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1. Rules

- 1.1 The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of Pesta Sukan 2022.
 - a. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2022 Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/ifp/USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf>
 - b. Scoring system shall be conventional pickleball scoring or new rally scoring. Player may refer to **Appendix A** for Rally Scoring Rules.
 - c. Players may use any USAP approved paddle that are posted on the USAP website. Players are to note that non-approved paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks and players with non-compliant paddles shall not be allowed to play.
 - d. We shall be using USAP approved **Franklin X-26 (lime green)** balls for this tournament.
 - e. All participants shall adhere to the Tournament Code of Ethics given in **Appendix B**.
- 1.2 Information on player ratings can be found at <https://usapickleball.org/tournaments/tournament-player-ratings/player-skill-rating-definitions/>
- 1.3 All Round Robin matches, Best of 16 and Quarterfinal matches shall be self-officiated. Referee and Line Judges shall only be assigned to Semifinals and Medal Matches only.
- 1.4 Any queries can be sent by WhatsApp or SMS to 97871512, or hello@pickleballassociation.sg.

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2. Event Details

Venue	Bukit Canberra Sports Hall Tournament venue is a multi-purposed hall with timber/parquet court flooring. Non-Volley Lines shall be marked with removable vinyl court tapes.	
Dates	21 July (Thu) to 24 July 2022 (Sun) - 1 st week; 28 July (Thu) to 31 July 2022 (Sun) - 2 nd week; 4 Aug (Thu) to 6 Aug 2022 (Sat) - 3 rd week;	
Time	Thursday / Friday – 12pm to 10pm Saturday / Sunday – 9am to 10pm	
Registration Period	Opening - 1 Jun 2022 (Wednesday) Closing – 3 July 2022 (Sunday)	
Registration Fees	Singles	\$15 (Open)
	Doubles	\$30 (Open) \$10 (Masters and Merdeka) \$25 (Split)
	Team	\$70 per Team
Age Groups (based on year of birth)	Open	19 yrs and above
	Split (only for doubles)	10 to 18 yrs, mixed with 19 yrs and above
	Master	55 yrs and above
	Merdeka	65 yrs and above
Skill Level (Refer to Article 1.3)	Beginner	1.0 to 1.99
	Beginner Plus	2.5
	Intermediate Plus	3.5 and above
Participant Briefing	15 July 2022 (Friday), 8:30pm Online via Zoom, MS Team or Google Meet	

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3. Division Details

Maximum of 24 singles/doubles per Division.

3.1 Singles/Doubles Divisions - the singles and doubles divisions are detailed in the table below.

Singles and Doubles Divisions						
Age Group	Skill Level	Men's Doubles	Men's Singles	Women's Doubles	Women's Singles	Mixed Doubles
Open	Beginner	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
	Intermediate Plus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Split	Intermediate Plus	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Master	Beginner	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
	Intermediate Plus	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
Merdeka	Beginner Plus	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓

3.2 Split-Age Mixed Doubles – this is a mixed doubles division where one of the team player shall be, based on year of birth, between 10 to 18 years of age and the other shall be 19 years and above.

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4. Team Challenge

In addition to the individual divisions, this tournament shall have a Team Challenge.

4.1 Each Team shall field players to compete in Team Matches with the following games,

- Men's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles 1
- Mixed Doubles 2

4.2 Each Team shall consist of minimum 6 members, maximum 8 members, of which at least TWO members shall be in the Masters Age Group.

4.3 For every Team Match, any team member shall play once only, in any one of the three games, and the team line up shall include at least ONE member in the Masters Age Group.

4.4 The Team may submit different team line ups for different matches.

4.5 The team line up shall be submitted to the organisers by 12 pm, the day before the scheduled commencement of the 1st game, to hello@pickleballassociation.sg using the prescribed form.

4.6 Each Team shall field players according to the above criteria, and may have upto 2 reserves.

5. Tentative Schedule

Please refer to **Appendix C**.

Note – Schedule is subjected to changes following actual participation numbers.

6. Registration

Participants shall note that they will have to register on two platforms,

6.1 Registration to participate in the tournament shall be via ActiveSG App.

6.2 As Tournament Management and Scheduling shall be by Pickleball Global (PG) Tournament Software, participants are also required to register with the PG Tournament Software for a Pickleball Global PGID account. To register, visit <https://pickleball.global/>. Participants who already have a PGID account do not need to re-register.

6.3 There is no limit to the number of Divisions a player may participate, subjected to schedule and player eligibility.

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- 6.4 Participants are encouraged and allowed to “Play Up”, e.g. a participant in the Master age group, may opt to challenge himself in the younger Open age group; or a Beginner skilled player may opt to challenge himself in the Open skill division.
- 6.5 Participants are not allowed to “Play Down”, e.g. a younger participant playing in an older age group, or an Intermediate/Advanced player playing in a Beginner division.
- 6.6 Additional eligibility criteria for past medalists in SPA Sanctioned Tournaments are set out below.

