



**SINGAPORE**  
**PICKLEBALL**  
NOVICE

**PARTICIPANTS BRIEFING**  
**(INDIVIDUAL)**

Dates of Tournament –  
31 Jan, 1, 7, 8 Feb 2026  
(version – 26 Jan 2026)



# Foreword

# Preliminaries and Reminders

1. Participants who are Singapore Citizens and Residents of Singapore who are not yet members of any SPA Affiliated are reminded to apply for SPA Individual Membership. Link for Individual Membership application is given below

<https://app.joinit.com/o/singapore-pickleball/>

2. All participants are reminded to submit the Indemnity Form. Participants who has not done so, **shall not** be allowed to participate in the event. Participants may submit their indemnity via the links on our website

<https://www.singaporepickleball.com.sg/novice-26-general-information>

# Advisory – Prohibition of Counterfeit, Misrepresented and Unapproved Paddle in SPA Sanctioned Tournaments (Updated 13 Dec 2025)

1. There is growing incidence in paddles falsely labelled or misrepresented as USA Pickleball (USAP) approved. These may include:
  - Counterfeit copies of certified paddles
  - Legitimate paddle brands using incorrect “approval” labelling on newer, uncertified models.
2. Using of counterfeit or illegitimate paddles does not align with the spirit of sportsmanship.
3. Players are reminded that they remain fully accountable for both the authenticity of their paddle and for presenting evidence to confirm its legitimacy when called upon.
4. Counterfeit and misrepresented paddles are classified under the broader category of unapproved paddles. The use of any unapproved paddle is strictly prohibited and will be subject to the applicable rules.
5. A copy of the Advisory is attached.

# Spent/Cracked Ball Recycling Programme

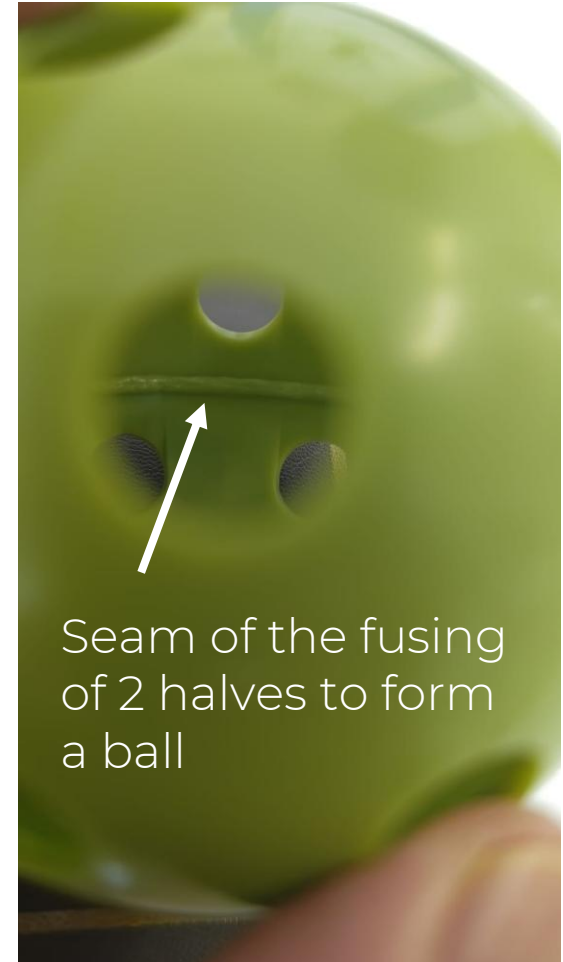
Since 2022, Singapore Pickleball had started a spent/cracked ball recycling programme where we collect back from the community, fused indoor/outdoor balls to remould back into balls to gift to Schools with Pickleball programmes. Currently, we are only able to recycle fused type balls.



# Spent/Cracked Ball Recycling Programme

Participants may drop spent/cracked fused balls to the organisers at either Tournament Venue.

Note – How to recognise a fused type ball? Peer inside one of the perforations and see if there is a fused seam on the inside of the ball.



# Venue Information

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Venue	Address	Other Info
Our Tampines Hub	Community Auditorium  1 Tampines Walk, Level 3, Singapore 528523	<a href="https://www.activesgcircle.gov.sg/facilities/our-tampines-hub-community-auditorium">https://www.activesgcircle.gov.sg/facilities/our-tampines-hub-community-auditorium</a>

Note:

**Strictly no food and beverages allows inside the Sport Hall.** Only plain water and isotonic drinks are allowed.

Only water bottles with water-tight caps shall be allowed into the Sport Hall. Open cups, even with lid are not allowed.



