



National Novice Pickleball Championship

Rules and Regulations



1. General Rules

- a. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USAPA/IFP 2021 Official Rulebook:
<https://usapickleball.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-Rulebook-Indexed-FINAL-01-22-21.pdf>
- b. Players may use any USAPA **compliant** paddle specified under Section 2.E of the USAPA 2021 Rulebook or approved paddle that are posted on the USAPA website.
- c. We shall be using USAPA approved **Dura Fast 40 (yellow)** for this tournament.
- d. Any queries can be sent by WhatsApp or SMS @ 9787 1512 or
hello@pickleballassociation.sg.

2. Event Details

Venue	Tennis Courts at Arena@OTH, Our Tampines Hub		
Dates	2 April (Friday) to 4 April 2021 (Sunday); 10 April (Saturday) to 11 April 2021 (Sunday)		
Time	9am to 7pm		
Divisions	Beginner	19+ Men Doubles	Max 16 singles/doubles per Division
		19+ Women Doubles	
	Intermediate	19+ Men Doubles	
		50+ Men Doubles	
		19+ Men Singles	
		19+ Mixed Doubles	
		50+ Mixed Doubles	
		19+ Women Doubles	
		50+ Women Doubles	
		19+ Women Singles	
Registration Closing	14 March 2021		

Tournament shall be played on adapted Tennis Courts with court lines marked with removable court tapes distinct in colour from the tennis court lines.

3. Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Description		
14 Mar Sun		Registration Close		
27 Mar Sat	730pm to 9pm	Participant Briefing over MS Team		
2 Apr Fri	9am to 3pm	19+ Men Doubles Beginner (Rd 1)	19+ Women Doubles Beginner (Rd 1)	
	4pm to 7pm	19+ Men Doubles, Intermediate (Rd 1)	19+ Women Doubles, Intermediate (Rd 1)	
3 Apr Sat	9am to 3pm	50+ Men Doubles Intermediate (Rd 1)	50+ Women Doubles Intermediate (Rd 1)	
	4pm to 7pm			19+/50+ Mixed Doubles Intermediate (Rd 1)
4 Apr Sun	9am to 1pm	19+ Men Doubles Beginner (Rd 2)	19+ Women Doubles Beginner (Rd 2)	
	1pm to 3pm			19+/50+ Mixed Doubles Intermediate (Rd 2)
	4pm to 7pm	50+ Men Doubles Intermediate (Rd 2)	50+ Women Doubles Intermediate (Rd 2)	
10 Apr Sat	9am to 12pm	19+ Men Doubles Intermediate (Rd 2)		
	1pm to 7pm	19+ Men Singles Intermediate (Rd 1 and 2)		
11 Apr Sun	9am to 12pm		19+ Women Doubles Intermediate (Rd 2)	
	1pm to 7pm		19+ Women Singles Intermediate (Rd 1 and 2)	

Note - Schedule is subjected to changes following actual participant registration numbers

4. Registration Fees

Fee for First Division Registered	\$28 per person Including Participation T-shirt, 1 st server Wristband
Fee for 2nd and subsequent Division Registered	\$18 per person

Example – Tom would like to register for 19+ Men Doubles, 19+ Men Singles and 19+ Mixed Doubles, he will pay \$28 for the 1st Division, and \$36 for the 2nd and 3rd Division. Total amount shall be \$64.

Registration, Tournament Management and Scheduling shall be by Pickleball Global (PG) Tournament Software. All participants are required to register with the PG Tournament Software for a Pickleball Global PGID account, to register visit <https://pickleball.global/>. Payment of Registration Fees shall be by PayNow or Bank Transfer to local account. No fees shall be collected over Pickleball Global Tournament website.

