1. Rules
1.1 The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of Pesta Sukan 2023.
a. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2023 Official Rulebook: https://usapickleball.org/docs/ifp/USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf
b. Scoring system shall be 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 $A$ ppendix $B$.
1.2 Information on player ratings can be found at https://usapickleball.org/tournaments/tournament-player-ratings/player-skill-ratingdefinitions/
1.3 All Round Robin matches, Best of 16 and Quarterfinal matches shall be Non-Officiated. Only Semifinals and Medal Matches shall be Officiated.
1.4 Any queries can be sent by WhatsApp to 97871512 , or info@singaporepickleball.com.sg.

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## 2. Event Details

| Venue | Bukit Canberra Sports Hall <br> Tournament venue is a multi-purposed hall with timber court flooring. Non-Volley Lines shall be marked with removable vinyl court tapes. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dates | 22 July (Sat) to 28 July 2023 (Fri) - $7^{\text {st }}$ week; 29 July (Sat) to 4 Aug 2023 (Fri) - $2^{\text {nd }}$ week; 5 Aug (Sat) to 8 Aug 2023 (Tue) - $3^{\text {rd }}$ week; |  |
| Time | Weekdays - 1 pm to 10 pm Weekends - 9 am to 10 pm |  |
| Registration Period/Fees | Refer to ActiveSG App/Website <br> Note - Participants' responsibility to check tournament schedule, restrictions and divisions on registration. Strictly no refund. |  |
| 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 |
|  | Master | 40 yrs and above |
|  | Senior | 55 yrs and above |
|  | Merdeka (only Mixed Doubles) | 60 yrs and above |
| Skill Level | Open | No Restrictions |
|  | Beginner | 2.5 and below |
| Participant Brief | 14 July 2023 (Friday) By Email |  |
| General Information | SingaporePickleball.com.sg |  |

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## 3. Division Details

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

| Pesta Sukan 2023 (Skill Open) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Division <br> Age Group | Men's <br> Singles | Men's <br> Doubles | Women's Singles | Women's Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles | Split Mixed Doubles |
| Open | 24 | 24 | 16 | 16 | 24 | 12 |
| Masters (40+) | 16 | 24 |  | 24 | 24 |  |
| Seniors (55+) |  | 16 |  | 16 | 16 |  |
| Merdeka (60+) |  |  |  |  | 16 |  |
| Pesta Sukan 2023 (Skill Beginner) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Division Age Group | Men's <br> Singles | Men's <br> Doubles | Women's Singles | Women's Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles |  |
| Open | 24 | 24 | 16 | 16 | 24 |  |
| Seniors (55+) |  | 16 |  | 16 | 24 |  |

3.2 While participants are encouraged to play up to challenge themselves, if a division is available under Skill Open or Beginner levels, the participant may only opt to register for one or the other. This is due to possible schedule clashes. Should a participant register for both divisions, he/she shall decide which to forfeit and there shall be strictly no refund.
3.3 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.
3.4 The Merdeka (60+) Mixed Doubles has 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 1963, must partner someone at least 65 years old, born 1958 or earlier.

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3.5 The division acronyms are given below,

| Division Acronym (Skill Open) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | Men's Doubles | Women's Doubles | Mixed Doubles | Men's Singles | Women's Singles |
| Open | OMD | OWD | OXD | OMS | OWS |
|  |  |  | Split |  |  |
| Masters (40+) | 4MD | 4WD | 4XD | 4MS | NA |
| Senior (55+) | SMD | SWD | SXD | NA | NA |
| Merdeka (60+) | NA | NA | 6XD | NA | NA |


| Division Acronym (Skill Beginner) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | Men's <br> Doubles | Women's <br> Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles | Men's <br> Singles | Women's <br> Singles |  |
| Open | BOMD | BOWD | BOXD | BOMS | BOWS |  |
| Senior (55+) | BSMD | BSWD | BSXD | NA | NA |  |

## 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 1
- Men's Doubles 2
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
4.2 As there are 4 games per match, tie elimination shall be as follows,

| Game | Weightage |
| :--- | :---: |
| G1 - Men's Doubles 1 | 1 |
| G2 - Men's Doubles 2 | 1 |
| G3 - Women's Doubles | 1 |
| G4 - Mixed Doubles | 2 |

4.3 Each Team shall consist of minimum 8 members, maximum 10, of which at least TWO members shall be in the Seniors Age Group.
4.4 For every Team Match, any team member shall play once only, in any one of the four games, and the team line up shall include at least ONE member in the Seniors Age Group.