# Division Information

# Divisions

## Singles

1. Open Men's Singles
2. Open Women's Singles
3. Masters Men's Singles
4. Masters Women's Singles
5. Senior Men's Singles
6. Youth 14 Under Boys' Singles
7. Youth 14 Under Girls' Singles
8. Youth 18 Under Boys' Singles

## Doubles

9. Open Men's Doubles
10. Open Women's Doubles
11. Open Mixed Doubles
12. Senior Men's Doubles
13. Senior Women's Doubles
14. Senior Mixed Doubles

Singles Division

# Open Men's Singles (67 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Christopher, Chia	Aden, Chen	Lee, Samuel	Kok Siong, Toh
Mithila, Silva	Oscar, Lim Zhi Hong	Kok Yuan, Emir Rayyan Low	Ping, Soo
Chong Shan, Chua	Brandon Mikhail Mallari, Tiu	Terence, Su	Zhao Peng, Yuen
Darren, Tan	Hasitha, De Silva	Chong Kiat, Chua	Richard, Mo
	Shane, Yap		

Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Jedric, Lum	Darren, Low	Gareth, Ho	Trustan, Wu
Ryohei, Kogure	Sia Pheng, Tan	Raja Sreeram, Kalluri	Han Ji, Shu
Zhe Jing, Kwan	Duminda, Kottegoda	Avinash, Rao	Wee Hoe (Ken), Lim
Marc Ryan, Lim	Sherwin, Goh	Dasson, Chan	Dylan, Tan

# Open Men's Singles (67 Players)

Group 9	Group 10	Group 11	Group 12
Merril, Antoney	Justin, Liu	Thomas, Chia	Edmund, Tan
Liangbin, Zhao	Kai Siang, Chung	Zi Hang, Tay	Yee, Jun Rong
Ethan, Chan	Jonas, Lim	Jiapeng, Hou	Rohit, Vedant
Brandon, Ho	Clement, Chan	Kendrick, Ou	Ray, Lee

Group 13	Group 14	Group 15	Group 16
Jee Kin, Oh	Chung Howe, Kwan	Koh, Wen Kiat	Jeremy Wern Yang, Foo
Bradley, Ho	Evan, Heng	Shufeng, Wang	Muhammad, Balya
Amran, Khamis	Joshua, Loh	Samuel, Kng	Zachary, Chee
Brandon Min Yang, Ho	Jia Wei, Ching	Siyuan, Tan	Zach, Tan
		Nigel, Chen	

# Open Women's Singles (14 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Sze En, Ng	Shena, Tan	Clarie, Kwa	Siti Khadijah, Mohd Yusoff
Jessica, Khong	Avril, Joel Ting	Jacinda, Siew	Huimei, Chua
Clara Yang Yi, Chow	Eunice, Chew	Ashley, Goh	Grace Saoirse, Ho
	Caren, Chang	Jessy, Chng	

# Masters Men's Singles (64 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Terence, Su	Joel, Leong	Yifeng, Lin	Merril, Antoney
Richard, Mo	Justin, Liu	Mithila, Silva	Han Zhong, Yong
Cai, Nigel	Eddy, Hirono	Wong, Adrian	Hong Chew, Wee
Yan Jie, Lee	Rongxuan, Yan	Kunshuan, Chua	Jason, Koh

Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Sharul Nizam, M.S	Russen Harold, Cordovan	Shawn, Rowan	Leon, Tay
Han Ji, Shu	Taskie, Sadikin	Zhongxin, Tan	Edmund, Tan
Zhixiong, Huang	Muhammad Nazarul, Bin Jamil	Johans, Wong	Kavin, Mahtani
Royce, Choo	Fermin, Silva	Desmond, Puah	Jeremy, Goh

# Masters Men's Singles (64 Players)

Group 9	Group 10	Group 11	Group 12
Boon Cheng, Patrick Guan	Tee Seng, Ang	George, Oh	Soon Huat Benjamin, Lim
Xavier, Low	Andrea, Dal Cin	Marvin, Ng	Gabriel, Fong
Lau, Lee Tung	Shian Pin, Quek	Kelvin, Lin	Kim, Lim
Kah Hua, Gan	Sufian, Nordin	Colin, Yan	Kenny, Lee

Group 13	Group 14	Group 15	Group 16
Kai Yeow, Wong	Junyang, Lee	Ken, Lek	Yong Sheng, Tong
Krishnen, Subramanian	Nguyen Huy, Tran	Vivekanand, Malali	Tatsuhito, Yorikuni
Wesley Weiqiang, Su	Eric, Lee	Scott, Pereira	Wei Jin, Lee
Zhao Peng, Yuen	How Wee, Tan	Choo, Si Seng	Louis, Chin



# Masters Women's Singles (16 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Serene, Chang	Lesley, Sim	Jessica, Khong	Yingzhao, Wang
Kar Yan, Koh	Joey, Tan	Denise, Lim	Ariuntuya, Munkhchimeg
Yee Wah, Khaw	Linda, Tok	Pauline, Khoo	Pei Li, Sam
Bee Hwa, Goh	Clarie, Kwa	Joanna, Yong	Minjeong, Kim

# Senior Men's Singles (40 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Heng Chin, Hong	Tjang Yuin, Wang	Albert Kong Leong, Chow	Martin Aland, Tan
Bobby, Goh KW	Hun Swee, Tan	Benjamin, Poon	Kiok Wee Dennis, Lim
Peter, Lim	Shawn, Lee	Mark, Wong	Vincent Ng, Jiak Chor
Craig, Chan	Richard, Ngoi	Chow, Hsun Tau	John, Soh
	Steven, Goh	Bor Han Nicholas, Nee	Andrew, Ow

Group 540	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Han Ji, Shu	Chee Khong, Fang	Kelvin, Tay	Chong Foo, Chaw
Stephen, Tan	Deculan, Goh	Kim Wah, Leong	Allan, Lim
Jason, Kwek	Andy, Liew	Eric, Mok	Ng, Aik Kiong
Ba Thein, Naing	Alvin, Yeong	Michael, Ng	Benjamin, Hah
Shengbin, Zhang	Tay, Han Kiong	Gerald, Lim	Roland, Chan

