

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATION – PICKLEBALL

1. General Rules

- 1.1 The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the Singapore National Games (SNG) 2018 General Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2 ActiveSG and Pickleball.sg have developed the first SNG 2018 Pickleball Tournament Rulebook (Amended) by adopting USAPA-IFP 2018 Official Tournament Rulebook (<https://www.usapa.org/ifp-official-rules/>) as its guiding principles. After 05-July-2018, the Rulebook (Amended) can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pickleball.sg/>
- 1.3 During the **Venue Familiarisation** sessions on 07-July and 21-July, participants may approach the umpires on site for any clarifications that you may have.

2. Competition Venue & Schedule

- 2.1 Matches will be held at:

Jurong West Sports Centre, Level 4 Sports Hall
20 Jurong West Street 93
Singapore (648965)

Games	Date	Timing	Competition Stage
Individual	28 July 2018 (Sat)	09:00am to 22:00pm	Individual Knock outs
	29 July 2018 (Sun)	09:00am to 17:00pm	Individual Semi & Finals
Team Zone	04 Aug 2018 (Sat)	09:00am to 22:00pm	Team Zone Knock outs
	05 Aug 2018 (Sun)	09:00am to 17:00pm	Team Zone Semi & Finals

3. Eligibility, Skills Levels & Game Format

3.1 Eligibility

- 3.1.1 Any game/s, with less than 4 entries, may be cancelled. Refer to 7.4 for more details.
- 3.1.2 Umpires will be appointed and provided by the SNG 2018 Pickleball Competition Committee for all matches.
- 3.1.3 The Chief Umpires in consultation with the Competition Manager will act as the final on-site authority for interpretation of applicable tournament rules and regulations, and for all matters arising that require immediate resolution.
- 3.1.4 Individual Game of each category may field only 1 x Foreigner in the Line Up. Team Game may field maximum 2 x Foreigners in the Team Line up. Refer to 4.3.1 for the definition of Foreigner.

3.2 Definition of Skill Levels

- 3.2.1 Applicant can refer to <http://ifpickleball.org/ifp-rating-descriptions/> to understand the rating levels and descriptions.
- 3.2.2 There is no rating Competition Committee can reference to for each of the applicant. Applicant have to self-rate and judge base on local common standards.

IFP	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0
Local	Newbie 新手			Group B B组				Group A A组	
SNG	Novice			Intermediate				Advanced	

3.3 Individual Game Format

Game	Date Time	Group	Age	Skill	Category	
Individual	28 Jul (Sat) 09:00 am – 22:00 pm	Open & Masters	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	Novice	Men's Doubles	
					Women's Doubles	
					Mixed Doubles	
		Open & Masters		Intermediate	Men's Doubles	
					Women's Doubles	
					Mixed Doubles	
	29 Jul (Sun) 09:00 am – 17:00 pm	Open	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	Advanced	Men's Doubles	
					Women's Doubles	
					Mixed Doubles	
		Masters		Advanced	Male ≥ 60 years old (Born 1958 & before)	Men's Doubles
					Female ≥ 55 years old (Born 1963 & before)	Women's Doubles
					Mixed Doubles	

3.3.1 Participant in Masters Age group can play in Open's Category but Participant in Open Age group **cannot** play in Master's Category.

3.3.2 Criteria to play in **Novice** category.

3.3.2.1 You have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd position in any organised Tournament whether in Singapore and other countries. Tournament means that there are Umpires/ Referees assigned for the games and it involves medal, trophy or prized money, **OR**

3.3.2.2 You have never won Novice category of 1st, 2nd or 3rd position in Active SG's organised tournament, **OR**

3.3.2.3 As a participant in,

- Open: you have been playing < 2 years.
- Masters: you have been playing < 5 years.

3.3.3 Criteria to play in **Intermediate** category.

3.3.3.1 You have never won Competitive category of 1st, 2nd or 3rd position in ActiveSG's organised tournament.

Implication on false declaration on clause 3.3.2 and 3.3.3: If the Competition Committee receive an official written complain accompany with submitted proof, they will further investigate only after the event. The penalty would require the defaulter to be stripped off the title, return the medal, prized money and ban to participate next year ActiveSG's Pickleball events.

3.3.4 You CAN participate in a **max of 2 games** of same **Skill level** on different category (i.e. Men's Doubles + Mixed Doubles or Women's Doubles + Mixed Doubles).

Example 1: Female 56 years old, CAN participate in Open Intermediate Women's Doubles + Open Intermediate Mixed Doubles.

Example 2: Female 62 years old, CAN participate in Masters Advanced Women's Doubles + Open Advanced Mixed Doubles.

