



# TAMPINES NORTH COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL TEAM CHALLENGE 2025



## 1. Objective

The objective of this Community Pickleball Team Challenge is to provide a platform for residential community teams to interact and befriend with one another through a common interest in Pickleball. This will foster community bonding, thereby building a stronger and more well-connected community.

## 2. Rules

- 2.1 The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of Tampines North Community Pickleball Team Challenge 2025 set out herein, the SPA Sanctioned Tournament Structure and Tournament Participant's Code of Ethics **(Appendix A)**.
- 2.2 Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting the latest version of the USA Pickleball 2025 Official Rulebook
- 2.3 Scoring system shall be on rally scoring. Player may refer to **Appendix B** for Rally Scoring Rules.
- 2.4 Players may use any USA Pickleball approved paddle that are posted on the USA Pickleball website. Players are to note that non-approved paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks.
- 2.5 We shall be using USA Pickleball approved **Franklin X26 Lime Green or Blue** for this tournament.
- 2.6 Any queries can be sent to [tampinesnorthcsn@gmail.com](mailto:tampinesnorthcsn@gmail.com)

## 3. Event Details

Venue	<sup>1</sup> Community Auditorium, Our Tampines Hub	
Dates	6, 7 & 13 September 2025	
Time	9am to 9pm	
Registration Closing	9 Aug 2025 or when 48 teams filled	
Age Groups (based on year of birth)	Youth	Age 13 to 25 years old (Born from 2000 to 2012)
	Senior	60 years old and above (Born in 1965 or earlier)
Residents	Players with registered address postal code belonging to the GRC cluster as shown in <b>Appendix C</b>	
Participant Briefing	To be sent out not later than 29 Aug 25	

<sup>1</sup> Tournament venue is a multi-purposed hall with timber/parquet court flooring. Non-Volley Lines shall be marked with removable vinyl court tapes. Net System may be existing venue badminton net posts.

Note – Schedule is subjected to changes following actual participation team numbers.

#### 4. Division Details

- 4.1 Maximum Number of Teams = 48
- 4.2 Additional teams exceeding capacity shall be placed on waiting list. Organiser may at their own discretion increase the participation capacities.
- 4.3 The Team Challenge Division format shall be as follows,
- Each Team shall register a minimum of 8 players to a maximum of 10 players (5 males and 5 females). And shall consists of the followings criteria:
    - at least one Senior (of any gender)
    - at least one Youth (of any gender)
    - 100% Residents
    - at least 80% Singapore citizens or permanent residents
  - A player shall only be registered with only one team.
  - To encourage inclusivity, each Team must field 8 players in the match line-ups meeting the following criteria.
    - at least one Senior
    - at least one Youth
    - player shall only play for one game in the match.
- There are no restrictions on the other members of the team, albeit meeting other requirements of the challenge.
- Tournament is open to all Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and Valid Pass Holders (with proof of Singapore registered address).
  - The Skill Level of the Team Challenge is Open.
  - Each Match shall consist of 5 Games

Game 1	Men's Singles
Game 2	Women's Singles
Game 3	Men's Doubles
Game 4	Women's Doubles
Game 5	Mixed Doubles

For tie eliminations and inclusivity, all Games of the Match shall be played, i.e. 5-0, 4-1, 3-2, 2-3, 1-4, 0-5. There will be no opting for walkover or retirement of any Games. Teams initiating any walkover or retirement may be disqualified from advancing to the next round.

- g. Each Game shall consist of the following number of Sets

Round	Number of Sets per Game
Preliminaries (Round Robin)	Single Set
Round of 16 (Round Robin)	Single Set
Quarter Finals (Round Robin)	Single Set
Semi-Finals & Medal Matches	Best of 3 Sets

## 5. Registration

- 5.1 Team Manager are to submit their team registration forms (PDF & Excel) to [Tampinesnorthcsn@gmail.com](mailto:Tampinesnorthcsn@gmail.com)
- 5.2 PA Grassroots Committee name shall be used for team's name (e.g. Tampines North CSN).
- 5.3 Maximum of 2 teams per GRC cluster division.
- 5.4 All registrations shall be submitted in the Official Registration Form, duly verified by the Team Manager or Team Captain and endorsed by the Grassroots Committee.
- 5.5 Registrations submitted without the minimum number of players shall be deemed as incomplete. After registration closing, Teams may add or replace (with valid reason) but not swap players from another team via an updated Official Registration Form **not later by 01 September 2025**.