# Youth 14 Under Boys' Singles (16 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Timothy, Tan	Lucas, Chin	Ryan, Han	Freddie, Leighton
Cruz, Quek	Akein, Silva	Joe, Habuka	Keagan, Quek
Ryan, Tan	Joel Josh, Zhang	Elijah, Hendriawan	Gareth, Lee
Jun Ye Matthew, Chua	Yi-Ren, Ng	Timothy, Ng	Sean, Tan

# Youth 14 Under Girls' Singles (6 Players)

Group 1	Group 2
Yuriko, Tsuno	Joyelle Ruan Teng, Ng
Momoka, Sakakura	En Min, Shevelle Leong
Xuyue, Wu	Anna Yang Ling, Chow

# Youth 18 Under Boys' Singles (9 Players)

Group 1	Group 2
Xuan Han, Zavi Lim	Nigel, Chen
Ethan, Chan	Jacob, Kwek
Luca, Goldie	Zhe Jing, Kwan
Josiah, Sng	Fayzullah, Bin Mohammed Fazly
	Skyler, Ng

Doubles Division

# Open Men's Doubles (36 Pairs)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Louis, Vu / Ben Treves	Kai Jun Ryane, Cheong / Oscar Lim Zhi Hong	Imran, Rahim / Christopher Chia	Gaius, Lim / Gregory Lim
Yong Sheng, Tong / Andrew Tey Wei Kwok	Hasitha, De Silva / Merril Antoney	Yip Chun, Jeffrey Li / Tan Wei Jie Sean	Arnold, Hu / Nicholas Goh
Brandon, Tan / Tang Wei Chau	Ellery, Aruldoss / Jeremy Goh	Yi Hao, Keong / Justin Liu Xiaman	Ian, Pang / Adrian Wong
Wenjie, Boon / Ang Tee Seng	Scott, Pereira / Williams Eric Arthur	Mithila, Silva / Kottegoda Arachchilage Duminda Uditha Kumara	Darren, Boh / Auston Quek Xin Wei
		Brendan, Chan / Irfan Zack	Evan, Heng / Evan Lee
Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Royce Li Terng, Choo / Ng Juin Shyang	Carlin, Tan / Oliveira Emmanuel Gabriel	Wilson, Goh / Fong Chong Hao Gabriel	Sui Jin, Wong / Bryan Patrick Lim Hong Chin
Jip He, Chua / Ryohei Kogure	Kuang Han, Tan / Yew Lie Ping	Wei Jian Bryan, Heng / Alex Yoong	Eric, Chay Bingham / Choo Shuin
Jeremy Wern Yang, Foo / Cheong Jun Yang, Dwayne	Desmond, Puah / Ng Mun Kit	Rudy Pierre, Low / Cheong Zhi Xian Brandon	Ken, Lek / Chris Feng
Weiqiang Wesley, Su / Yeah Zi Qing	Zhao Peng, Yuen / Ng Zhi Yu	Jia Wei, Ching / Brandon Mikhail Mallari Tiu	Karthik, Natarajan / Vikram Natarajan
Lim, Wei Jie / Ryan Goh Rui Wen	Colin, Yan / Yan Rong Xuan		

# Open Women's Doubles (30 Pairs)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Poh Yong, Tan / Letitia Ho	Angelina, Low / Jacinda Siew Xinying	Edelene, Ee / Neo Yi Xin	Yingzhao, Wang / Lau Heng Ze Ratana
Siti Rubiah, Binte Ismail / Noraziana Binte Mohamed	Minghui, Teo / Valerie Thong Yiu May	Jamie, Wong / Fong Lee	Yeeyian, Ong / Ma Jia Lin
Carene, Tan / Yeoh Ee Ping	Clara, Boh / Lee Xin Ru	Tricia, Teh / Jace Phang	Nicole, Tham / Charmaine Lim Li Wen
	Wan Xin, Ong / Boey Yin Yee Geraldene	Eliza, Tan / Koh Kar Yan	Pearlly, Sim / Norlinda Binte Ismail

Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Geraldine, Teo / Caren Chang Kai Xuan	Jessica, Khong / Elaine Koay	Camellia, Wong / Koh Germine	Yi Xian Jolene, Ong / Seah Joo Yee
Vivian, Ang / Carina Tan	Diana, Quah / Cheryl Wong	Janice, Gill / Lesley Sim	Jia Min, Tang / Ching Mei Chi Maggie
Jessy Lee Ai, Chng / Chua Hui Mei	Lyn Meikui, Chen / Lynette Tay	Jessica, Chua / Steffi Goh Zi Ying	Yun Rong Grace, Chew / Doris Bay Whee Lang
Joel, Lee / Poh Yingmin	Margaux, Ith / Yang Jiamin	Chow Sher Li, Ashley / Rachel Khaw Yee Wah	