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Example 3: Male 42 years old, CAN participate in Open Intermediate Men's Doubles + Open Intermediate Mixed Doubles.

3.3.5 Draw lots format:

- Masters Novice & Open Novice will combine and draw lots on each category.
- Masters Intermediate & Open Intermediate will combine and draw lots on each category.
- Masters Advanced and Open Advanced will compete separately.

3.3.6 Game Format

- The game format is likely to be a 4-team Round Robin to be played on Sat 28-Jul-2018. The 1st and 2nd position shall proceed to Round 2 on Sun 29-Jul-2018. It will be either Single or Double Elimination format.
- Depends on the # of participants, the Competition Committee reserves the rights to change the game format and inform the participants before the start of the game.

3.4 Team Zone Game Format

Game	Date Time	Group	Age	Skill	Category
Team Zone	04 Aug (Sat) 09:00 am – 22:00 pm 05 Aug (Sun) 09:00 am – 17:00 pm	Open	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	All	Men's Doubles
					Women's Doubles
		Masters	Male ≥ 60 years old (Born 1958 & before) Female ≥ 55 years old (Born 1963 & before)	All	Men's Doubles
					Women's Doubles
		Open	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	All	Mixed Doubles

3.4.1 The registered team shall indicate the zone they are representing ie; West, Central, North, North East or East.

3.4.2 Participant in Masters Age group can also play in Open's Category but participant in Open Age group **cannot** play in Master's Category.

3.4.3 Each Team shall comprise of a min of 8 players or a maximum of 10 players to play in the 5 categories.

Example 1: If you register 4 Males and 4 Females, 1 participant from each gender group can pair up to form a Mixed Doubles.

Example 2: If you register 5 Males and 5 Females, 1 Male and 1 Female can be a Wild Card (Backup).

3.4.4 Each Participant **shall not** play in more than **2** categories in each Team match.

3.4.5 Draw lots format:

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- Registered Teams in each zone will be separated into 4 different buckets. The teams in each bucket will then draw lots to see who each will compete with.
- During competition, team leader will toss coin to decide the category to play first and subsequently the other team will decide next category to play second, each taking turns to decide that all 5 categories are played.

3.4.6 Game Format:

- Depends on the numbers of team, it may be 1 or 2 matches of Single Elimination. Or it can be Double Elimination format.
- Point shall be awarded for each category won. Winner Team of most points will proceed to other rounds till the final championship.
- Competition Committee reserves the rights to change the game format and inform the participants before the start of the game.

4 Registration

4.1 Open & Closing Dates

Open	Enquiries ¹	Close	Screening ²	Application Status ³
01-May (Tue) 10:00am	+65 8482 4528	30-June (Sat) 13:00pm	02 - 04 July	05-July (Thu)

¹ WhatsApp and SMS only. Allow 12 working hours to response on game enquiries.

² Committee will check on Age, validity of grouping, skills level, any duplication of applications and etc.

³ You grant us the rights to send you the application status and other information via email and/or text messages. Please text +65 8482 4528 on 06 July if your status is silence.

4.2 Registration Fees

Game	Group	Age	Skill	Category	Fee per Applicant
Individual ⁴	Open	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	Novice Intermediate Advanced	Men's Doubles	SGD 15
				Women's Doubles	SGD 15
				Mixed Doubles	SGD 15
	Masters	Male ≥ 60 years old (Born 1958 & before) Female ≥ 55 years old (Born 1963 & before)	Novice Intermediate Advanced	Men's Doubles	SGD 5
				Women's Doubles	SGD 5
				Mixed Doubles	SGD 5

Team Zone ⁵	Open	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	All	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles	SGD 15 SGD 15
	Masters	Male ≥ 60 years old (Born 1958 & before) Female ≥ 55 years old (Born 1963 & before)	All	Men's Doubles Women's Doubles	SGD 5 SGD 5

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	Open	Male ≥ 21 years old Female ≥ 21 years old (Born 1997 & before)	All	Mixed Doubles	-
SGD 15x2 + 15x2 + 5x2 + 5x2 =					SGD 80

⁴ Individual:

The fees of 2 players in Masters Men's Doubles will be SGD 5 x 2 = SGD 10.

Masters Age paired another player in Open category, both will need to pay SGD 15 x 2 = SGD 30.

⁵ Team:

It is one Fee (SGD 80) for the whole team. I.e. a min. of 8 players and a max. of 10 players.

Fee payable by 8 players only. The Team is to sort out themselves how they split the fee amount if there are 9-10 members in a Team.

4.3 Registration Eligibility

4.3.1 All participants shall be Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs) with Singapore Blue Identity Card, or Foreigner residing in Singapore with the following passes:

- a) Student's Pass;
- b) Long Term Pass;
- c) Dependent's Pass;
- d) Work Permit;
- e) S Pass; or
- f) Employment Pass.

