



HCK Pickleball Playfest 2026, proudly organized by HCK Capital Group and Pickle Pulse Club (PPC), is set to bring together players, families, sports enthusiasts, and brands for an exciting two-day celebration of pickleball, lifestyle, and community spirit.

Taking place on **4 to 5 July 2026** at **91 Sports Arena**, this mega event features competitive tournaments, fun matches, coaching clinics, lucky draws, interactive game booths, and health & wellness activities, all under one roof.

The event aims to attract players from various skill levels across Malaysia and the region, creating a vibrant and energetic atmosphere for both competitive and recreational players.

More than just a tournament, HCK Pickleball Playfest 2026 is designed as a lifestyle sports festival where communities connect, brands engage directly with audiences, and participants experience the fast-growing excitement of pickleball in a fun and welcoming environment.

Whether you are competing for glory, discovering pickleball for the first time, or simply enjoying the festival experience with friends and family, this is an event you do not want to miss.

See you at the court this July!

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Event Name	HCK Pickleball Playfest 2026
Date	04 th July - 05 th July 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)
Time	8.00am – 9.00pm (0800 – 2100)
Venue	91 Sports Arena (91 Pickleball), Subang Jaya
Registration Deadline	27 th June 2026 (Saturday) or until full participants
Who can Participate	Open to all players
Organizers	Pickle Pulse Club (PPC)

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND REGISTRATION FEE

Categories	Combined DURP Rate	Individual DUPR Capping	Podium Restriction Applied	No. of Team	No. of Pool	Registration Fees
Men's Doubles	5.50	3.00	Yes	60	12	RM 200.00
Men's Doubles	6.00	3.30	Yes	60	12	RM 200.00
Men's Doubles	6.50	3.50	No	60	12	RM 200.00
Women's Doubles	5.50	3.00	Yes	40	8	RM 200.00
Women's Doubles	6.50	3.50	No	40	8	RM 200.00
Mixed Doubles	5.50	3.00	Yes	60	12	RM 200.00
Mixed Doubles	6.00	3.30	Yes	60	12	RM 200.00
Mixed Doubles	6.50	3.50	No	60	12	RM 200.00
Men's Doubles 50+	6.00	3.30	No	40	8	RM 200.00
Women's Doubles 50+	6.00	3.30	No	40	8	RM 200.00
Parent & Child (7-12yo)	6.00	3.30	No	40	8	RM 120.00
Parent & Child (13-17yo)	6.00	3.30	No	40	8	RM 120.00
REGISTRATION DEADLINE 27 TH JUNE 2026 (SATURDAY) OR UNTIL FULL PARTICIPANTS						

- Players may participate in more than one (1) category, provided that there are no scheduling conflicts.
- While every effort will be made to accommodate players in multiple categories, scheduling flexibility is not guaranteed.
- If a conflict cannot be resolved, players must choose one (1) match to play; the other match will be recorded as a walkover for the opponent.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY 1: 04TH JULY 2026 (SATURDAY)

Date / Day	Categories	Time
04 th July 2026 (Saturday)	Men's Doubles Combined 5.5	8.00 AM – 1.00 PM
	Parent & child (7-12 years old)	8.00 AM – 1.00 PM
	Men's Doubles Combined 6.0	1.00 PM – 5.00 PM
	Women's Doubles Combined 5.5	1.00 PM – 5.00 PM
	Men's Doubles Combined 6.5	5.00 PM – 9.00 PM
	Women's Doubles Combined 6.5	5.00 PM – 9.00 PM

DAY 2: 05TH JULY 2026 (SUNDAY)

Date / Day	Categories	Time
05 th July 2026 (Sunday)	Mixed Doubles Combined 5.5	8.00 AM – 1.00 PM
	Parent & child (13-17 years old)	8.00 AM – 1.00 PM
	Mixed Doubles Combined 6.0	1.00 PM – 5.00 PM
	Women's Doubles 50+	1.00 PM – 5.00 PM
	Mixed Doubles Combined 6.5	5.00 PM – 9.00 PM
	Men's Doubles 50+	5.00 PM – 9.00 PM

