



CHARITY PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

Rules & Regulations

1. Rules

- 1.1. The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of CHARITY PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE.
 - 1.1.1. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting the latest USA Pickleball (USAP) Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/rules/USAP-Official-Rulebook.pdf>
 - 1.1.2. Scoring system shall be Rally Scoring. Players may refer to **Appendix A** for Rally Scoring Rules.
 - 1.1.3. Players may use any USAP or UPAA approved paddle, posted on the USAP or UPAA website. Players are to note that it will be their responsibility to ensure compliance of their paddles, and the use of non-compliant or paddles falsely printed with approval markings shall be subjected to forfeiture rules according to the USA Pickleball Rulebook.
 - 1.1.4. The official tournament ball will be Infinite Ball.
 - 1.1.5. All participants shall adhere to the Tournament Code of Ethics given in **Appendix B**.
 - 1.1.6. Where there are discrepancies in information published, the final Participant Brief sent to all Team Captains shall take precedence. Information in this document remains applicable for the tournament unless otherwise superseded. It shall be the player's responsibility to clarify any discrepancies found.
- 1.2. All matches in this tournament shall be Non-Officiated. There shall be NO officials, however referees and/or line judges may be provided for some matches. Players will call their own scores and make the line calls in accordance to guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook. In the event of disputes, the final decision will be made by the Tournament Director.

2. Event Details

- 2.1. Tournament Venue: The Pickle Fun @ Batu Pahat - (Tiang Lampu 19, Jln Kg Parit Lapis, Blk C Pld 19, Jln Kg Low Park, 83000 Batu Pahat, Johor)
 - 2.1.1. Tournament venue is pickleball surface with gritty acrylic coating.
 - 2.1.2. The tournament will be using tournament nets with steel cable within top tape. Nets will be on castor wheels.
- 2.2. Tournament Date: 27th June 2026 (Saturday)
- 2.3. Time: 8:30AM - 8:30PM
- 2.4. Registration Fees: RM200 per Team (Participants may donate RM88 and enjoy customised event shirts with their names)
 - 2.4.1. Note - Participants' responsibility to check tournament schedule, restriction and team format on registration. Strictly no refund unless a valid medical reason is provided.
- 2.5. Team Format
 - 2.5.1. 2 pax per team
 - 2.5.2. No restriction on nationality
- 2.6. Skill Level: Combined DUPR of <6.5 (individual DUPR of <4.0, No DUPR/NR = 3.25)



3. Tournament Format

This tournament shall be a Team Challenge as detailed below,

3.1. Pool Stage (Round Robin)

- 3.1.1. Teams will compete in round-robin matches within their respective pools.
- 3.1.2. The **top 2 teams from each pool** will advance to the **Top 32 knockout stage**.
- 3.1.3. **Match Format:** All pool stage matches will be played to **15 rally points (sudden death, no deuce)**.
- 3.1.4. **Pool Standings Calculation:** Rankings will be determined in the following order:
 - Number of wins
 - Total points scored
 - Point difference (Points For – Points Against)
 - Head-to-head result

3.2. Knockout Stage

- 3.2.1. **Top 32, Top 16 & Quarterfinals:** Matches will be played to **15 rally points (sudden death, no deuce)**. Teams will change sides at 8 points.
 - 3.2.2. **Semifinals & Finals:** Matches will be played to **21 rally points (sudden death, no deuce)**.
 - 3.2.3. Winners of the Semi-finals will play the Gold Medal Match. Losers of the Semi-finals shall play the Bronze Medal Match.
- 3.3. In the event that a Team is unable to fulfil any of the doubles games, the Team will face a walkover for that game, i.e. 0-15 or 0-21 will be awarded to that set/game.
 - 3.4. Round Robin Groups shall be arranged by random draw only.
 - 3.5. The number of teams per Round Robin Group shall be minimum 3, maximum 4.
 - 3.6. If a team/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 an Official to oversee the rest of the match.
 - 3.7. 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.
 - 3.8. Tournament Director may at his sole discretion disqualify any team for violations of the rules or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
 - 3.9. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final and binding.



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4. Prize Money and Medals

- 4.1. Men's Doubles
 - 4.1.1. First Prize: RM2000.00 Cash, Medals
 - 4.1.2. Second Prize: RM1200.00 Cash, Medals
 - 4.1.3. Third Prize: RM600.00 Cash, Medals
 - 4.1.4. Fourth Prize: RM400.00 Cash, Medals
- 4.2. Mixed Doubles
 - 4.2.1. First Prize: RM2000.00 Cash, Medals
 - 4.2.2. Second Prize: RM1200.00 Cash, Medals
 - 4.2.3. Third Prize: RM600.00 Cash, Medals
 - 4.2.4. Fourth Prize: RM400.00 Cash, Medals

5. Supplementary Rules

- 5.1. Late Reporting:
 - 5.1.1. 5 mins – Match Forfeit.
 - 5.1.2. No Show – Match Forfeit.
 - 5.1.3. Forfeiture means maximum points shall be awarded to the opponent, e.g 15-0 or 21-0.
- 5.2. The Tournament Organisers reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations, schedule the fixtures, or groupings 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 to the best ability of the organisers..
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. All media or photographs taken in the Tournament by the Organisers will belong to WOW Pickleball, Rotary Club of Bandar Penggaram Mandarin and/or sponsors, and may be used for general publicity for the further promotion of the sport.



APPENDIX A – 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.
- 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.
- Referees will check if players attire are appropriate i.e. a suitable coloured clothing and non-marking shoes.

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.



APPENDIX B – PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT’S CODE OF ETHICS

1. Introduction

- a. 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 this Tournament will help promote these foundational values and maintain a positive environment for all.
- b. 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.
- c. Athletes during tournaments, due to the strong pressure to win, and exposure to the public, are potentially vulnerable to various forms of ethical issues and concerns.
- d. 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, WOW Pickleball has drawn up the Code of Ethics set out herein.

2. Respect for Individual

- a. Treat and respect everyone equally, regardless of race, language, religion, culture, gender or physical ability.
- b. Shall not use objectionable language directed at another person.
- c. Shall not use profanities of any sort (audible or visible) for any reason.
- d. Shall not argue aggressively with officiating team, opponents or spectators that disrupts the flow of play.
- e. Shall not make taunts, threats or challenges of any nature toward or against any person.
- f. Shall not use ethnic, religious, racial, sexist or homophobic slurs.

3. Integrity in Actions and Sportsmanship

- a. Protects the image of Pickleball and Sports in general, such as avoiding making a scene in public view.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Not abuse the ball, purposely breaking or stepping on the ball.
- e. Shall not portray unsportsmanlike behaviour, such as making repeated questionable “OUT” calls that, upon appeal, are overruled by the Officiating Team.
- f. 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

- a. Consider the safety of other participants, spectators and the general public in the same venue space.
- b. Shall not aggressively or recklessly throw a paddle, or striking a ball in frustration or anger, with negligent disregard of the consequences.



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- c. Shall not strike any other person, damage or vandalise venue property and fixtures.
 - d. Shall not get into fights, or cause injury to player, official or spectator at any time during the tournament.
 - e. Shall not spit or cough on a person.
5. Prohibitions
 - a. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly not allowed in the venue.
 - b. Gambling of any kind, whether for stakes or not, is forbidden.
6. Social Responsibility and Civic-Mindedness
 - a. Dispose waste in a proper manner and keep the tournament venue clean.
 - b. Shall not damage or vandalise venue property and fixtures.