



# PUBLIC SERVICE PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE 2024



## EVENT INFORMATION

- Date : Saturday, 27 July 2024
- Reporting Venue : Arena Hall 1, Singapore Sports Hub
- Reporting Time : By 8.00am
- Game Venue : Arena Hall 1, Singapore Sports Hub
- Getting There : By MRT  
Alight at Stadium MRT Station (CC6). Use Exit A.
- By CAR/TAXI/BUS  
<https://www.sportshub.com.sg> > Getting There
- Registration : <https://www.csc.sg/stargames> (Through sports liaison officers)
- Closing Date : **Friday, 14 June 2024**

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1 **RULES OF THE GAME**

- 1.1 The Tournament will be conducted under the USA Pickleball 2024 Official Rules as adopted by SPA, SPA Rally Scoring System, STAR Games General Rules and Tournament rules as laid down by the Civil Service Club.

### 2 **ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The Pickleball Challenge is open to all civil servants and officers serving in Statutory Boards, Restructured Hospitals and Government-Aided Schools.
- 2.2 All participants are required to bring along their NRIC and Employment/Office passes for verification by the Tournament Official if required.

## **2 ENTRY & REGISTRATION**

- 2.1 Sports Liaison Officers can register their players online at [www.csc.sg/stargames](http://www.csc.sg/stargames).
- 2.2 Registration must be accompanied by online payment of registration fee otherwise it will be void.
- 2.3 An agency is allowed to register players from other agencies. The agency registering the mixed-agency team must ensure that all the team members are eligible players.
- 2.4 A player is allowed to play for one agency only. Multiple representation of agencies by a player is strictly not allowed.
- 2.5 Any change or inclusion of players must be made before commencement of the tournament. Switching of registered players between teams is not permitted.
- 2.6 Any changes to the Registration Form should be submitted to the Tournament Referee on the first day of play. No changes will be allowed after submission of the list unless a player is not approved by the Committee. A player who has left public service on the day of play shall not be eligible to participate but another player may be registered in his or her place.
- 2.7 An agency is allowed to register a maximum of eight (8) players for each team.

## **3 FORMAT**

- 3.1 The Tournament will run on a Combined Draw format, where Round One shall be Group Play in Round-robin format. Only the Top Team from each Group shall proceed to Round Two which shall be a Single Elimination format.

- 3.2 Each tie shall consist of the following three (3) matches:

Masters Mixed Doubles	-	40+ Age Group (as at 27 Jul 24) Open Rating
Women's Doubles	-	Open Age Group, Open Rating
Men's Doubles	-	Open Age Group, Open Rating

\* Match will not be played in order of merit.

- 3.3 A player is allowed to play for one team only and once in each tie. If a player is found to register in more than one team, the teams which he/she had played for shall be disqualified from the tournament.
- 3.5 The winning point for Single Game Match shall be 30 points, no deuce. Winning team in a tie shall be decided based on Best of 3 Games Matches.
- 3.6 The Team, reaching the Match/Game winning point shall be the winner of the Team Match.

3.7 A woman is allowed to play in place of a man but not vice versa.

#### **4 ORDER OF PLAY**

4.1 The order of play shall be as follows:

- 1st Match - Women's Doubles
- 2nd Match - Masters Mixed Doubles
- 3rd Match - Men's Doubles

4.2 The captains can mutually agree to change the order of play subject to the approval of the Tournament Referee. The Tournament Referee reserves the right to change the order of play if circumstances warrant it. Where a decision has to be made on the order of play, ties where players of opposing teams are present shall be played first. Immediately after this, irrespective of whether players of opposing teams are present or not, the next tie or ties shall be played. The three matches shall be played in the order stipulated under Rule 4.1 if the captain of an opposing team does not agree to the change of order or play.

4.3 If players are not present 2 minutes from the announcement of the match, the Tournament Referee shall declare a walkover.

4.4 Participating teams must play all the matches as scheduled in the fixtures. Any team that fails to do so will be disqualified from the Challenge. All matches played earlier by the team will be considered null & void.

#### **5 TEAM LINE-UP**

5.1 The line-up for a tie shall be submitted to the Tournament Referee no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the Match. No changes shall be permitted once the line-up for the tie has been submitted.

5.2 No postponement of ties will be allowed.

#### **6 PICKLEBALL & PADDLE**

6.1 USA Pickleball approved Franklin X-26 (lime green) provided by the Civil Service Club shall be used for the Tournament.