SPA Sanctioned Tournament	Divisions by Skill Level		
	Beginner 1.0+	Beginner Plus 2.5+	Intermediate Plus 3.5+
	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Eligible
SPA Open (Intermediate) 2022	Medalist in any Division	Medalist in any Division	Medalist in any Division are eligible. This is an Open Division
National Novice 2022/2021		Medalist in any Intermediate Division	
Pesta Sukan 2021/2019		Medalist in any Division	

- 6.7 Players who do not have any track record in past 3 years' of SPA Sanctioned Tournaments may self-rate in their profile accordingly following Article 1.2.
- 6.8 Organisers reserve the right to conduct qualifiers should number of registration exceeds the maximum participation numbers.

7. Tournament Format

- 7.1 The tournament shall consist of two rounds. Round 1 shall be Round Robin format and Round 2 shall be the Single Eliminations.
- 7.2 Round Robin Draws shall be arranged according to player's Global Pickleball Ranking (GPR). The Tournament Committee reserves the rights to move players according to skill level, and modify the division and format.
- 7.3 The number of singles/doubles per Round Robin Flight shall be minimum 3, maximum 5.
- 7.4 For the Beginner and Beginner Plus divisions, only the top 2 teams from each Round Robin Flight shall be promoted to Round 2 Single Eliminations.

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- 7.5 The Intermediate Plus divisions shall have 2 separate groups playing single eliminations, as described by table below. The Singles/Doubles/Teams' performance in the Round Robin will determine if they shall be eliminated or progressed to Level 1 or 2 Elimination Groups as follows,

Number of teams in each Flight	Level 1 Elimination Group	Level 2 Elimination Group	Eliminated
mixture of 3 and 4	Top 2 Teams	3rd placed Teams	4th placed Teams
4		3rd and 4th placed Teams	None
mixture of 4 and 5			5th placed Teams
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- 7.6 If a Division has less than 5 entries, the participants shall have to decide between 2 options,

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

- 7.7 The first player to reach the stated points below shall be the winner.

Matches	Number of Games per Match	Rally Scoring
Round Robin Best of 16/Quarterfinals	1	21 points with deuce at 20-20, after which win by 2 consecutive points. Maximum point shall be 30 points.
Semifinals Finals	Best of 3	15 points with deuce at 14-14. After which win by 2 consecutive points. Maximum point shall be 21 points.

- 7.8 Tie Resolution – Ties in the Round Robins shall be resolved in the following order,

- 1st Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Match Differential
- 2nd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Game Differential
- 3rd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Point Differential

- 7.9 All Round Robin matches, Best of 16 and Quarterfinal matches shall be self-officiated, and there shall be NO technical officers, referees and/or line judges. Players will call their own scores and make the line calls in accordance to guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook.

- 7.10 If a player reasonably believes that a rule is being consistently and deliberately violated by their opponent; or a situation arises where players are not able to quickly and easily resolve a dispute, any player may request for a technical officer to oversee the rest of the match.

- 7.11 Referee and Line Judges shall only be assigned to Semifinals and Medal Matches only.

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- 7.12 Tournament Director may at his sole discretion assign officials or include additional officials to officiate any match. This can be done before the match commences, and during the match.
- 7.13 Should participation numbers exceed allocated places in the main draw, Tournament Organisers reserve the right to conduct qualifying rounds for unseeded, unranked participants/doubles teams, or participants without Pickleball Global Ranking (PGR) points. Qualifying rounds will be held on different dates as the Tournament.

8. Prize Money and Medals

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

There shall be Prize Money only for the Open and Masters Age Group Advanced winners.

9. Supplementary Rules

- 9.1 The tier level for this Tournament shall be Tier 3.
- 9.2 Apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball shall not be allowed.
- 9.3 Late Reporting:
- 10 mins – 1st Game Forfeit of Multiple Game Match / Match Forfeit for Single Game Match.
 - 15 mins – Match forfeit for Multiple Game Match.

Forfeiture means maximum points shall be awarded to the opponent, e.g 15-0.

- 9.4 The Tournament Organisers 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, and no prior notice is required. However, Participants shall be informed before the competition.
- 9.5 In the event of any dispute arising over any participant(s) and/or (team(s)), the particular fixture shall be competed under protest, and the Organiser shall determine the matter on receipt of the protest in writing, together with the protest fee of \$50 for individual events and \$100 for team events, such protest fees are non-refundable. Protest must be made in writing together with the protest fee and lodged with the Organiser on the spot during the match. The Organiser's decision in relation to any protest shall be final and no appeals will be entertained.
- 9.6 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 (no singlet, slippers and sandals) 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

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.

There shall be only ONE time out of 60 seconds per side, per game.

Before the Game

- Chance Draw to determine side to serve/choose ends.
- In Doubles, both sides Starting Server and Starting Receiver shall wear the Starting Server ID

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.



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF ETHICS

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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DIVISION COLOUR CODES

- Beginner / Beginner Plus
- Intermediate Plus (Open)
- Team
- Level 2 Elimination (Intermediate Plus)

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