# Open Mixed Doubles (39 Pairs)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Jeremy, Goh / Khong Sok Yin Jessica	Lee Jia Hao Ray / Adeline Ng, Xin Ying	Brandon, Morinaka / Nathalie Morinaka	Chua Jia Hang / Yeeling, Lim
Graham Lim / Grace Saoirse, Ho	Matthew, Chan / Teo Zhi Hui Geraldine	Muhammad Alhafiz, Ramli / Nasizah Abdul Rahim	Frederick, Kah / Lynn Ng
Mohammed Fazly, Bin Hassan / Mukhlisa Binti Abdullah Chandau	Minjeong, Kim / Carlin Tan	Lim, Wei Jie / Lim Li Wen Charmaine	Linus, Neo / Steffi Goh Zi Ying
Joe, Habuka / Yuriko Tsuno	Peh Li Yan / Jia Ning, Gwee	Ellery, Aruldoss / Ong Hui Yi	Neo Chin Wei, Deon / Valerie, Thong
	Zhao Peng, Yuen / Tan Poh Yong	Marco Wong Tjia Ming / Joey, Tan	Teng Kiat, Wong / Jane Tan Wei Ting
Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Brandon, Tan / Sarah Chan Rui	Zhixiong, Huang / Kim Koh Jun Li	Ken, Lek / Sarina Soong	Eugene, Ng / Alicia Sarah Fong Yoke Ling
Justin, Liu / Denise Lim	Lucas, Ting / Ng Qin Yi	Darren Boh Chee Yeow / Clara, Boh	Ng Ing Sing / Jacinda, Siew
Oscar Lim Zhi Hong / Shayne, Tay	Benjamin, Ho / Chu Jie Ying	Glen Nicholas Lim Yi Xian / Xin Ru, Lee	Chong Song Cheng / Tricia, Chong
Wei Jin, Lee / Neo Yi Xin	Emmanuel Gabriel, Oliveiro / Felicia Wang Pei Pei	Lee Zhi Yang Evan / Kiat Xin, Lim	Keong Yi Hao / Shannon, Kong
Choon Wai, Lee / Woong Ting Ting	Aik Cheong Michael, See / Lai Miao June	Imran, Rahim / Clara Pak	Stephen Cheng / Ivy, Chin

# Senior Men's Doubles (41 Pairs)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Keng Yong, Lim / Mok Siew Chong Eric	Albert, Chow / Trevor Tay Choon Seng	Michael, Kwee / Dave Chiam	Eric Rivas, Gutierrez / Ernesto Sabigan Jr.
Ba Thein, Naing / Cheah Yeak Sang	Kean Keong, Lam / Robbie Heng May Huat	Sai Bor, Soh / John Lim Yong Huat	King Kuan, Ng / Tan Tiah Lun
Hor, Wai Chew / Puah Kwang Choong	Bryan, Choong / Elton Ong Kah Hwee	Wee Meng, Teo / Soh Choon Joo	Wen, Chang / Chan Khai Khiong
Richard, Baey / Raymond Toh	Kiok Wee Dennis, Lim / Ng Lai Weng	Koek Wai, Lai / Chai Song Kian	Desmond, Tan / Peter Su Ming Lii
Tjang Yui, Wang / Kenneth Khoo Winn Khean	Meng Hou, Sng / Leslie Lim Swee Lan	Gerald, Lim / Deculan Goh Kim Chuan	James, Ng Kok Yong / Tan Joo Seng
	Richard, Chionh / Lee Yeow Lian		
Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Dennis, Foo / Tay Chin Thiam	Thomas, Tan / Low Soo How	Chee Ming, Soh / Kay Ren Tat	Sek Kee, Leong / Daniel Chew Kheng Chong
John, Soh / Seah Kiam Meng	Titus, Wong / Han Zhi Kwang	Evan, Cheah / Jimmy Koh	Lincoln, Chee / Kim Seoung Joo
Christopher HY, Quek / Victor Koh Eng Kheng	Ming Kiong, Ho / Guan Boon Cheng, Patrick	Kien Wee, Ng / Tay Han Kiong	Mohammed Taufik, Munawar / Agus Tirtoredjo
Durai, Ramasamy / Chua Boon Hou Felix	Bobby, Goh KW / Ng Tiong Guan	Roland, Chan / Kelvin Tan	Alfred, Lee / Lim Thian Chin
Vincent Ng, Jiak Chor / Lee Goh Cheng	Kah Hua, Gan / Michael Donald Patterson	Willie, Png / Yeo Peck Chuan	Seng Hee Andrew, Yeo / Phillip Wong

# Senior Women's Doubles (14 Players)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Yann Ching, Lauw / Tania Lim Li Er	Frances, Kwek / Doris Bay Whee Lang	Hejia, See Tok / Ting Lai Fun	Janee, Lim / Eng Pui Keng
Sok Bee, Lim / Goo Chui Ping	Mei Fer, Tan / Foo Winnie	Marina, Yap / Christina Charlotte Chan Siu Lian	Alice, Chung / Liang XueZhen
Bee Ka, Chong / Chong Lee Kuan	Katherine, Sin / Yee Wai Leng	Bee Yee, Ser / Ser Bee Huai	Alexis, Yeoh / Leo Ying Ching
	Lorinne, Kon / Chen Low Heng	Lai Tee, Phua / Susan Lee Yim Siong	

# Senior Mixed Doubles (30 Pairs)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Ba Thein, Naing / Laura Silvana Berrish	Darrel Ng, Aik Kiong / Tan Guat Guat	Mark Wong / Jane, Lim	Shih Khoon, Chang / Lee Mei Leng
Chow, Hsun Tau / Lui Yook Wai	Boon Kwong, Tan / Tan Hwee Li	Ming Kiong, Ho / Liew Sam Fah	Thaker Sabir Husain / Doris Whee Lang, Bay
Takuma, Mizuguchi / Kyoko Mizuguchi	John Lim Yong Huat / Alice, Chung	Ho, See Lim / Kang Siew Lang	Lai Koek Wai / Bee Yee, Ser
	Vincent Ng, Jiak Chor / Christina Charlotte Chan Siu Lian	Ng Liang Ngee Charles / Nan Fang, Sho	Kenneth Au-Yong / Karen, Au-Yong