5. Eligibility, Divisions and Game Format

- a. Eligibility – This tournament is open to all Singaporeans, PRs or Residents. Residents are defined as a person residing in Singapore with the following passes:
 - i. Student's Pass,
 - ii. Long Term Pass,
 - iii. Dependent's Pass,
 - iv. Work Permit,
 - v. S Pass,
 - vi. Employment Pass.
- b. If a Division has less than 6 entries, the participants shall have to decide between 2 options,

Option 1	Option 2
Withdrawal and receive full refund.	Join another eligible Division.

c. Definition of Divisions

Age Group	Participants may register for Divisions in terms of their Age Group, based on the year of birth.	
	19+	open to all participants 19 years and above.
	50+	open to participants 50 years and above only. Participants aged 49 years and below shall not be able to participate in this Division
	<p>Note:</p> <p>“Playing Up” is encouraged, where a participant in the 50+ age group may opt to challenge himself in a 19+ Division. However, “Playing Down” is prohibited, i.e. a younger participant shall not play in an older age group.</p> <p>Note that youths 18 years and below registering in the Adult 19+ Division is also “playing up”.</p>	
Eligibility	<p>This tournament is for Pickleball <u>Novices</u> only, defined as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 3 years Pickleball playing experience • No Pickleball Global Ranking points • May or may not have prior racquet sport experience 	
Beginner Division	<p>Additional separation in the 19+ Divisions to cater to Novices that has limited prior racquet sport experience</p>	



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d. Tournament Format

- i. Round 1 shall be Round Robin format, followed by Round 2 Single Elimination.
- ii. Maximum number of singles/doubles per Round Robin flight shall be 4. Top 2 singles/doubles from each flight shall be promoted.
- iii. Round Robin Draws shall be determined by random draw.
- iv. Match Format
 - a. Round 1 Matches shall consist of 1 game only, of which first to reach the stated points below shall be the winner.
 - 11 points for Singles
 - 15 points for Doubles
 - b. Round 2 Matches, i.e. Quarterfinals and above, shall be "best of 3 games", i.e. 2-0, 2-1, 1-2, 0-2.
 - c. Players with first choice of end or serve shall be determined by chance draw. Winner of draw chooses either to serve or the starting end, and the opponent shall take the other. Should a 3rd game be played in Round 2, players shall switch ends at 6 points for Singles; 8 points for Doubles.
 - d. Tournament Director reserves the rights to move players according to skill level, and modify the division and format.
- v. Tie Resolution – Ties in the Round Robins shall be resolved in the following order
 - a. 1st Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Match Differential
 - b. 2nd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Game Differential
 - c. 3rd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Point Differential
- vi. There shall be NO line judges for the Preliminary Rounds. Players shall make their own line calls in accordance to the guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook. A Technical Officer will be assigned to each court to oversee the match, any dispute can be raised to the officer on duty.
- vii. Referee and line judges will be assigned to Medal Matches only.

7. Team Manager's Meeting

Venue	Date	Time & Agenda
Via MS Team	27 Mar 2021 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	1. Listing of categories and entries. 2. Rules & Regulations Clarifications.



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9. Prize Money and Medals

There shall be no prize money for this Novice Tournament. Winners shall be awarded medals for Gold, Silver & Bronze.

10. Supplementary Rules

- a. The tier level for this Tournament shall be Tier 3.
- b. The Divisions in this tournament shall be categorised as Intermediate (3.000 - 3.4999), and Beginners (2.99 and less).
- c. Tournament Director reserves the right to move any player if deemed to be "playing down".
- d. Apparels or/and clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to the Tournament Ball shall not be allowed.
- e. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations or schedule the fixtures of the tournament at any time as it deems fit. The decision on all such matters shall be final. No prior notice is required. However, Participants shall be informed before the tournament.
- f. Any protest shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the organising committee before the commencement of the tournament. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
- g. The Medal Presentation Ceremony shall be held soon after completion of each Division. All medal winners or nominated personnel must be present in neat attire (no singlet, slippers and sandals) to receive the prize. Failing which, the Organizing Committee reserves the right not to award the medal to the winner.