**The schedule is subject to minor adjustments. Please stay updated through Sports Sync website, our social media pages, and official communications from the organizer*

CASH PRIZE POOL

Category	Champion	1st Runner-Up	2nd Runner-Up
Men's Doubles	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Men's Doubles	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Men's Doubles	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Women's Doubles	RM 1,500	RM 800	RM 400
Women's Doubles	RM 1,500	RM 800	RM 400
Mixed Doubles	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Mixed Doubles	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Mixed Doubles	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Men's Doubles 50+	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Women's Doubles 50+	RM 1,500	RM 800	RM 400
Parent & Child (7-12yo)	RM 1,200	RM 600	RM 300
Parent & Child (13-17yo)	RM 1,200	RM 600	RM 300

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If registration falls below 50% of the intended capacity, the prize values will be reduced accordingly.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT WITH SCORING

RALLY SCORING

	Group Stage to Quarter Final	Semi-Final	3 rd & 4 th Place	Final
Format	15 points	21 points	15 points	
Deuce	14 – 14 (sudden death)	20 – 20 (sudden death)	14 – 14 (sudden death)	
Set	1 set		Best of 3 sets	
Switch side	8 points	11 points	After each set; 8 points in the deciding set (set 3)	
Time-out	No time-out	1 min time-out / team	1 min time-out / team / set	
Medical time-out	Accumulated 15 mins medical time-out / team			

- **Registration:** Players must complete registration at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time. Identification documents are required during registration.
- **Walkover:** Any team failing to appear on court within 10 minutes of its scheduled match time will have its match forfeited/walkover with the score recorded as 0-1 in their opponents' favor.
- **Group Stage:** Each category will begin with a round-robin format within assigned groups.
- **Knockout Stage:** The top two (2) teams from each group will progress to a single-elimination knockout round.
- **Format Adjustments:** The organizer reserves the right to modify the tournament format based on the final number of participants.
- **Tie-Breaking Criteria (Group Stage):** If two or more teams finish with identical win-loss records, group standings will be determined in the following order:
 - Head-to-head result (only if exactly two teams are tied)
 - Total point differential (points scored minus points conceded across all group matches)
- **Refereeing:**
 - **Group Stage to Quarterfinals:** Self-refereed matches, with a designated official/referee to resolve disputes or challenges.
 - **Semifinals, 3rd & 4th Place Match & Final:** Matches will be officiated by an official/referee

**Organizer reserves the right to amend*

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Categories	Eligibility Requirements
<p>MD, WD & XD Combined < 5.50</p>	<p>i. Players must be at least 18 years old. ii. Combined DUPR rating must be below 5.50 with each individual DUPR rating capped below 3.00 at the time of registration. <i>(Combined Rating 5.501 and individual rating 3.001 are not eligible)</i> iii. DUPR reliability score must be above 50% iv. Players with No Rating (NR) is eligible; NR = 2.75 v. Players must not have any previous podium finishes.*</p>
<p>MD & XD Combined < 6.00</p>	<p>i. Players must be at least 18 years old. ii. Combined DUPR rating must be below 6.00 with each individual DUPR rating capped below 3.30 at the time of registration. <i>(Combined Rating 6.001 and individual rating 3.301 are not eligible)</i> iii. DUPR reliability score must be above 50% iv. Players with No Rating (NR) is eligible; NR = 3.00 vi. Players must not have any previous podium finishes for the category above DUPR rating of 2.99*</p>
<p>MD, WD & XD Combined < 6.50</p>	<p>i. Players must be at least 18 years old. ii. Combined DUPR rating must be below 6.50 with each individual DUPR rating capped below 3.50 at the time of registration. <i>(Combined Rating 6.501 and individual rating 3.501 are not eligible)</i> iii. DUPR reliability score must be above 50% iv. Players with No Rating (NR) is eligible; NR = 3.25</p>
<p>MD & WD 50+ Combined <6.00</p>	<p>i. Players must be at least 50 years old (players born in 1976 or before 1976) ii. Combined DUPR rating must be below 6.00 with each individual DUPR rating capped below 3.30 at the time of registration. <i>(Combined Rating 6.001 and individual rating 3.301 are not eligible)</i> iii. DUPR reliability score must be above 50% iv. Players with No Rating (NR) is eligible; NR = 3.00</p>
<p>Parent & Child (7-12 years old) Combined <6.00</p>	<p>i. Kid must be 7 to 12 years old (by calendar year) ii. Combined DUPR rating must be below 6.00 with each individual DUPR rating capped below 3.30 at the time of registration. <i>(Combined Rating 6.001 and individual rating 3.301 are not eligible)</i> iii. DUPR reliability score must be above 50% iv. Players with No Rating (NR) is eligible; NR = 3.00</p>
<p>Parent & Child (13-17 years old) Combined <6.00</p>	<p>i. Kid must be 13 to 17 years old (by calendar year) ii. Combined DUPR rating must be below 6.00 with each individual DUPR rating capped below 3.30 at the time of registration. <i>(Combined Rating 6.001 and individual rating 3.301 are not eligible)</i> iii. DUPR reliability score must be above 50% iv. Players with No Rating (NR) are eligible; NR = 3.00</p>