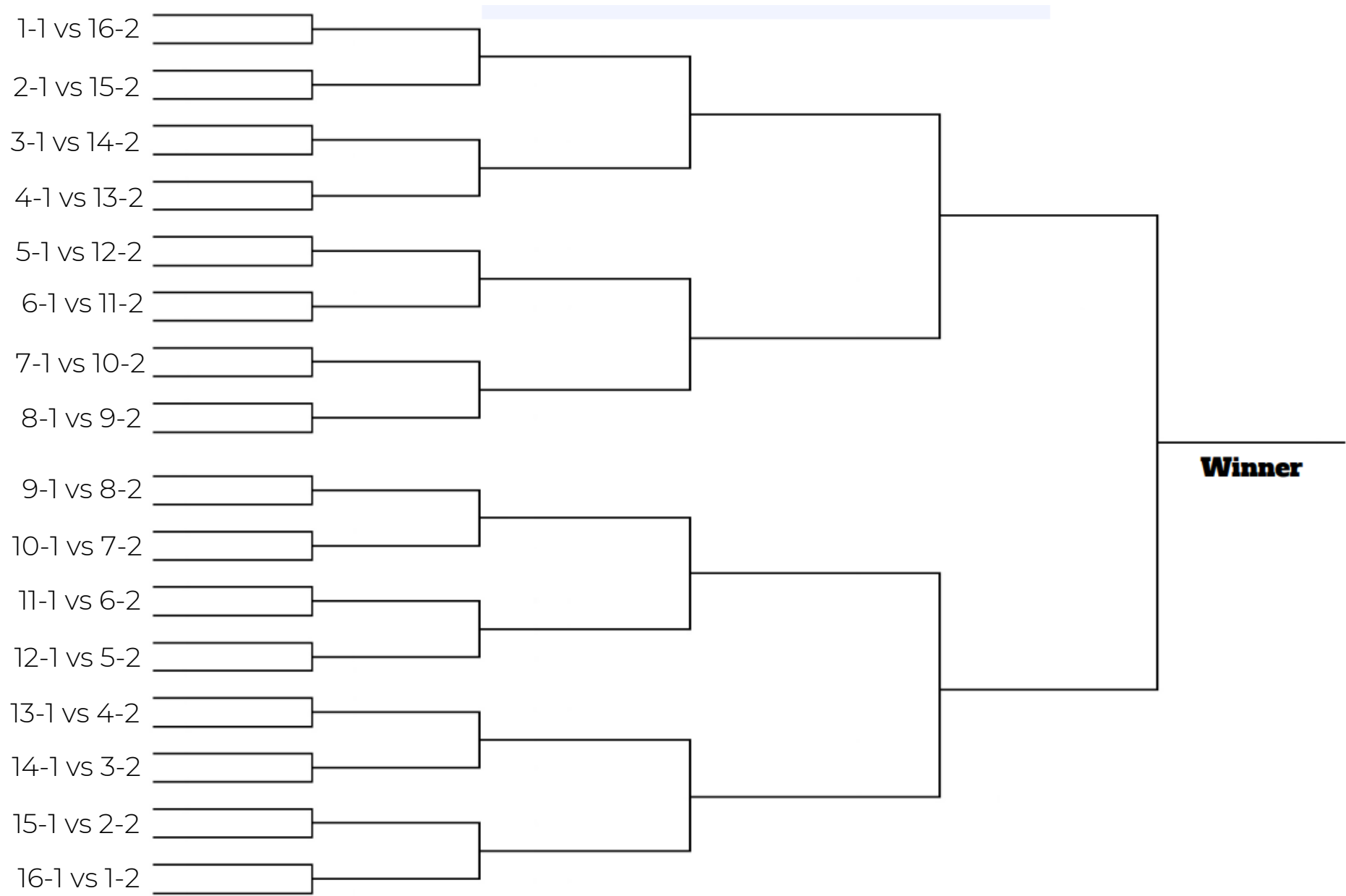
Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Davin, Wang / Patty Yupho	Chris McMorran / Yee Wai Leng	Ping Wei, Kum / Ling Peng Meng	Liu Yang / Grace, Lucine
Ngoi, Yew Cheong / Florence Lee Kon Lin	James, Ng Kok Yong / Gemma O'Flaherty	Boon Cheng, Patrick Guan / Ling Hwee Ming	Lung Sing Wei / Audrene, Wong
Peng Guan Michael, Ng / Tan Yin Peng	Lim Keng Yong / Jenny Lim, Tiam Kwee	Tan Soon Huat, Gary / Bee Hwa, Goh	Sai Bor, Soh / Yukiko Murase
Ng Kim Hwee / Yann Ching, Lauw	Joseph, Lee / Jenny Li	Clement, Ong / Cheryl Lee	Low Soo How / Frances, Kwek

# Tournament Format

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- Round 1 shall be Group Play, Round Robin Format.
  - Match Fixtures shall be shown on our website, [SingaporePickleball.com.sg](http://SingaporePickleball.com.sg)
  - Top two single/doubles from each group shall proceed to Round 2, all other teams shall be eliminated.
- Groups are named numerically. In the following tables,
  - “1-1” refers to the top singles/doubles that won the most matches in Group 1.  
“1-2” refers to the 2nd placed singles/doubles in Group 1
  - Similarly for the other groups.
- Round 2 shall be Single Eliminations.

