Paddletek Total Knockout Mini Tournament Series

TOURNAMENT NOTES & IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

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Introduction

This document provides additional or complementary information and detailed rules of this tournament in addition to those described in the tournament page at Sports Synz and they are to be read together.

If there is any inconsistency or conflict noted or should you require further information or clarification, please contact the organiser or tournament director for conformation or clarification.

The name and contact details of the organiser and the tournament director are stated in the tournament page at Sports Synz.

Categories, No. of team and time table

No.	Categories/Series	No. of Team	Date of event	Time	Registration deadline
1.	Men's Doubles 3.0 to 4.0	16	7 July 2026 (Tuesday)	7pm to 11pm	1 July 2026
2.	Mixed Doubles Combined 7.5	16	14 July 2026 (Tuesday)	7pm to 11pm	8 July 2026

3.	Men's Singles 19 + below 4.0	16	4 August 2026 (Tuesday)	7pm to 11pm	15 July 2026
4.	Junior 18 & Under Open Gender Doubles	16	11 August 2026 (Tuesday)	7pm to 11pm	1 August 2026
5.	Men's Doubles Combined 100 Combined 7.5	16	18 August 2026 (Tuesday)	7pm to 11pm	1 August 2026

Event date and time :

The organiser reserves the right to change the date and/or time of event and the registration deadline as it thinks fit. In the event there is a change of date and/or time of event, any team that withdraws due to such change is eligible for full refund of the registration fee paid.

Venue :

All categories are held at Mypickle Lifetime pickleball courts at Strand Mall Kota Damansara (semi outdoor courts). The organiser reserves the right to change tournament venue as it deems fit.

Courts conditions :

The tournament will be played on up to 3 courts simultaneously. The 3 courts are tournament sized courts with Mapei coating on surface and using Selkirk and Joola semi-permanent netting system. The courts are semi-outdoor with high clear roofing with opening at one end of two of the courts. Players need to be wary of possible windy condition and glaring(during day time) and in the event of heavy rain with strong wind, one or two courts may be not playable due to rain water coming in from outside or the top. In such situation, the tournament director will decide if the conditions are deemed playable or not. In the event it is deemed to be not playable, the matches will pause and resume later when it is decided to be playable by the tournament director. Hence, play delay is possible.

Time of event :

Each category is expected to run from 7pm to 11pm based on best estimation. However, the actual time may be shorter or longer due to different reasons including possible weather disruption(heavy rain with strong wind) as stated above and hence all players should be prepared for the possibility of the extended time beyond 11pm. Any player unable to play beyond 11pm will be deemed to concede walk-over to the opponent.

Number of team:

The number of team per category of 16 indicated is the targeted number of team which is also the maximum allowed. The tournament format of knockout system will start at round 16 with a looser pool for first round loser.

In the event the number of team participated is less than 8 team, the organiser reserves the right to cancel the event and all payment of registration fee will be refunded accordingly.

In the event the number of team participated is 13 to 16, the tournament will proceed with some players given bye at first round (round 16). The looser pool format may be modified. The prizes to be given may be modified to reflect lower participation.

In the event the number of team participated is 8 to 12 teams, the organiser reserves the right to amend the format from knockout system to group stage followed by knockout with no loser pool or any other format as deemed suitable. The prizes to be given may be modified to reflect lower participation.

Categories and Players Eligibility

The tournament is open to all Malaysian as well as non-Malaysian. However, the organiser reserves the rights to reject at its discretion any non-Malaysian's entry without having to provide any reason.

A person may register for more than one category.

Age definition :

For age category, the age is based on the year of birth and not date of birth.

Junior Doubles Open 18 refers to those of age 18 and below.

For category 1 Men's Doubles and category 2 Mixed Doubles, the minimum age is 18 year old. However, the organiser reserves the right to accept participation of player below 18 age at its discretion.

Players are required to bring his/her Malaysian IC or Passport where applicable for purpose of age verification.

DUPR requirements :

This is a DUPR tournament meaning all results will be submitted to DUPR.

DUPR is based on date of registration by the player. Any subsequent changes in DUPR will be ignored.