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*PODIUM RESTRICTON RULES

- For MD, WD & XD combined, < 5.50
 - Players must not have any previous podium finishes in any prior tournaments, regardless of size, type, level, category, or format.
 - This restriction applies to podium results across **ALL CATEGORIES (Men's, Women's, or Mixed)** achieved from **January 2025 to the date of registration**.
 - Single & Team event categories are not counted.
 - Company event & club tournaments below 16 participating teams are not counted.
 - Verification will be based on results from **Sports Sync, Baseline, and SportsWePlay**; Reclub podium finishes are exempt from this restriction.
 - If a player is found to have achieved a podium finish, the Organizer or Tournament Director reserves the right to move the team to a higher category or disqualify the team.

- For MD, WD & XD combined, < 6.00
 - Players must not have any previous podium finishes for the category above a DUPR rating of 2.99 or a combined DUPR rating of 5.99.
 - Single & Team event categories are not counted.
 - Company event & club tournaments below 16 participating teams are not counted.
 - This restriction applies to podium results across **ALL CATEGORIES (Men's, Women's, or Mixed)** achieved from **January 2025 to the date of registration**.
 - Verification will be based on results from **Sports Sync, Baseline, and SportsWePlay**; Reclub podium finishes are exempt from this restriction.
 - If a player is found to have achieved a podium finish for the category above a DUPR rating of 2.99, the Organizer or Tournament Director reserves the right to move the team to a higher category or disqualify the team.

PLAYER AGE RESTRICTION

- Players aged 17 and below may participate only with prior approval from the Tournament Director and the submission of a signed parental consent or waiver form.

FOR ALL DUPR RATED CATEGORIES

- **All matches will be submitted to DUPR.**
- Players must submit a valid DUPR ID at the time of registration.
- Players with No Rating (NR) must self-evaluate their level; however, their participation is subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Any DUPR reliability score below 10% will be treated as No Rating (NR).
- These guidelines and eligibility requirements have been reviewed and acknowledged by DUPR.

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ELIGIBILITY ENFORCEMENT AND DISQUALIFICATION POLICY

- A player's eligibility will be determined by **DUPR ratings from 1st February 2026 to the date of registration**. Activity before this date will **not affect eligibility for this tournament**.
- Players are not allowed to hold multiple DUPR accounts or use specific accounts for different categories. If found or reported, the team will be disqualified and a report will be filed with DUPR.
- Players who intentionally lower their DUPR rating by submitting fake matches will be disqualified or banned from the tournament, and a report will be filed with DUPR.
- **Disqualified teams will not be entitled to a refund of the registration fee.**
- Players are subject to eligibility checks before, during, and after the tournament. If a violation is discovered at any point, the following rules apply:
 - **Group Stage**
 - Ineligible players will be disqualified.
 - All their matches will be voided and scored as walkovers.
 - **Knockout Stage**
 - Before the match is played: The ineligible team will be disqualified and replaced by the next eligible team.
 - After the match is played: The result will be voided. If no replacement is possible, the opposing team will receive a walkover.
 - **Post-Tournament**
 - Results, titles and awards will be revoked.
- Players are responsible for providing accurate information at registration. The Tournament Director and/or Organizer is not responsible for manually screening all players, but will conduct checks on a best-effort basis; they are not liable for any undetected eligibility issues.