# For Divisions with 16 Groups in Round 1

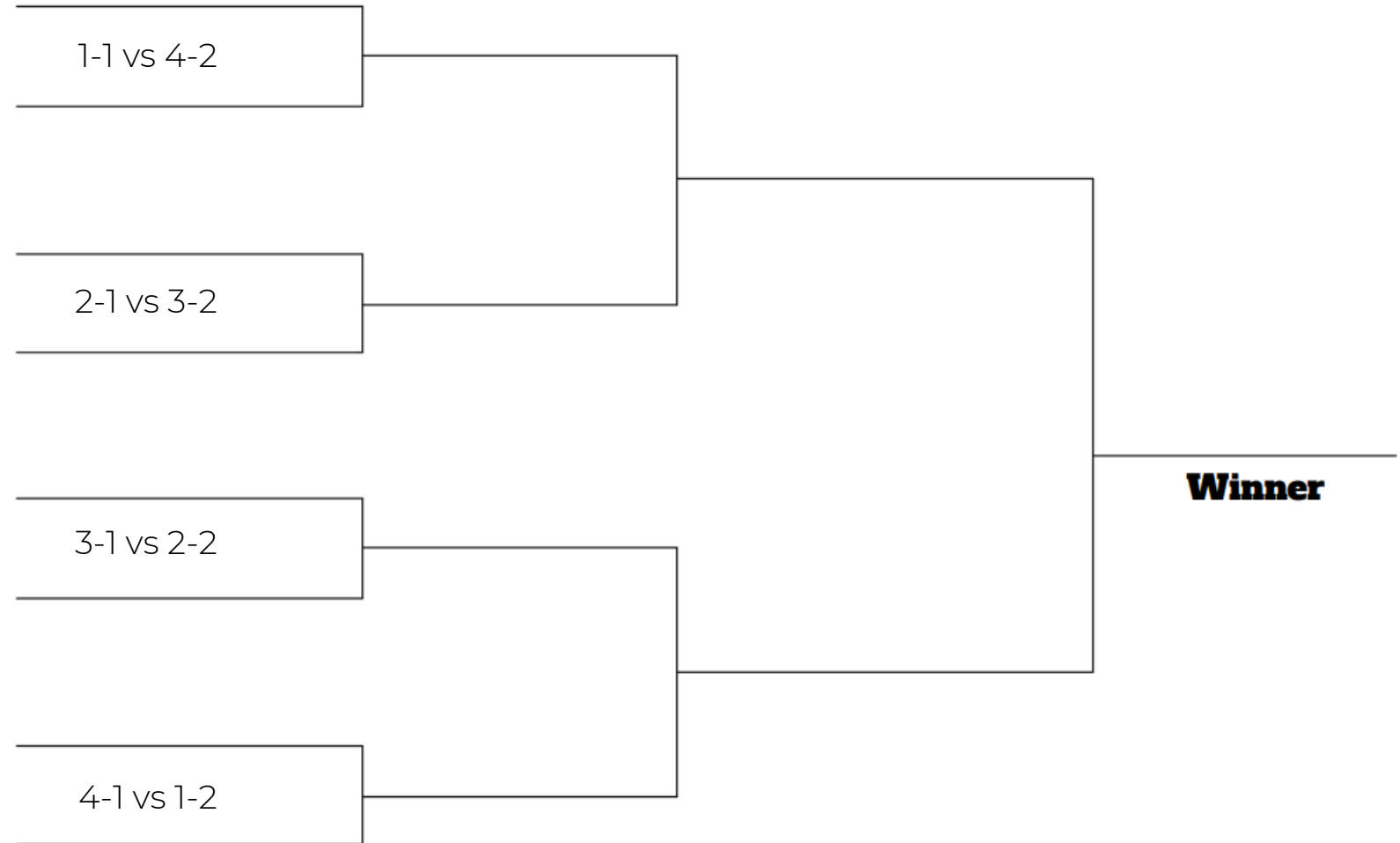


# For Divisions with 8 Groups in Round 1

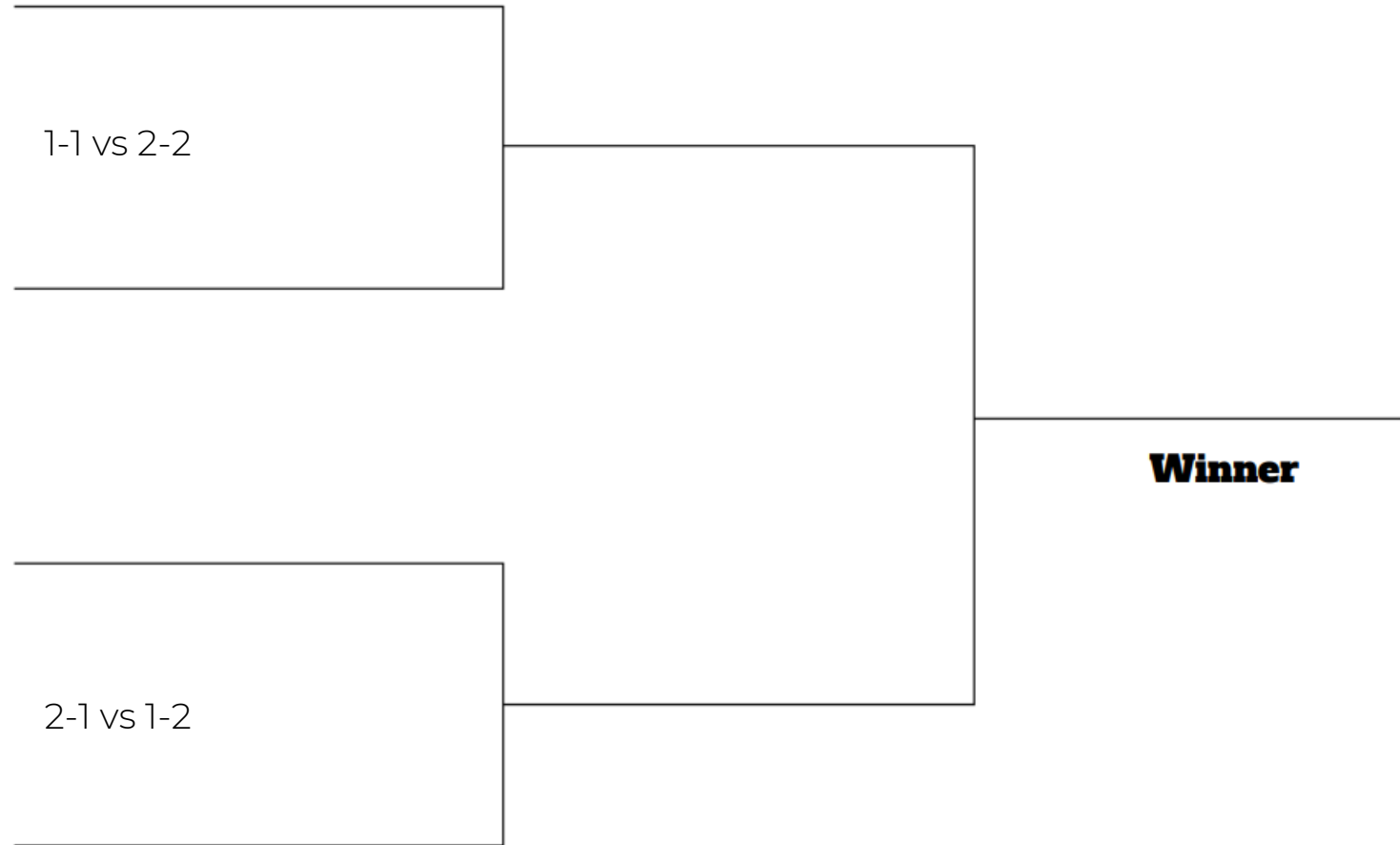




# For Divisions with 4 Groups in Round 1



# For Divisions with 2 Groups in Round 1





# Overall Schedule

# Schedule

- Refer to Finalised Schedule attached.

# Reporting Time

## Note

- Reporting Time – 30 mins before Scheduled Time of Group's 1<sup>st</sup> Match
- Organisers reserve the right to request for photo ID for all Team Members
- Organisers may start a match upto 30 mins before scheduled time.
- Subsequent matches in the Group shall follow on after completed matches

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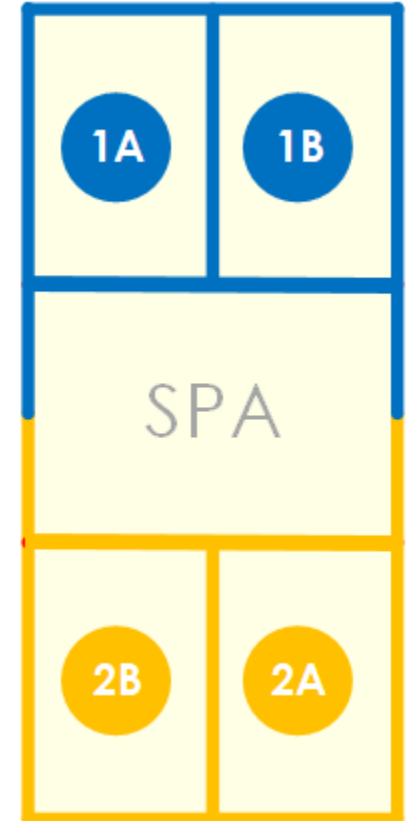
# Particular Briefings

# Particular Rules and Regulations

- A. Franklin X-26 (Blue) Tournament Ball
- B. Rally Scoring
- C. After matches are completed, the other matches shall follow on.
- D. If players are involved in a match just concluded, there will be 10 minutes between matches.
- E. Organisers reserve the right to start matches upto 30 mins before schedule time
- F. All Round Robin, Round of 32 and Round of 16 matches shall be Single Game Matches to 21 points, with deuce to final 30 points
- G. Quarterfinal, Semi-Finals and Medal Matches shall be Best of 3 Matches shall be to 15 points, with deuce to final 21 points.
- H. Only Semi-Finals and Medal Matches shall be Officiated. All other matches shall be non-officiated.
- I. Tournament Committee may assign additional officials to officiate any match - before the match commences, or during the match.
- J. There will be mid-game end change for Single Game Matches, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of Best of 3 Matches.