4.3.2 Participants in Individual or Team Zone Game can identify themselves to represent for any Zone, regardless of where they are staying.

4.3.3 Registration of non-Singapore Citizens, if any, is up to two in the Team Zone Challenge category.

5. Venue Familiarization Sessions

Venue	Date Time	Eligibility ⁶	Purpose
Jurong West Sports Centre, Level 4 Sports Hall	07 July (Sat) 08:00 am – 12:00 pm	East & West Zone + Individual participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition Safety Briefing 2. Networking among zone's participants. 3. Seek clarification on SNG Game Rules. 4. ActiveSG Logistic coordination.
	21 July (Sat) 08:00 am – 12:00 pm	North + North East + Central Individual participants	

⁶ Only successful registered participants are allowed to attend the venue for familiarisation session and you are allowed to attend only once.

6. Team Manager's Meeting

Venue	Date	Time & Agenda
Jurong West Sports Hall, Level 4 Training Room	25 July (Wed) 19:00 pm – 22:00 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration and Networking 2. Competition Safety Briefing 3. Rules & Regulations Clarifications. 4. Individual Game Format & Team Game Format 5. Individual & Team Games - Draw Lots

7. Prize Money and Medals

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Game	Group	Skill	Prize Money	Medal	Trophy
Individual	Open/ Masters	Novice	Nil	Yes	One Trophy for Champion Doubles
	Open/ Masters	Intermediate	Yes	Yes	One Trophy for Champion Doubles
	Open	Advanced	Yes	Yes	One Trophy for Champion Doubles
	Masters	Advanced	Yes	Yes	One Trophy for Champion Doubles
Team Zone	All	All	Yes	Yes	One Trophy for Champion Team

- 7.1 Prize monies will be awarded to the 3 winning teams (Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up) Of
- 7.1.1 Individual Open/Masters Intermediate;
 - 7.1.2 Individual Open Advanced;
 - 7.1.3 Individual Masters Advanced and
 - 7.1.4 Team Game.

Details of Prize Money will be published on SNG 2018 website on a later date.

- 7.2 Medals will be awarded to top 3 winning teams (Champion, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up) Of
- 7.2.1 Individual Open/Masters Novice;
 - 7.2.2 Individual Open/Masters Intermediate;
 - 7.2.3 Individual Open Advanced;
 - 7.2.4 Individual Masters Advanced and
 - 7.2.5 Team Game.
- 7.3 Trophy will be awarded only to the champions.
- 7.4 If there are less than 4 entries in any of the Individual categories, we will call up the applicants to decide on 2 options:
- Option 1
Applicants to withdraw and receive a full refund.
 - Option 2
Applicants to join another category which they are eligible.

8. Walkover

- 8.1 There will be NO Public Announcement at the event hall. You can refer to the published schedule after the Team Managers' Meeting on 25 July.
- 8.2 You must report to the Chief Umpire's **Station 15 minutes** before the start of your match.
- 8.3 Once the umpire announces the start of the game, player must be in the assigned **court** within **5 mins** otherwise it will be declared as a walkover and the match shall be awarded to the other player present at the court.
- 8.4 In the event that you granted a walkover, you will not be allowed to participate in the following scheduled matches. Your opponent shall be awarded the maximum points on other matches.

9. Injury or Retired

- 9.1 In the event of a sustained injury, you may choose to retire from the match. If this happens, your score at the point of retiring from the match shall remain status quo while your opponent shall be awarded the maximum point.
- 9.2 You shall be allowed to resume the rest of the scheduled matches if you are well enough to continue.
- 9.3 Under the SNG Rulebook, a 5 minutes medical time-out for recovery shall be allowed with max of 3 times per match per player. In such a scenario, all participants shall leave their paddles and ball inside the court and move to side court for time-out recovery. Rule 8.3 shall apply.

10. Supplementary Rules

- 10.1 The USAPA/IFP approved **white** balls shall be used during the Tournament. No **white** apparels or clothing (shirt and shorts) are allowed.
- 10.2 Approved paddles with “**Pass**” listed from this website is allowed in games:
(http://ifpickleball.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/IFP_Paddle_Test_Results.pdf)
- 10.3 The Competition Committee 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. No prior notice is required. However, Participants will be informed before the competition.
- 10.4 All protest shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the organising committee before the commencement of the tournament. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
- 10.5 The Prize Presentation Ceremony shall be held soon after the finals of the events. All prize winners **MUST** be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire (no singlet, slippers and sandals) in order to receive the prize. Failing which, the Organizing Committee reserves the right not to award the medal, prize money (if any) and trophy to the winner and/or the Team.