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1. Rules

- 1.1 The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of the MWA Singapore Pickleball Masters 2025 set out herein, the SPA Sanctioned Tournament Structure and Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics (*Appendix A*).
- 1.2 The tournament is open to all Singapore Citizens and Residents of Singapore who are Singapore Pickleball (SPA) Individual Members or Members of Singapore Pickleball (SPA) Affiliates only.
- 1.3 All registered players shall furnish and submit to SPA the attached Letter of Waiver and Indemnity (*Appendix D*), failing which they shall not be allowed to participate.
- 1.4 Visitors on Short Term Visit Pass may participate but only in Doubles, and partnering a Singapore Citizen who is either a SPA individual Member or Member of SPA Affiliate. (the registration must be submitted by the Singapore Citizen)
- 1.5 This tournament is one of the sanctioned tournaments by Singapore Pickleball for the selection of players to the High Performance pathway and National Team.
- 1.6 Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting the latest edition of the USA Pickleball Official Rulebook.
- 1.7 Scoring system shall follow the SPA Rally Scoring System. Players may refer to *Appendix B* for Rally Scoring Rules.
- 1.8 We shall be using USA Pickleball approved **Franklin X-26 (Lime Green)** for this tournament.
- 1.9 Any queries can be sent to tournaments@singaporepickleball.com.sg.

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2. Event Details

Venues	Pasir Ris Sports Hall Note - Tournament venue is a multi-purposed sport hall (timber flooring) with multiple court lines, Non-Volley Lines shall be marked with removable vinyl court tapes.	
Dates	20 - 21 December 2025	
Time	0830hr to 2200hr (refer to Tentative Schedule in Appendix C)	
Skill Level	Open. No restriction in Skill Level.	
Registration Fee (3rd party service charges applies)	Per Player Per Division Singles Division - \$80 per singles player Doubles Division - \$160 per doubles pair * Players who are not members of SPA Affiliates shall require a valid subscription to SPA Individual Membership for participation. Membership information can be found on the SPA Website. Note that processing for a new application is at least one (1) week.	
Key Dates	Registration Opens on Note - Withdrawal and refund requests shall be made by 20 November 2025. If registration is incomplete and/or falsified it will be rejected and slot will be reopened to public All refunds shall be subjected to a \$10.50 administrative charge. There shall be no refunds for Requests made after 20 November 2025.	23 October 2025 (1200hr)
	Registration Closes on (where no new registrations will be accepted or when specific divisions are filled, whichever earlier)	20 November 2025 (2359hr)
	Registration Locked Down Note – No changes will be accepted after the stated date	6 December 2025 (2359hr)
	Latest Date to be accepted as SPA Individual Member in order to participate in the tournament	6 December 2025
Participant Briefing	Briefing Slides will be sent out by 15 December 2025.	

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3. Tournament Venue

Venue	Address
Pasir Ris Sport Hall	120 Pasir Ris Central Singapore 519640

4. Division Details

There are a total of 7 divisions, played over the tournament dates, at the stated tournament venue. Their respective maximum capacities are detailed in the table below, on a first-come-first-served basis. There shall be no waiting list. Depending on the final registration numbers and court schedule, Organisers may at their own discretion adjust the participation capacities.

Division Capacity					
Age Group (Based on Year of Birth)	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
Masters 35+ (Aged 35 and above)	16 pairs	20 pairs		16	16
Super Masters 45+ (Aged 45 and above)	32 pairs	16 pairs	40 pairs		

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Division Acronym					
Age Group (Based on Year of Birth)	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
Masters 35+ (Aged 35 and above)	35MD	35WD		35MS	35WS
Super Masters 45+ (Aged 45 and above)	45MD	45WD	45XD		

5. Tournament Format

- 5.1 Round 1 shall be Group Play in Round Robin format; and Round 2 onwards shall be Single Elimination format.
- 5.2 2 players from each Round Robin Group shall be seeded according to the relevant age group of the 2025 SPA Ranking Points. All other players in the group shall be drawn by chance draws. The Tournament Committee reserves the rights to move players according to skill level.
- 5.3 The number of singles/doubles per Round Robin Group shall be min 3, max 5.
- 5.4 If a Division has 4 or less entries, the Division shall be withdrawn and the participants shall receive a full refund.
- 5.5 For all Divisions, only the top 2 performers in the individual Round Robin groups shall proceed to play Single Eliminations in Round 2. All other players in the group shall be eliminated.
- 5.6 The Organisers and Tournament Committee shall have the right to modify the Divisions and Match Format.