6.2 Players may use any USA Pickleball approved paddle that are posted on the USA Pickleball website. Players are to note that non-approved paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks and players with non-compliant paddles shall not be allowed to play.

#### **7 REFEREES & LINE JUDGES**

7.1 All matches shall be Officiated, with no Line Judges. Players shall make the line calls in accordance to guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook.

## **8 WALKOVERS**

- 8.1 A team must have a minimum of four players present to play two ties in a Team Match. Team with insufficient players for at least 2 ties will be considered as giving a Full Match walkover.
- 8.2 In addition, if the any tie doubles are not present for the Match playing order, then walkover of that tie shall apply. The next tie doubles shall play immediately thereafter and so on. Same walkover shall apply immediately for every consecutive player's non-availability.
- 8.3 If a player is not present two (2) minutes from the scheduled start time of the match, the Tournament Referee shall declare a walkover.
- 8.4 A team that gives walkover will be fined \$100 and also required to furnish a letter of explanation to the Organiser. They will be disqualified throughout the tournament.

## **9 SYSTEM OF DRAW**

- 9.1 The system of draw shall be as follow:
- a) For agencies with more than one team, the teams from the same agency shall first be drawn.
  - b) After completion of (a), the rest of the teams shall then be drawn for the fixtures.

## **10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams in the tournament as follows:
- a) Champion - 8 medals plus \$350 and trophy
  - b) 1st Runner-up - 8 medals plus \$300
  - c) 2nd Runner-up - 8 medals plus \$250
  - d) 3rd Runner-up - 8 medals plus \$200
- 10.2 The top 4 teams must be present to collect the prizes from the Guest-of-Honour at the main stage at the OCBC Square at about 12pm otherwise the prizes will be forfeited.

## **11 ATTIRE**

- 11.1 Players are not allowed to wear apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball.

## **12 PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 12.1 The Civil Service Club reserves the right to use any photographs (including those of Participants), motion pictures, recordings, or any other media records of any STAR Games, for any legitimate purpose, including commercial advertising and distribution to sponsors and partners.
- 12.2 Photography and/or videography will be taken during the event for news and publicity purposes by the official photographer and/or videographer, and may be used for print and on online/electronic platforms of the Civil Service Club. The Organiser owns all rights to the photographs and video recordings. Any participants who do not wish to have their photographs or video recordings taken can notify inform the Organiser at the event site.

### **13 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION**

- 13.1 All participants consent to their personal data being collected and processed for purposes of administration and communication in a particular event. Participants also agree to receive postings on other events organised by the Civil Service Club.

### **14 COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

- 14.1 All participating teams must comply with prevailing COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs) issued by Ministry of Health and Sport Singapore.
- 14.2 Team members must not show up at the event venues if they are not feeling well or exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 infections.
- 14.3 Any player (s) who fail to comply with the SMMs may result in the disqualification of the whole team.

### **15 RIGHTS**

- 15.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to revise the format, rules and regulations of the Pickleball Challenge as and when deemed appropriate.
- 15.2 Any rules which are not provided for in these Rules & Regulations in the conduct of the tournament shall be decided by the Tournament Committee whose decisions shall be final.

### **16 PUBLIC SERVICE SPORTS AND FAMILY DAY (PSSFD) TICKETS**

- 16.1 Participants in the PSFPC can also register their spouses, children and/or parents, to take in the activities at the PSSFD.
- 16.2 Only registered participants and family members will be issued with the PSSFD tickets for redemption of fun packs and freebies at the event.
- 16.3 Each participant shall be issued with only one PSSFD ticket regardless of the number of events that he or she take part in.

- 16.4 Participants must collect the PSSFD tickets from the co-ordinators of their respective agencies.
- 16.5 Participants must bring along their tickets on day of event as no replacement tickets will be issued at the event.

**Note:** Details on the registration of family members for the PSSFD will be announced in May 2024

#### DISCLAIMER

The Civil Service Club reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change the venue, date and/or time of the competition at its discretion due to inclement weather, facility problem or any other situation deemed as appropriate.

The Civil Service Club and its servants and/or agents will not be held responsible for any claims arising out of any death or injury, damage or loss, suffered or caused while attending this competition, and this includes all costs

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Programme</u></b>
8.00am	Teams proceed to OCBC Arena Hall 1 for the PSFPC
8.30am	Briefing for all participating teams
9.00am	Start of Pickleball Challenge
12.00am	End of Pickleball Challenge
12.30pm	Prize Presentation at the main stage @ OCBC Square. Top 4 teams must be present to collect the prizes.
1.00pm	End