## 6. Tournament Format (Subject to change)

- 6.1 Preliminaries, Round of 16 and Quarter Finals shall be Round Robin Group Play format; Semi-Finals and Finals will be Knock Out format.
- 6.2 Top 2 teams from each preliminary group shall advance to the Round of 16.
- 6.3 Top 8 seeded Teams will be based on **Tampines North Community Team Challenge 2024 results** while the rest will be arranged by random draw for the Preliminaries Groups.
  1. Sembawang Central CSN Team 2 (SCCSN2)
  2. Marymount AAC Team 2 (MMAAC2)
  3. Jurong Spring CC (JSCC)
  4. Marine Parade CSN Team 4 (MPCSN4)
  5. Bukit Panjang CC (BPCC)
  6. Punggol Coast CSN (PCCSN)
  7. Seng Kang West CSN Team 1 (SKWCSN1)
  8. Boon Lay CSN Team 1 (BLCSN1)

- 6.4 **Teams under the same GRC Cluster Division should be separated into different group for the Preliminaries.**
- 6.5 The draw for the Round of 16 groupings will be conducted immediately after the last Preliminaries match. Qualifying teams are encouraged to witness the draw.
- 6.6 There will not be more than 2 winning teams of the Preliminaries group in the same Round of 16 group.
- 6.7 The winner and runner up of the same Preliminaries group will not draw into the same Round of 16 group.
- 6.8 The draw for the Quarter Finals groupings will be conducted immediately after the last Round of 16 match. Qualifying teams are encouraged to witness the draw.
- 6.9 There will not be more than 2 winning teams of the Round of 16 group in the same Quarter Finals group.
- 6.10 The winner and runner up of the same Round of 16 group will not draw into the same Quarter Finals group.
- 6.11 Rally Scoring shall be adopted for this tournament. The first player/doubles to reach the stated points below shall be the winner.

<b>Rally Scoring (Single Set)</b>
Singles/Doubles – 21 points with deuce at 20-20, During deuce, team need to win two consecutive points to win the set with 30 points as the upper limit
<b>Rally Scoring (Best of 3 Sets)</b>
Singles/Doubles – 15 points with deuce at 14-14, During deuce, team need to win two consecutive points to win the set with 21 points as the upper limit

- 6.12 All teams play each other in Round Robin matches. Winners are determined based on the number of matches won. If two or more teams are tied, ties shall be resolved in the following order:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Match Quotient
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Game Quotient
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Set Quotient
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Point Quotient
- 6.13 Depending on Advisories at time of tournament, Organisers may depict no change of ends during Games. Player with first choice of end, serve or defer shall be determined by chance draw.
- 6.14 Only 1 (one) timeout can be called per set and it can be by either player(s)
- 6.15 All match except the Semi-finals, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Placing and final will be self-officiate. A Match Commissioner will be assigned to oversee the match and record the score after the match and report to the Tournament Desk.
- 6.16 Referees and Line Judges shall only be assigned to Semi-finals, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Placing and final matches.



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- 6.17 Tournament Director may at his sole discretion assign additional officials to officiate any match. This can be done before the match commences, and during the match.
- 6.18 The decision of the Organiser on all matters relating to the Challenge, including the eligibility of a participant and the selection of the winners, is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

**7. Prize Money and Medals**

Medals shall be awarded to the top 4 teams with the following top 3 prize vouchers as stated below,

Position	Prize Voucher Amount
Champion	\$300
Runner Up	\$200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	\$100