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5.7 The first player/team to reach the stated points below shall be the winner,

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

5.8 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,

- 1st Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Match Differential (where applicable)
- 2nd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Game Differential (where applicable)
- 3rd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Point Differential
- 4th Tie Breaker – Winner of the Head to Head Match
- 5th Tie Breaker - Chance Draw

5.9 Only Semi-finals and Medal Matches shall be Officiated. Therefore, all other matches shall be Non-Officiated, and Players shall track and call their own scores in accordance with the guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook.

5.10 The Tournament Committee may at their sole discretion assign or add officials to officiate any match. This can be done before the match commences and during the match.

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6. Prize Money and Medals

Medals (Gold, Silver & Bronze) with Prize Money shall be awarded for all the Divisions listed as detailed below,

Super Masters 45+ Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles (8 Groups Round Robin)

Proceeders Doubles	
Round of 16	\$90.00
Quarterfinalists	\$180.00
Semi-Finalists	\$270.00
2nd Runner Up	\$360.00
1st Runner up	\$450.00
Champion	\$540.00

All other Doubles Divisions (4 Groups Round Robin)

Proceeders Doubles	
Quarterfinalists	\$90.00
Semi-Finalists	\$180.00
2nd Runner Up	\$360.00
1st Runner up	\$450.00
Champion	\$540.00

All Singles Divisions (4 Groups Round Robin)

Proceeders Singles	
Quarterfinalists	\$45.00
Semi-Finalists	\$90.00
2nd Runner Up	\$180.00
1st Runner up	\$225.00
Champion	\$270.00

7. Supplementary Rules

7.1 The tier level for this Tournament shall be Tier 3.

7.2 The skill level for this Tournament shall be Open,

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- 7.3 For registration of doubles events, please note that details of both players are required. Player details required are,
- 7.3.1 Full name
 - 7.3.2 Date of Birth
 - 7.3.3 Gender
 - 7.3.4 Valid Email Address
 - 7.3.5 Contact Number
 - 7.3.6 Mailing Address
- 7.4 Even if registration fees are paid, incomplete registrations shall be rejected immediately, and the slots reopened for registration. Refunds shall then be made, but subjected to administrative and bank charges amounting to \$10.50, that will be deducted.
- 7.5 There shall be no transfer of registrations across divisions.
- 7.6 Substitutions of players shall be allowed before the Registration Locked Down date. Thereafter, no more changes shall be allowed. Any Singles/Doubles affected for whatever reason shall have to withdraw. All substitution requests shall be sent to tournaments@singaporepickleball.com.sg. The organisers are not obligated to accede to any request sent to any other email addresses.
- 7.7 Falsified registrations shall be immediately deemed incomplete even if registration fees are paid. There shall be no refund and the slot shall be reopened for public registration again.
- 7.8 Participants requesting refunds shall write in to tournaments@singaporepickleball.com.sg, stating clearly the division and registrant name. Note that all refunds shall be subjected to the administrative and bank charges mentioned herein.
- 7.9 Players may use any USA Pickleball approved paddle that is posted on the USA Pickleball website. Players are to note that non-approved or irregular paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks and non-compliant or irregular paddles shall not be allowed.
- 7.10 Apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball shall not be allowed.
- 7.11 Late Reporting:
- 7.11.1 10 mins – 1st Game Forfeit of Multiple Game Match / Match Forfeit for Single Game Match.
 - 7.11.2 15 mins – Match forfeit for Multiple Game Match.

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- 7.12 The Organisers and Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations or schedule the fixtures of the tournament as deemed fit. Participants shall be informed before the competition, and such decisions shall be final.
- 7.13 Any protest shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of \$150.00 and must be lodged in person to the Organisers.
- 7.14 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.
- 7.15 All media or photographs taken in the Tournament by the Organisers will belong to the Singapore Pickleball and may be used for general publicity for the further promotion of the sport.
- 7.16 Marketing Consent - all registrants shall note that their contact details as listed with the tournament registration may be shared with Event Sponsors, and they may be contacted by means of post, voice calls and/or electronic transmission via email/messaging app, SMS/MMS.

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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 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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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 is 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 the 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 a proper manner and keep the tournament venue clean.
- 6.2 Shall not damage or vandalise venue property and fixtures.

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*Appendix B*SPA RALLY SCORING SYSTEMIntroduction

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.

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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 changes their service courts.
- The side to reach the game point first wins the game.