# Non-Officiated Matches

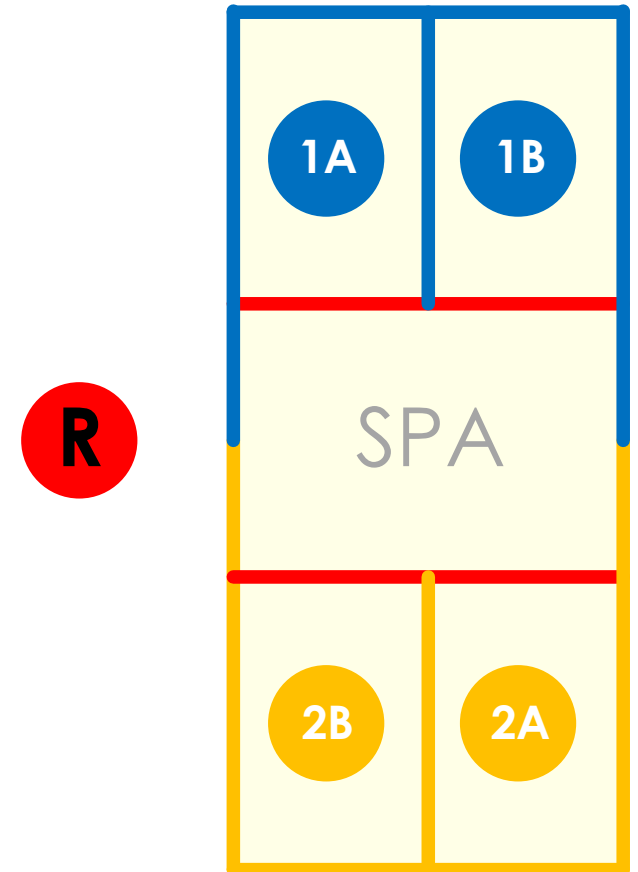
- Players' Responsibilities
  - Tracks the score and player positions
  - Call the scores (loud and audible)
  - All line calls (prompt, loud, audible or visual signal) on respective court to preserve fair play and prevent players from making delayed calls for their own advantage.
  - Extend benefit of doubt to opponents
  - Spirit of Sportsmanship
- Request for Referee
  - Reasonably believes that a rule is being consistently and deliberately violated
  - Players are not able to quickly and easily resolve a dispute
  - Referee shall resolve the rally under dispute, and oversee the match only. Player responsibilities remains unchanged.
  - Note - Limited number of Referees on duty





# Officiated Matches (No Line Judges)

- Referee Responsibilities
  - Tracks the score and player positions
  - Call the scores
  - Non Volley Zone faults, Service faults
  - Appeals
- Players' Responsibilities
  - All line calls (prompt, loud, audible or visual signal) on respective court to preserve fair play and prevent players from making delayed calls for their own advantage.
  - Players should not question or comment on an opponent's call except through an appeal to a Referee.
  - Extend benefit of doubt to opponents
  - Spirit of Sportsmanship



# Rule Reminders and Best Practices

## Out Calls

Players must not call a ball “OUT” unless they can clearly see a space between the line and the ball when it lands.

## Non-Officiated Play

- Player may call NVZ and Service Foot Faults on opponents. If there is a disagreement, a replay shall occur [13.D.1.c]
- Players are expected to call fault on themselves, as soon as the fault is committed, e.g NVZ fault, 2<sup>nd</sup> bounce rule.

# Rule Reminders and Best Practices

## Hinder

- Expect high occurrence of rollaway balls
- Definition - Any transient element or occurrence not caused by a player that adversely impacts play, not including permanent objects.
- E.g. - balls, foreign material, players encroaching from another court, etc.
- Players shall make prompt hinder calls, a player is deemed to have given up his ability to call hinder if he chose to hit the ball.
- In officiated match, the referee will determine if the hinder called by the player was valid. Valid will be replay, invalid will be fault.
- Players shall refrain from exploiting hinders to their own advantage.

# Rule Reminders and Best Practices

## Hinder

- Safety shall be the primary basis of hinder calls
- Players are reminded NOT to encroach into other players' courts to retrieve rollaway balls. Wait at the side for the ball to be returned.
- Any player shall call hinder immediately for safety reasons, e.g. if stray ball can cause tripping hazard to the opponent, rolling near the feet from blind side.
- Allow the opponent whose side has the hinder to call the hinder, unless it is at his blindspot and poses an immediate safety concern. Therefore players should focus on the rally first.
- If ball is far and does not affect the opponent's play, player should focus on rally instead. If opponent then backs towards the stray ball or the ball rolls closer, call hinder then.

# Rule Reminders and Best Practices

## Unapproved Paddle

- Players are responsible for confirming that the paddle they are using for match play is approved and listed as “Pass” on the USA PICKLEBALL Approved Paddle List. The lists of approved equipment may be posted on the USA PICKLEBALL website: [USA Pickleball.org](http://USA Pickleball.org).
- Violations for using an unapproved paddle is extracted and shown herein.

2.F.1.a. Violation. If at any point during the tournament it is determined that a player is using a paddle that violates any of the paddle specifications or is not listed on the USA PICKLEBALL Approved Paddle List as Pass, the following penalties apply:

2.F.1.a.1. If the violation is identified prior to the match starting, the player shall switch to a paddle listed as Pass on the USA PICKLEBALL Approved Paddle List. There is no penalty to switch paddles.

2.F.1.a.2. If the violation is identified after the match has started, the player or team forfeits only the match being played.

2.F.1.a.3. If the violation is discovered after the scoresheet is returned to the tournament operations desk, the match results stand.