



# OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

All tournament games must follow the USA Pickleball Rules unless specified below.

**Officiating:** This is a non-sanctioned tournament with no referees or line judges.

**Server/Side** - Teams decide on a fair method to determine who will choose Server or Side. The team that “wins” the fair method has a choice of side or first service, the other team will pick the other option.

**Scoring** - Games are played up to 11, win by 2.

**Switch Sides** - Teams must switch sides when one team reaches 6 points.

**Line & Fault Calling** - Players are responsible for calling the lines & faults on their end of the court. The opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on line calls made. Any ball that cannot be called “out” will be considered “in.” If there is any disagreement among players about the called fault, a replay shall occur. Players are expected to call faults as soon as they are committed. Spectators and Court Monitors should not be asked to call lines and do not have authority to make a call.

**Timeouts:** Each team is allowed one 1-minute timeout per game

**Replay of Point** - If a pickleball or object comes into the court during a point, stop play and replay the point. If a fault is called and both teams cannot agree on the call, then replay the point.

**Medal Rounds** - If there is only one Pool - 1st and 2nd seed play in the Championship Match and 3rd and 4th seed play in the Consolation Match. If there are two Pools - 1st seed from each Pool play in the Championship Match and 2nd seed from each Pool play in the Consolation Match. If there are more than two Pools - the top ranked team via the tie-breakers will play the second ranked team via the tie-breakers in the Championship Match and the third ranked team via the tie-breakers will play the fourth ranked team via the tie-breakers in the Consolation Match.

**Actions & Behavior** - We will not condone inappropriate language or behavior. Our goal is to create a safe, accepting & empowering environment where players of all skill levels can play together, treat each other with respect and have fun! Tournament Director has the right to remove a team from the tournament at his/her discretion.

Tournament Director retains the right to have final decision-making authority while following the official USA Pickleball rulebook and tournament specific rules. This includes but is not limited to line and fault disputes, forfeitures, structure of tournament and ejections for inappropriate behavior.