PLAYER IDENTITY VERIFICATION AND APPEAL

- Formal appeals or reports regarding a team's or player's identity must be submitted between **28th June 2026 to 2nd July 2026**.
- A deposit of **RM 30** is required to initiate any appeal.
- All appeals or reports must be submitted with proof (e.g. screenshots, documents) to the organizer or tournament director within the specified timeframe.
- No appeals will be accepted after **02nd July 2026**, and no further identity claims will be entertained after this deadline.
- The organizer and tournament director will verify all reports, and all resulting decisions are final and binding.
- The deposit will be refunded only if the appeal is successful; otherwise, it will be forfeited.
- If an identity violation is confirmed, the affected team or player will be disqualified immediately.

RULES OF CONDUCT, OFFICIATING RULES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- All rules and procedures outlined in this Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations shall take precedence for the duration of the event. For any matters not explicitly covered herein, the tournament will refer to the [USA Pickleball Official Rulebook](#) as the guiding authority.

PLAYER CONDUCT

- Players are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and respect toward:
 - Tournament officials/referees
 - Event crew
 - Spectators
 - Fellow players
- The following behaviours are strictly prohibited:
 - Use of profanity, taunting, racist remarks, or trash talk
 - Throwing, slamming, or otherwise abusing paddles or balls in anger
 - Persistent arguing with referees, officials, or other players
 - Deliberate delays or any unsporting tactics intended to disrupt play
- Violations may result in penalties, including point deductions, forfeiture of matches, or disqualification from the tournament.

ROLE OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS/REFEREES

- Each court will have an assigned official/referee throughout the match.
 - They are not referees and cannot make or overrule line calls, but they play a key role in ensuring matches run fairly and smoothly.
- Official/Referee Responsibilities:
 - Ensure matches start on time
 - Report scores and outcomes to the Tournament Desk
 - Monitor player conduct and resolve procedural issues
 - Note disputes and alert the Tournament Desk when needed
 - Inform players of the rules and scoring format
 - Remind players about serving order and player positions
- Please treat every official/referee with respect at all times. They are there to keep the tournament running smoothly. Any disrespectful behaviour may result in a warning or disciplinary action.

SCORES

- Scores will be confirmed with players immediately after each match by the assigned official/referee. Any discrepancies must be raised on the spot— appeals made later may not be considered unless supported by clear and verifiable proof.

WARM-UP AND WALKOVERS

- Players are allowed 2 minutes to warm up after being instructed by the official or referee.
- Matches must begin within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time or when called.
- A 10-minute grace period applies. Failure to arrive within 10 minutes of the match start may result in a walkover, and the match may be recorded as a loss.

MEDICAL TIMEOUTS

- Players may request a medical timeout for injury or illness.
- The maximum accumulated duration is 15 minutes, including evaluation.
- The match may resume if the player is deemed fit to continue.
- If the player is not fit, the player/team will declare a forfeit or walkover of the match.

LINE CALLS

- Line Call Rules
 - Players are responsible for making all line calls on their side of the court unless a certified referee or line judge is present and the match has been designated as officiated.
 - A ball is in if it touches any part of the line.
 - If there is any doubt, the benefit goes to the opponent — “When in doubt, call it in” (*Rule 6.D.3*)
 - Players must not call a ball out unless they clearly see space between the line and the ball.
 - If both partners on a team disagree on whether a ball was out, the ball is considered in.
 - Players may not call balls on the opponent’s side of the court. Doing so may result in an official warning.
- Deferring Line Calls
 - Line calls may be deferred to the official/referee only if both teams agree to do so.
 - If the official/referee is uncertain, a replay will be encouraged.
- Disputes and Player Conduct
 - Players may politely and briefly question a line call made by their opponents; however, they may not demand a reversal or overrule unless a referee is present and the match is officiated
 - Persistent arguing, confrontational behavior, or repeated disputes over opponent line calls may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in:
 - Verbal warning
 - Technical foul
 - Disqualification, at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Head Referee.
 - Intentional dishonest behavior or a pattern of bad-faith calls will be escalated to the Head Referee or Tournament Director and may result in suspension from the tournament.