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### 8. Supplementary Rules

- 8.1 This is a Tier 2 and SPA Sanctioned Tournament.
- 8.2 Spectators are allowed but need to remain in the designated area.
- 8.3 Apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball shall not be allowed. Team may request to change.
- 8.4 Late Reporting:
  - 15 mins – will result in **disqualification from the Tournament** with respect to clause 4.2.c
- 8.5 Any match or set concede a walkover means maximum points shall be awarded to the opponent, e.g. 5-0 and 21-0 for all associated games and sets respectively.
- 8.6 Before the start of any scheduled match, substitution of player in a Team shall only be allowed on medical grounds, with support of valid medical certificate. The Team Manager shall inform Tournament Director or organisers not later than 30 mins before the scheduled match.
- 8.7 Injury during Rally: The rally continues to its conclusion despite an injury to any of the players. During a Game, if a player/team cannot immediately continue after the 15 minutes medical time-out period has expired, a Forfeit shall be imposed. As this is a Team match, the Game shall be awarded at maximum points to the other players, while the score of the injured side remains status quo. The other Games of the Match shall continue as scheduled.
- 8.8 Teams should ensure players availability during the tournament dates (**especially for the mandatory Senior and Youth**), request to change match day will not be entertained.
- 8.9 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.
- 8.10 Any protest shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the Organisers before the commencement of the next schedule match. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
- 8.11 The Prize Presentation Ceremony shall be held with the conclusion of Challenge. 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
- 8.12 Depending on prevailing Health Advisories, the Organizers reserves the right to postpone or cancel the entire tournament without prior notice.



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## **9. Photography and Video Recording Indemnity**

- 9.1 By joining the event, team agree to grant permission to Tampines North Grassroots Organisations (TNGRO) to publish videos, photographs, quotes and personal information in TNGRO's publicity material.
- 9.2 Team understand that these materials may be used in/on some or all of these below, but not limited to, all without any form of compensation:
- TNGRO's publications/videos, such as brochures, posters, advertisements and magazines;
  - TNGRO website and/or web pages of organisations which are in partnership with TNGRO;
  - TNGRO's social media platforms;
  - Advertisement, such as print advertisements, and television and radio commercials;
  - Events.
- 9.3 Team hereby release and discharge TNGRO from any and all liability by virtue of distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion and/or use in composite form, whether the same is intentional or otherwise.
- 9.4 Team understand TNGRO may use your process or procedure resulting in the completion of the finished product, the publication, distribution or public display, when video/photos of Team are used in accordance with the usage as above.
- 9.5 Team understand all videos/photographs taken shall become the sole property of PA and will not be returned.
- 9.6 The copyrights of the videos/photographs shall belong solely to TNGRO and they may be used in accordance with the usage as above.



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## **Appendix A – SPA 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 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 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.

### **4 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.

### **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 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 – Pickleball 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.

### Before the Game

- Chance Draw to determine side to serve/choose ends.

### 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.

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

**Appendix C – GRC Cluster**

<b>GRC Cluster</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Aljunied GRC Cluster	Aljunied GRC Hougang SMC
Ang Mo Kio GRC Cluster	Ang Mo Kio GRC Kebun Bahru SMC Yio Chu Kang SMC Jalan Kayu SMC
Bishan – Toa Payoh GRC Cluster	Bishan – Toa Payoh GRC Marymount SMC
Chua Chu Kang GRC Cluster	Chua Chu Kang GRC Bukit Gombak SMC
East Coast GRC Cluster	East Coast GRC
Holland Bukit - Timah GRC Cluster	Holland – Bukit Timah GRC Bukit Panjang SMC
Jalan Besar GRC Cluster	Jalan Besar GRC Potong Pasir SMC
Jurong East – Bukit Batok GRC Cluster	Jurong East – Bukit Batok GRC Jurong Central SMC
Marine Parade GRC Cluster	Marine Parade – Braddell Heights GRC Mountbatten SMC
Marsiling – Yew Tee GRC Cluster	Marsiling – Yew Tee GRC
Nee Soon GRC Cluster	Nee Soon GRC
Pasir Ris – Changi GRC Cluster	Pasir Ris – Changi GRC
Punggol GRC Cluster	Punggol GRC
Sembawang GRC Cluster	Sembawang GRC Sembawang West SMC
Sengkang GRC Cluster	Sengkang GRC
Tampines GRC Cluster	Tampines GRC Tampines Changkat SMC
Tanjong Pagar GRC Cluster	Tanjong Pagar GRC Queenstown SMC Radin Mas SMC
West Coast – Jurong West GRC Cluster	West Coast – Jurong West GRC Pioneer SMC

\* Player can use their residential postcode to check the GRC status @  
<https://www.straitstimes.com/multimedia/graphics/2025/03/singapore-general-election-ward/index.html>