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4.5 The Team may submit different team line ups for different matches.
4.6 The team line up shall be submitted to the organisers 10 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 game(s).
4.7 Each Team shall field players according to the above criteria, and may have upto 2 reserves.
4.8 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; 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 restrictions are set for eligibility to play in the Beginner Divisions.
6.6.1 Previous medalists in any local tournaments
6.6.2 Those 'ranked top 32 in Open Divisions of all age groups
6.6.3 Those 'ranked top 16 in Intermediate Divisions of all age groups

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6.7 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 Group Play, Round Robin format and Round 2 shall be the Single 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 Only the top 2 teams from each Round Robin Group of the following divisions shall be promoted to Round 2 Single Eliminations.
7.4.1 Beginner Divisions
7.4.2 Senior Divisions
7.4.3 Merdeka Divisions
7.4.4 Open Split Mixed Doubles
7.4.5 Team Challenge
7.5 Participants from the Open and Masters divisions shall be promoted from each Round Robin Group in accordance to the table below. Round 2 shall consist of two separate groups playing single eliminations. The Singles/Doubles' 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 Group | Round 2 |  | Eliminated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Level 1 Elimination Group (Open) | Level 2 Elimination <br> Group <br> (Intermediate Plus) |  |
| M 3 | Top Team | $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place | $4^{\text {th }}$ placed |
| $\frac{\text { Mixture of } 3 \text { and } 4}{4}$ |  |  |  |
| Mixture of 4 and 5 | Top 2 | $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ placed | $5^{\text {th }}$ placed |
| 5 |  |  |  |

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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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Round Robin | 1 | 21 points with deuce at 20-20, afterwhich win <br> by 2 consecutive points. Maximum point <br> shall be 30 points. |
| Best of 16 | Best of 3 | 15 points with deuce at 14-14. Afterwhich win <br> by 2 consecutive points. Maximum point <br> shall be 21 points. |
| Semifinals |  |  |
| Finals |  |  |

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

- $\quad 7^{\text {st }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Overall Match Differential
- $\quad 2^{\text {nd }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Overall Game Differential
- $\quad 3^{\text {rd }}$ Tie Breaker - Comparing Overall Point Differential
7.9 All Round Robin matches, Best of 16 and Quarterfinal 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.
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 Only Semifinals and Medal Matches shall be officiated.
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 Singapore Pickleball Ranking points. Qualifying rounds will be held on different dates as the Tournament.

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## 8. Prize Money and Medals

Medals (Gold, Silver \& Bronze) shall be awarded for all the Divisions listed.
There shall be Prize Money for selected division winners. Prize money shall be disbursed by PayNow to participants' NRIC only. PayNow to mobile number is inadmissible.

## 9. Supplementary Rules

9.1 The tier level for this Tournament shall be Tier 3 .
9.2 Skill level of this Tournament shall be Beginner, 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 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.
9.7 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.
9.8 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.
9.9 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 Rally Scoring System

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## 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 may 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 ( $1,3,5$...), 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 <br> 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.
3.1 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.

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.

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.



| Division Acronym (Skill Open) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | Men's <br> Doubles | Women's <br> Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles | Men's <br> Singles | Women's <br> Singles |
| Open | OMD | OWD | OXD | OMS | OWS |
|  | Split |  |  |  |  |
| Masters (40+) | 4 MD | 4 WD | 4 XD | 4 MS | NA |
| Senior (55+) | SMD | SWD | SXD | NA | NA |
| Merdeka (60+) | NA | NA | 6 XD | NA | NA |


| Division Acronym (Skill Beginner) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | Men's <br> Doubles | Women's <br> Doubles | Mixed <br> Doubles | Men's <br> Singles | Women's <br> Singles |  |
| Open | BOMD | BOWD | BOXD | BOMS | BOWS |  |
| Senior (55+) | BSMD | BSWD | BSXD | NA | NA |  |