Players with NR rating is generally not eligible. However, the organiser may allow based on case to case basis and may assign a DUPR where necessary.

Category	**DUPR requirements and explanation**
Men's Doubles 3.0 to 4.0	Minimum DUPR is 3.0. However, if one player has DUPR of 3.0 to 4.0, the other player of DUPR below 3.0 or NR is allowed to be his partner. Maximum DUPR 4.0 is based on the first 2 digits only of the official DUPR rating and the digits beyond it is ignored meaning DUPR 4.001 to 4.099 are considered as 4.0. Only DUPR 4.100 onwards is not eligible.
Mixed Doubles Combined 7.5	Maximum Combined DUPR of 7.5 is based on the first 2 digits only of the combined official DUPR rating and the digits beyond it is ignored meaning DUPR 7.501 to 7.599 are considered as 7.5. Only combined DUPR 7.600 onwards is not eligible. No maximum or minimum DUPR for individual player. For example a team of DUPR 5.0 + 2.5 = 7.5 is eligible.
Men's Singles 19 + below 4.0	Maximum DUPR eligible is 3.999. DUPR 4.000 onwards is not eligible.
Junior 18 & Under Open Gender Doubles	This is open category with no DUPR requirements. NR is eligible for this category. Open Gender means a team can be two male or two female or one male and one female.
Men's Doubles Combined 100 Combined 7.5	Maximum Combined DUPR of 7.5 is based on the first 2 digits only of the combined official DUPR rating and the digits beyond it is ignored meaning combined DUPR 7.501 to 7.599 are considered as 7.5. Only combined DUPR 7.600 onwards is not eligible. No maximum or minimum DUPR for individual player. For example a team of DUPR 5.0 + 2.5 = 7.5 is eligible.

Prize Pool

The total prize pool and the prizes for each winner are stated in the tournament page at Sports Synz.

The total prize pool for each category stated is based on the assumption that the targeted 16 team is achieved.

In the event the tournament proceeds with less than 16 teams, the prizes may be modified accordingly to reflect the lower participation.

In some cases, there may be no loser pool prizes. Also, the total prizes may reduce to 2 or 3 top finishing.

In addition, the value of merchandises and the cash prize for each place may be adjusted by the organiser at its discretion

As general guide, the percentage of reduction in total prize value should not be lower than the percentage of shortfall in actual participation from the targeted number of 16.

Tournament and Scoring Format

As stated above, this tournament is intended to have 16 team to participate for each category and knockout system starting with round 16 is the format to use.

The winners at round 16 (first round) will move on to next round (quarter final) and the semi-final round accordingly to determine the first, second, third and fourth place.

The 8 losing teams of first round and 4 losing teams of QF are eligible to play in Losers Pool as further explained below.

The 8 losing teams at round 16(first round) will firstly match among them using knockout to determine 4 winning teams to join with the 4 losing teams of the QF of Main Draw to form 8 teams competing from QF to Final to determine the first and second place of Losers Pool for prizes.

Draw and match arrangement for Losers Pool will be made after the first round and QF of Main Draw is over. Eligible losing teams are reminded to stay back for the losers pool matches.

As stated above, in the event the number of participants is less than 16 teams, modification may be made to the system and in certain situation, group stage round robin followed by knockout may be used.

By registering to this tournament, players give consent to agree to any changes to the tournament system

Seeding and Draw

The seeding will apply by using DUPR or Combined DUPR as a guide.

The match-ups will be based on draw to be conducted by the organiser.

In any case, the line-up and match-up announced by the organiser is deemed final. Any protest or request for change or re-draw is only entertained if the organiser deems the basis given as reasonable or acceptable.

Scoring Format and Points

The entire tournament and all matches will be using Side Out Scoring or Traditional Scoring Format.

For first round (round 16) to semi-final and 3rd place match of winning pool, all matches will be played to 11 points. However, if tied at 10-10, the match will extend by extra 2 points to 12 meaning final score will be either 12-10 or 12-11 in this case.

For Final match to determine first and second place of winning pool, match will play to 15 point. However, if tied at 14-14, the match will extend by extra 2 points to 16 meaning the final score will be either 16-14 or 16-15 in this case.

