


# RULES & REGULATIONS - PICKLEBALL

## PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players must be registered on their individual or team's registration form before the tournament begins. Any team or player determined by the event director to have falsified age or skill level will be dismissed from the tournament. All players must carry proof of age (player pass, passport, driver's license, or birth certificate).

## ROSTERS & GENDER

All rosters are frozen at check in. No males will be allowed to participate in any female divisions. Females CAN play in male division.

## SCORING

Traditional Side-Out Scoring (primary use)

• Points are scored only by the serving team.

• Games are normally played to 11 points, win by 2.

Rally Scoring

• A point is scored after every rally, regardless of which team is serving. This method rewards success after each point.

Forfeits will be scored 11-0.

## TIEBREAKERS

In pool play, ties between two or more players/teams will be broken by: 1) head-to-head results between tied players/teams (2 only); 2) point difference in pool play; 3) fewest points against in pool play; 4) points scored in pool play. If players/teams are still tied after all tiebreakers, a coin flip will determine the winner.

## TIME-OUTS, REST & INJURY

- Unless the event announces otherwise, each player or team may request up to one 1-minute time-out per game. Event staff may adjust time-outs for the format.
- Players may request a pause for injury or equipment issues. Tournament Director may stop play for safety and determine whether the player can continue.
- Players must be ready at their scheduled court and match time. Late arrival may result in a forfeit under published event policy.

## SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT

- Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in a penalty point, match forfeit or disqualification.
- Tournament staff have authority to remove players or spectators.
- Protests are not allowed.  Rules clarifications are made by the tournament director.
- Players must raise rule questions promptly and respectfully with the referee or Tournament Director. Officials' judgment calls are final.
- Elite Sports Tour tournament management has final authority over schedules, eligibility, scoring administration, discipline, and event-specific rule interpretations.

ANY EXACT RULE HERE OR ANYTHING ELSE IS LEFT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR