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## 1. Rules

1.1 The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of Pesta Sukan 2024, the SPA Sanctioned Tournament Structure and Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics (Appendix A).
a. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting the latest edition of the USA Pickleball Official Rulebook.
b. Scoring system shall be new rally scoring. Player may refer to Appendix B 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.
1.2 Only Medal Matches shall be Officiated. All other matches shall be Non-Officiated. and there shall be NO officials, 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.
1.3 Tournament is open to ActiveSG members who are Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents and non-Singapore Citizens residing in Singapore with valid passes as stated below
a. Student Pass,
b. Long Term Pass,
c. Dependent's Pass,
d. Work Permit,
e. S Pass, or
f. Employment Pass
1.4 We shall be using USA Pickleball approved Franklin X-26 (Lime Green) for this tournament.
1.5 Official and final information, briefs and schedules shall be sent to participants via Email. Participants are to ensure that their Email and Contact Number is updated and correct on their ActiveSG profile and registration.
1.6 Any queries can be sent to info@singaporepickleball.com.sg. .

## 2. Event Details

| Dates | 15 July 2024 (Mon) to 4 Aug 2024 (Sun) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Venue | Bukit Canberra Sports Hall - 15 July 2024 to 3 Aug 2024 <br> OCBC Arena Hall 4 Aug 2024 <br> Tournament venue is a multi-purposed hall with timber court flooring. Non-Volley Zone Lines shall be marked with removable vinyl court tapes. |  |
| Time | 9am to 10pm <br> Refer to Tentative Schedule as well |  |
| Registration Period/Fees | Refer to ActiveSG App/Website <br> Note - <br> - Participants' responsibility to check tournament schedule, restrictions and divisions on registration. Strictly no refund. <br> - Incomplete and pending registration shall be removed and the slot reopened for public registration. |  |
| Age Groups (based on year of birth) | Open | 13 yrs and above |
|  | Split (only Mixed Doubles) | 10 to 18 yrs, mixed with 19 yrs and above <br> Note - <br> - Age differences shall be at least 25 yrs, e.g. a 12 year old girl shall pair with a male at least 37 years of age. <br> - Above restriction shall be waived if pair is parent/child related. |
|  | Master | 40 yrs and above |
|  | Senior | 55 yrs and above |
|  | Merdeka | 60 yrs and above, total age of players >=125 yrs |
| Skill Level | Open | No Restrictions |
| Participant Brief | 1 July 2024 (Monday) By Email |  |
| General Information | SingaporePickleball.com.sg |  |

## 3. Division Details

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

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| Age Group | Mens's <br> Singles | Men's <br> Double | Women's <br> Singles | Women's <br> Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles | Split Mixed <br> Doubles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Open | 64 | 48 | 24 | 32 | 48 | 16 |
| Masters <br> $(40+)$ | 20 | 16 | 20 | 20 |  |  |
| Seniors <br> $(55+)$ | 32 | 32 |  | 20 | 32 |  |
| Merdeka <br> $(60+)$ | 16 |  | 16 | 40 |  |  |

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. The age difference of the 2 players shall be 25 years or more, unless they are parent/kid related.
3.3 The Merdeka (60+) Divisions have an additional criterion where the partners' total age must add up to be 125 years or more. That means, a 60-year old participant born in the year 1964, must partner someone at least 65 years old, born 1959 or earlier.
3.4 The division acronyms are given below,

| Age Group | Mens's <br> Singles | Men's <br> Double | Women's <br> Singles | Women's <br> Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles | Split <br> Mixed <br> Doubles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Open | OMS | OMD | OWS | OWD | OXD | Split |
| Masters <br> $(40+)$ | 4 OD | $4 W S$ | 4 DD | 4 XD |  |  |
| Seniors <br> $(55+)$ | SMS | SMD |  | SWD | SXD |  |
| Merdeka <br> $(60+)$ | 6MD |  | $6 W D$ | 6 DD |  |  |

## 4. Pesta Sukan Team Challenge

In addition to the individual divisions, this tournament shall have a Pesta Sukan Team Challenge.
4.1 The Division shall have capacity for a total of 64 Teams.
4.2 Teams shall compete in head-to-head Team Matches in a format based on the MLP Dreambreaker format.
4.3 Each Team shall consist of minimum 7 members, maximum 9 , of which, the following shall be fielded to play in the Team Matches,
4.3.1 Atreast 4 Male and 3 Female Players
4.3.2 At least 2 Seniors (55 years and older)
4.4 Each team shall comprise of at least 70\% Singapore citizens or permanent residents.
4.5 The Team may submit different match line ups for different team matches. However, every team match shall consist minimum 70\% Singapore citizens or permanent residents. For a line up of 7 players, 5 shall be Singapore citizens or permanent residents
4.6 Each Team Match shall be Best of 3 Games to 30 points, no deuce.
4.7 For every Team Match, any team member shall play once only.
4.8 For each Team Match, the Team Manager shall field any player, of which 2 shall be Seniors, to play the following ordered ties

- Doubles 1
- Doubles 2
- Singles 1
- Doubles 3
4.9 Each tie shall play a total of 4 points, i.e. 4-0, 3-1, 2-2, 1-3, 0-4, after which the next will take over and continue to play another 4 points total. Therefore at the start of the game, two player from each side will play out Doubles 1 , after a total of 4 points played, Doubles 2 will take over, and the players for Doubles 1 will go to the back of the queue. Doubles 1 will play again after the players of Doubles 3 completed their turn to play.

Note that a female player may face a male player; or a mixed doubles may face a women's doubles or men's doubles.

This rotation will continue until the winning point of the game is reached.
4.10 In the event that a Team is unable to fulfil one of the ties, that tie will face a walkover, i.e. 0-4 will be awarded to the game scores.
4.11 The team line up shall be submitted to the organisers 15 mins before the scheduled match for records and reference only, using the prescribed form. The Team Manager and players shall be solely responsible in ensuring the right players are fielded according to the submitted lineup. Fielding the wrong players will result in forfeiture of the affected tie(s). If the entire game was played with the wrong players, that game shall be forfeited.

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4.12 Team Manager may substitute players on the ActiveSG app, whilst meeting the criteria set out in this document, up to the Registration Closing date. Thereafter substitution and addition of members into the Team shall not be allowed.
5. Tentative Schedule

Please refer to Appendix C.
Note - Schedule is subjected to changes following actual participation numbers.
6. Registration
6.1 Registration to participate in the tournament shall be via ActiveSG App only.
6.2 There is no limit to the number of Divisions a player may participate, subjected to schedule clashes and player eligibility.
6.3 Doubles may substitute their partners, whilst meeting the criteria set out in this document, upto the Registration Closing Date. Thereafter substitution shall not be allowed, and there shall be strictly no refunds whatsoever.
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.
6.5 Participants are not allowed to "Play Down", e.g a younger participant playing in an older age group
6.6 Organisers reserve the right to conduct qualifiers should number of registration exceeds the maximum participation numbers.
7. Tournament Format
7.1 The divisions in this tournament shall be conducted in 2 formats,
7.1.1 Combined Draw - where Round 1 shall be Group Play, Round Robin format, followed by Round 2 Single Elimination format.
7.1.2 Double Eliminations
7.2 Round Robin Draws shall be arranged according to player's Singapore Pickleball Ranking. Unranked participants shall be inserted into groups randomly. 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 Other than the Merdeka Divisions, only the top 2 teams from each Round Robin Group shall be promoted to Round 2 Single Eliminations.
7.5 For the Merdeka divisions, Round 2 shall consist of two separate groups playing single eliminations. The performance in the Round Robin Group Play shall determine if the Team shall be eliminated or progressed to Level 1 or 2 Elimination Groups as follows,

| Number of Teams in each Group | Round 2 Single Elimination |  | Eliminated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Level 1 Group (Open) | Level 2 Group (Intermediate Plus) |  |
| Mixture of 3 and 4 | Top 2 Teams | None | $\begin{aligned} & 3^{\text {rd }} \text { and } 4^{\text {th }} \\ & \text { placed } \end{aligned}$ |
| 4 | Top 2 | $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ placed | $5^{\text {th }}$ placed |
| Mixture of 4 and 5 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |

7.6 If a Division has less than 5 entries, the participants may decide between 2 options.

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

Organisers reserve the right to proceed with 4 entries.
7.7 The first player to reach the stated points below shall be the winner.

| Matches | Number of Games <br> per Match | Rally Scoring |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Double Elimination <br> Loser Bracket <br> Matches | 1 | 21 points with deuce at 20-20, afterwhich <br> win by 2 consecutive points. Maximum <br> point shall be 30 points. |
| Round of 16 | Best of 3 | 15 points with deuce at 14-14. Afterwhich <br> win by 2 consecutive points. Maximum <br> point shall be 21 points. |
| Semifinals |  |  |
| Finals |  |  |
| Double Elimination <br> Winner Bracket <br> Matches |  |  |

7.8 In the Group Play, all players/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,

- $\quad 7^{\text {st }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Overall Match Differential (Team Matches only)
- $\quad 2^{\text {nd }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Overall Game Differential
- $\quad 3^{\text {rd }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Overall Point Differential
- $\quad 4^{\text {th }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Head to head Match Differential
- $\quad 5^{\text {th }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Head to head Game Differential
- $\quad 6^{\text {th }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing head to head Point Differential
- $\quad 7^{\text {th }}$ Tie Breaker - Chance draw
7.9 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 an Official to oversee the rest of the match.
7.10 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.
7.11 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 Singapore Pickleball Ranking points. Qualifying rounds will be held on different dates as the Tournament.

8. Prize Money and Medals
8.1 Medals (Gold, Silver \& Bronze) shall be awarded for all the Divisions listed, including the Team Challenge.
8.2 There shall be Prize Money for Medalists for Divisions, including the Team Challenge, with participation numbers with 8 or more registrations.. Prize money shall be disbursed by PayNow to participants' NRIC only. PayNow to mobile number is inadmissible.
8.3 Where Divisions are subsequently split to separate Round 2 eliminations, Prize Money shall be offered to the Open Level Medalists only, there shall be no prize money for the Intermediate Plus Medalists.

## 9. Supplementary Rules

9.1 The tier level for this Tournament shall be Tier 3.
9.2 Skill level of this Tournament shall be Open and Intermediate Plus.
9.3 Singapore Pickleball Ranking Points shall be awarded in accordance to the table shown in Appendix D.
9.4 Apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball shall not be allowed.
9.5 Late Reporting:

- 10 mins - $7^{\text {st }}$ 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.
9.6 Players and Team Captains shall be responsible to check, verify and acknowledge the accuracy of the score and outcome of the matches on the Score Record Sheet or Score Sheets. After the Score Record and Score Sheets are returned to the Admin Desk, the match results will stand.
9.7 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.
9.8 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.
9.9 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.
9.10 All media or photographs taken in the Tournament by the Organisers will belong to the Singapore Pickleball and/or SportSG, and may be used for general publicity for the further promotion of the sport.

## Appendix $A$

## 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 the 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.

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

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.

## Appendix B

## SPA 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 ( $0,2,4 \ldots$...), 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 $(1,3,5 \ldots)$, 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 ( $0,2,4 \ldots$...), 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 $(1,3,5 \ldots)$, 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 C - Tentative Schedule




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