any USA Pickleball approved paddle that is posted on the USA Pickleball website. Players are to note that non-approved or irregular paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks and non-compliant or irregular paddles shall not be allowed.

6.11. Apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball shall not be allowed.

6.12. Due to the tight time schedule, players are required to report on time. If players are not on court within 10 minutes of designated match time, the game will be considered forfeited and the team that is present will be given a walkover.

6.13. The Organisers and Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations or schedule the fixtures of the tournament as deemed fit. Participants shall be informed before the competition, and such decisions shall be final.

6.14. Any protest shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of S$200.00 and must be lodged in person to the Organisers.

6.15. The Prize Presentation Ceremony shall be held with the conclusion of each Division. All prize winners or nominated personnel must be present in neat attire to receive the prize. Failing which, the Organisers reserves the right not to award the medal, prize money (if any) and trophy to the winner.

6.16. All media or photographs taken in the Tournament by the Organisers will belong to PickleGO and may be used for general publicity.

6.17. Marketing Consent - All registrants shall note that their contact details as listed with the tournament registration may be shared with Event Sponsors, and they may be contacted by means of post, voice calls and/or electronic transmission via email/messaging app, SMS/MMS.

APPENDIX A

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF ETHICS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Pickleball is 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. All players should strive to 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 tournaments, 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 the officiating team, opponents, or spectators that disrupts 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. Players must protect the image of Pickleball and Sports by avoiding making a scene in public.

3.2. Players shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and give due regard to the authority of officials, opponents, and public.

3.3. Players should 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. Players must not abuse the ball and paddles by purposely breaking the balls or throwing the paddles.

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 is 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 the general public in the same venue space.

4.2. Shall not aggressively or recklessly throw a paddle, or strike 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 a proper manner and keep the tournament venue clean.

6.2. Shall not damage or vandalise venue property and fixtures.

APPENDIX B

RALLY SCORING SYSTEM

- Determine which team will serve, receive, pick the end of the court, or defer using any fair method (e.g., pick a 1 or 2).
- The team that serves first will start the game. The player on the right-hand side of the court will serve first (serving crosscourt).
- If the serving team wins the rally, then they will win a point and continue to serve, changing sides.
- If the serving team loses the rally, then the receiving team will win a point and the receiving team will win the serve. To note, there is no second server (so the score will only be two numbers—the serving team score and the receiving team score—and there will be no third number for the server number).
- Which player will serve on a team is determined by the score of the serving team. If the score is even, then the player on the right-hand side of the court will serve. If the score is odd, then the player on the left-hand side of the court will serve. So, for example, if the score is 0-0, and the receiving team wins the rally, then the receiving team will win a point and the right to serve. The score will now be 1-0, so the player on the left-side of the receiving team will serve next.
- The teams will change ends of the pickleball court when a team reaches 11 points.
- The first team to 21 points wins (no deuce).
- There shall be only **ONE** time out of 60 seconds per side, per game, per set.

BEFORE THE GAME

- Chance Draw to determine side to serve/choose ends.
- Both sides Starting Server and Starting Receiver shall wear a wrist tag.

AFTER THE GAME

- Players are required to report the match scores to the Match Commissioner. The winning team shall sign on the scoresheet.