

# Pickleball

## 1. Age Categories:

Men and Women	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 69
	70 to 74	75 to 79	80+

## 2. Events: (for all age categories)

- a) Men's and Women's Singles (Competitive only)
- b) Men's Doubles
- c) Women's Doubles
- d) Mixed Doubles

## 3. Participation:

- a) A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women per age category per Zone in the competitive division.
- b) A maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women per age category per Zone in the recreational division.
- c) A Zone with a limited amount of participants will be allowed to partner with players from other Zones provided through the player replacement pool.
- d) Participants may enter a maximum of two events.

## 4. Divisions:

- a) All players must be registered in either the Competitive or Recreational Division and may only compete in that Division.
- b) Participants are to play in their age group, except in Doubles, where an older age category player may play down in a younger category, as long as a player in that age category is not being displaced.

## 5. Competition:

- a) The competition will be played under USAPA rules, with one exception. Paddles may be made of any material.
- b) Indoor competitions will be played with green or white jugs.
- c) Outdoor competitions will be played with the seamless yellow Singapore ball.
- d) All games will be played to 11 points, but a game must be won by a minimum of 2 points.
- e) Medal standings in both the Recreational and Competitive divisions shall be determined by a complete Round Robin in all age category events.
  - (i) to facilitate scheduling a group of more than six (6) players may be divided into two groups.
  - (ii) in the event of (i) above occurs, then the top player in each group will play off for the Gold and Silver medals. The second player in each group will play off for the Bronze medal.

## **6. Medals:**

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three players in all events for both Recreational and Competitive Divisions.

## **7. Zone Playoffs:**

- a) Zone Playoffs will be held in all events and age categories where sufficient numbers make this necessary
- b) If a player plays doubles in a younger age category, that player shall occupy only that age slot, and must vacate the slot in his/her own age category
- c) Participants must play in each Pickleball event for which he/she wishes to be eligible for at the Games