



# THE SIGNATURE SMASH TOURNAMENT

Presented by **Signature Series by SM Residences**

Ayala Westfield Sports Center | July 11, 2026

*Official Tournament Guidelines*

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| <b>Date</b>         | Saturday, July 11, 2026                               |
| <b>Time</b>         | 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM                                     |
| <b>Venue</b>        | Ayala Westgrove Heights Sports Center, Silang, Cavite |
| <b>Organized by</b> | Pickle Crew PH  |
| <b>Registration</b> | <a href="https://sportssync.asia">sportssync.asia</a> |

## 1. Tournament Overview

The **Signature Smash Tournament** is a casual pickleball event presented by **Signature Series by SM Residences** and organized by Pickle Crew PH, featuring four divisions across two skill levels. The tournament runs from **8:00 AM to 6:00 PM** on **Saturday, July 11, 2026**, at **Ayala Westgrove Heights Sports Center**.

All participants are required to create an account at [sportssync.asia](https://sportssync.asia) to finalize their registration.

## 2. Tournament Categories

The tournament features **four divisions** split into two sessions—morning and afternoon. Players may opt to join more than one division, but only within their skill level.

| # | Division      | Level        | Session   | Start Time |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Men's Doubles | Novice       | Morning   | 8:30 AM    |
| 2 | Mixed Doubles | Intermediate | Morning   | 8:30 AM    |
| 3 | Mixed Doubles | Novice       | Afternoon | 12:30 PM   |
| 4 | Men's Doubles | Intermediate | Afternoon | 1:30 PM    |

**Note:** Session start times are approximate. The tournament director may adjust the schedule as needed.

### 3. Tournament Format

#### 3.1 Pool Play (Round Robin)

- Teams in each category are divided into **pools of up to four (4) teams**.
- Each team plays a **round robin** against all other teams within their pool.
- **Wins and losses** are recorded for each match. There is no point system in pool play – only win-loss records.
- The **top two (2) teams** from each pool advance to the elimination bracket.
- Teams that do not advance are eliminated.

#### 3.2 Bracket Advancement

The number of pools per category (2 or 3) depends on the total number of registered teams. The bracket structure is as follows:

| Scenario        | 2 Pools                   | 3 Pools                            |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Teams per Pool  | Up to 4 teams             | Up to 4 teams                      |
| Teams Advancing | 4 teams (2 per pool)      | 6 teams (2 per pool)               |
| Byes            | None – all 4 play semis   | Seeds 1 & 2 receive a bye to semis |
| Quarterfinals   | None                      | Seeds 3 vs 6, Seeds 4 vs 5         |
| Semifinals      | Seed 1 vs 4, Seed 2 vs 3  | QF winners vs Seeds 1 & 2          |
| Finals          | SF winners play for Gold  | SF winners play for Gold           |
| Bronze Match    | SF losers play for Bronze | SF losers play for Bronze          |

#### 3.3 Elimination Bracket

- **Quarterfinals (3-pool scenario only):** Seeds 3 vs 6 and Seeds 4 vs 5. Winners advance to the semifinals.
- **Semifinals:** Single match. Winners advance to the Gold Medal Match; losers play in the Bronze Medal Match.
- **Bronze Medal Match:** Semifinal losers compete for 3rd place.
- **Gold Medal Match (Finals):** Semifinal winners compete for the championship.
- **All bracket matches are single-game matches.**

### 4. Seeding & Tiebreakers

Teams are seeded for the elimination bracket based on their pool play performance. In the event of a tie, the following criteria are applied in order:

| Priority | Criterion           | Description   |
|----------|---------------------|---|
| 1st      | Win-Loss Record     | Team with the most wins in pool play advances first.                            |
| 2nd      | Head-to-Head Result | If two teams are tied on wins, the winner of their head-to-head match advances. |

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| 3rd | Point Differential | If more than two teams, the team with the higher cumulative point differential (points scored minus points conceded) across all pool games advances. |
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## 5. Game Rules

### 5.1 Scoring

- **For round robin up to semifinals**, side-out scoring to **11 points**, win by 1 point.
- **For the medal matches**, side-out scoring to **15 points**, win by 1 point.
- **Change of ends** when one team reaches **6 points** (or 8 points for medal matches).
- Each team is entitled to **one (1) time-out** per game, lasting up to 60 seconds.

### 5.2 Coin Toss

- A coin toss shall be conducted before the start of each game.
- The **coin toss winner** may choose either: (a) **Serve or Receive**, OR (b) **Court End**.
- If the coin toss winner selects serve or receive, the **opposing team** chooses the court end, and vice versa.

### 5.3 Warm-Up

- The referee may allow up to **two (2) minutes** of warm-up time before the start of each game.

### 5.4 Time to Default

- Teams must be present and ready to play within **five (5) minutes** of the scheduled match time.
- Failure to appear within the time-to-default window will result in a **forfeit**.

### 5.5 Medical Time-Out

- Each team is entitled to one (1) **medical time-out of up to five (5) minutes** per match in the event of a player injury.
- The referee must be informed immediately when a medical time-out is requested.

## 6. Governing Rules

For any situation not explicitly covered by these guidelines, the **USA Pickleball Official Rulebook 2026** shall serve as the governing reference. In cases of conflict, these tournament guidelines take precedence.

## 7. Tournament Director Authority

The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend, modify, or interpret any of these rules at any time during the tournament. Decisions made by the Tournament Director are final and binding on all participants.

## 8. Registration

- All participating players must create an account and register their teams at [sportssync.asia](https://sportssync.asia) prior to the tournament.
- Teams should register under the correct category and skill division.

## 9. DUPR Upload

- All match results for Intermediate Men’s Doubles and Intermediate Mixed Doubles will be uploaded to DUPR.
- Novice match results will not be uploaded to DUPR.

## 10. Daily Schedule Overview

**Saturday, July 11, 2026**

**Ayala Westgrove Heights Sports Center**

**8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

| Time               | Session                         | Categories  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 8:00 AM            | Check-in, Program, & Briefing   | All Categories                                    |
| 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Morning Session Begins          | Novice Men’s Doubles & Intermediate Mixed Doubles |
| 12:00 PM           | Lunch Break / Awarding Ceremony | Novice Men’s Doubles & Intermediate Mixed Doubles |
| 12:30 PM – 5:40 PM | Afternoon Session Begins        | Novice Mixed Doubles & Intermediate Men’s Doubles |
| 5:40 PM            | Awarding Ceremony / Closing     | Novice Mixed Doubles & Intermediate Men’s Doubles |
| 6:00 PM            | End of Tournament               |   |

**Note:** All times are approximate. The Tournament Director may adjust the schedule depending on the number of registered teams and match progression.