For Losers Pool, all matches from round 8 to Final will be based on 11 points. Similarly, if tied at 10-10, the match will extend by extra 2 points to 12 meaning final score will be either 12-10 or 12-11 in this case.

For 11 points match, team will switch side at point 6.

For 15 points match, team will switch side at point 8.

Tournament Day Registration and Walkover Policy

- Players must complete registration at least 30 minutes before their scheduled match.
- Identification documents(Malaysia IC or Passport for non Malaysian) are required during registration to verify age for aged group category.
- Matches must begin within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time.
- A 10-minute grace period applies.
- Failure to report within 10 minutes may result in a walkover.

Warm-up, Regular Timeout and Medical Timeout

- Warm-up of 2 minutes is allowed before each match commences. Players are advised to arrive early before the tournament time to have more proper warm-up before his/her first match starts
- No regular timeout is allowed except for Final match of wining pool where each team is allowed to call one timeout of 2 minutes
- Players may request a medical timeout for injury or illness.
- Maximum duration: 15 minutes, including evaluation.
- If the player is unable to continue, the match will be forfeited.

Officiating

- Self-refereed matches
- Court officials may assist in resolving disputes.

3rd Place Match & Finals

- Matches will be officiated by designated referees.

Line Call Rules

- There is no official video review system to determine or challenge line calls
- Players are responsible for line calls on their side of the court.
- A ball touching any part of the line is considered IN.
- If unsure, the ball should be called IN.
- Players cannot make calls on the opponent's side.
- Persistent disputes may result in warnings, penalties, or disqualification.

In pickleball matches without an official video review system, smartphone recordings, livestreams, or any external video footage are not part of the officiating process and cannot be used to overturn line calls. Such footage may only be used informally for discussion but has no impact on the official result, which is based on real-time calls.

Service & NVZ Foot Faults

Officials may call:

- Service foot faults.
- Obvious NVZ (Kitchen) foot faults.

Official decisions on these faults are final.

Dispute Resolution

1. Players should first attempt to resolve issues respectfully.

2. If unresolved, an official may:

   * Order a replay of the point.

   * Continue from a known score.

   * Escalate the matter to the Tournament Director.

3. Repeated refusal to continue play may result in default or forfeiture.

Player Conduct

Players must demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect toward:

* Officials

* Staff

* Opponents

* Spectators

The following are prohibited:

* Abusive language

* Racist remarks

* Throwing or damaging equipment

* Unsportsmanlike behavior

* Excessive arguing

Penalties may include:

* Warnings

* Point deductions

* Match forfeiture

* Disqualification

Equipment - Paddle

- Paddles must be approved by USAP (https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list) or UPA-A (https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/approved-paddles/)
- Equipment challenges must be made before or during the match.
- Completed match results will not be altered due to later equipment disputes.

Balls

- The tournament will use Paddletek ball or any other brand as it deems fit.
- Players are not allowed to request for any specific brand of ball to use

Dress Code

* Proper sports attire and non-marking court shoes are required.

* Slippers, sandals, or inappropriate footwear are prohibited.

* Failure to comply may result in removal from the court or disqualification.

Coaching

* No coaching during active play or between points.

* Coaching is only allowed during game intervals or timeouts.

Withdrawals & Refunds

* Registration fees are non-refundable after confirmation.

* Full refund will be issued only if the event is cancelled.

* If the event is postponed, players may choose to:

  * Retain their slot, or

  * Request a refund.

Player Replacements

* Replacements are allowed only before the organizer's stated deadline or draw is made or as approved by the organiser.

* Replacement players must meet all eligibility and rating requirements.

* All changes require Tournament Director approval.

No Show Policy

* Players who fail to appear or withdraw without notice may be suspended from future tournaments.

Protest & Appeals

* Any protest must be raised during the tournament.

* Once the tournament has commenced, appeals are generally closed except for verified eligibility or duplicate-account issues.

Final Authority

* The Tournament Director and Organizer reserve the right to:
    * Amend rules when necessary.
    * Adjust formats and prize pools.
    * Make final and binding decisions on all tournament matters.

By registering, all players agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

Contact

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