SERVICE AND NON-VOLLEY ZONE (NVZ) FOOT FAULT ENFORCEMENT

- Officials/Referees are authorized to stop play and call the following clear infractions:
 - Service foot faults (e.g., stepping on or across the baseline during the serve)
 - Obvious NVZ foot faults committed during a volley
- If an official/referee calls a fault, the point is awarded to the opposing team. These calls are final and non-appealable. Persistent disputes or challenges to official/referee decisions may result in conduct warnings or penalties.

IN-GAME DISPUTES AND CHALLENGES

- If a disagreement arises during play (e.g., line call, score dispute, or procedural confusion):
 - Self-Resolution First
 - Players should first attempt to resolve the issue respectfully among themselves.
 - Involvement of the official/referee
 - If unresolved, the official/referee may pause the match to:
 - a. Encourage both sides to agree to replay the point, or
 - b. Escalate the matter to the Tournament Director.
 - Tournament official/referee intervention
 - If needed, a tournament official or referee may:
 - a. Make a ruling and direct players to replay the point or continue from a known score.
 - b. Issue verbal warnings or code of conduct penalties.
 - c. Observe the remainder of the match.
 - d. Assign a certified referee if the dispute escalates further.
 - Avoiding Excessive Delays
 - Matches must not be delayed indefinitely.
 - Repeated refusal to continue may result in default or forfeiture.

LINE JUDGES

- Line judges may be appointed for semi-finals, finals, or other designated matches.
- They are responsible only for the lines assigned to them and may use hand signals in addition to verbal calls.
- If a player appeals a call, the referee will consult the line judge, but the referee's decision is final.

PADDLES AND EQUIPMENT

- Paddles must appear on:
 - USA Pickleball Approved Equipment List (<https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list>)
 - **OR** -
 - UPA-A Approved Paddles List (<https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/approved-paddles/>)
- If any player believes a paddle is not USAP or UPA-A-approved, or otherwise fails to meet paddle regulations, they may request the Head Referee or Tournament Director to verify its legality. Challenges must be made before or during a match. Decisions will not affect any matches already completed.

DRESS CODE

- Players must wear proper sporting attire and non-marking court shoes.
- Slippers, flip-flops, sandals, or any inappropriate footwear are strictly prohibited on the courts.
- Neon-coloured attire is strictly prohibited during play.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to require an immediate change of attire if a player is found non-compliant.
- Failure to comply with the dress code may result in disqualification or removal from the court at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- Players are expected to dress respectfully to maintain a professional and safe environment in the spirit of the sport.

COACHING RESTRICTIONS

- Coaching is not allowed during play or between points.
- Coaching is only permitted between games (e.g., between Game 1 and Game 2 in a best-of-3 match) or during time-outs.
- Any coaching during active play may result in a verbal warning, escalating to point penalties if repeated.

WITHDRAWALS

- All registrations are final and strictly non-refundable.
- Withdrawals will not be permitted under any circumstances once registration is confirmed.
- In exceptional cases involving documented medical reasons, a partial refund or player replacement may be considered at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Players are strongly advised to register only if they are fully committed and available for the entire duration of the tournament.

PLAYER REPLACEMENTS

- If a player is unable to compete, a replacement may be permitted subject to the following conditions:
 - Player replacements are allowed only before **3rd July 2026, 6.00 PM**
 - The replacement must meet all eligibility and rating requirements of the division entered.
 - All changes must receive approval from the Tournament Director.
 - In exceptional or unforeseen situations, replacements may be discussed with the Tournament Director. However, the **final decision** rests solely with the Tournament Director and Organizer, and their ruling shall be final and binding.

NO SHOW POLICY

- Players who fail to show up or withdraw without notice may be suspended from future tournaments.

MEDIA RELEASE AND CONSENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY

- By participating in the tournament, all players and spectators consent to being photographed or filmed. Media may be used for promotional, social media, or sponsor-related purposes.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- For any tournament-related enquiries, withdrawals, or player replacements, you may contact the organizer:
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