## Appendix D - Singapore Pickleball Ranking Points

| S/N | *Outcome | Points and Derating Factor (DF) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Open <br> DF - 1 |  | Advanced Plus | Advanced | Intermediate / Intermediate Plus | Beginner |
|  |  | Loss | **Win | DF-0.5 | DF-0.3 | DF-0.25 | DF-0 |
| 1 | $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ Round | 1 | 2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.25 | 0 |
| 2 | 2nd Round | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 |
| 3 | 3rd Round | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1.2 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | $4^{\text {th }}$ Round | 8 | 16 | 4 | 2.4 | 2 | 0 |
| 5 | 5th Round | 16 | 32 | 8 | 4.8 | 4 | 0 |
| 6 | $6^{\text {th }}$ Round | 32 | 64 | 16 | 9.6 | 4 (max cap) | 0 |
| 7 | 7th Round | 64 | 128 | 32 | 9.6 (max cap) | 4 (max cap) | 0 |
| 8 | $8^{\text {th }}$ Round | 128 | 256 | 32 (max cap) | 9.6 (max cap) | 4 (max cap) | 0 |

* This table fits a maximum draw size of 64 pools (for pool play), or 256 participants (for Single Eliminations). Under the maximum draw size, the $8^{\text {th }}$ round shall be the Final Gold Medal Match. Anything more than 256 players will require qualifying rounds that carry no points.

If the draw size is smaller, the number of rounds will reduce accordingly. For example a draw size of 32 participants, arranged into 8 pools of 4 participants each, the Round Robin pool play shall be the $1^{\text {st }}$ Round. Promoting the top 2 participants from each pool starts the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Round at Best of 16 (Single Elimination). Therefore the rounds shall be as follows,

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1st Round - RR
2nd Round - Best of 16
3rd Round - QF
4th Round - SF
5th Round - Final
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** If the round is the Final Round. Points are awarded even for not winning to encourage participation. Only the winner of the final round, i.e. the Champion will then be awarded the points allotted. In other words, the $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ Runner Up will only be awarded points up to the Round before.

In events where the $1^{\text {st }}$ Round is the seeding round, e.g. Group Play in Round Robin format, and thereafter the participants are split into different elimination groups, e.g Open and Intermediate Eliminations, rounds shall then be aligned based on the round size. For example, the $1^{\text {st }}$ Round comprises of total 32 participants, divided into 8 pools of 4 participants each. The top performer from each pool gets promoted to an Open Quarterfinals, while next two best performers from each pool gets promoted to an Intermediate Best of 16 Round. The table below then details the points when transferred to Open Category Points.

| S/N | Outcome | Round |  | Skill Category |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Open | Intermediate |
| 1 | Lose at $1^{\text {st }}$ Round | $1^{\text {st }}$ Round - Round Robin | Open | 1 |  |
| 2 | Lose at $2^{\text {nd }}$ Round | 2nd Round - Best of 16 | Intermediate |  | $2 \times 0.25=0.5$ |
| 3 | Lose at 3rd Round | 3rd Round Quarterfinals | Open | 4 |  |
|  |  |  | Intermediate |  | $4 \times 0.25=1$ |
| 4 | Lose at $4^{\text {th }}$ Round | $4^{\text {th }}$ Round Semi-Finals | Open | 8 |  |
|  |  |  | Intermediate |  | $8 \times 0.25=2$ |
| 5 | Lose at $5^{\text {th }}$ Round | $5^{\text {th }}$ Round Finals | Open | 16 |  |
|  |  |  | Intermediate |  | $16 \times 0.25=4$ |
| 6 | Win at $5^{\text {th }}$ Round | $5^{\text {th }}$ Round Finals | Open | 32 |  |
|  |  |  | Intermediate |  | Capped at 4 |


| Table 3 - Multiplication Factor for Tournament Tier |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tier | Description | Ranking Points <br> Multiplication Factor |
| 1 | Sanctioned Tournaments within <br> Constituency/Zone level | 1 |
| 2 | Sanctioned Tournaments at Inter- <br> Constituency or Inter-Zone level | 1.5 |
| 3 | Sanctioned Tournaments at National <br> level | 3 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Player rankings can be found on SingaporePickleball.com.sg website

