

ASIA PICKLEBALL GAMES

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK Rules & Regulations

As per 15 Aug 24 v 3.1



ASIA PICKLEBALL GAMES 2024



24-27 OCTOBER



TAICHUNG, TAIWAN



CATEGORIES:

19+, 35+, 50+
MS WS MD WD XD
4.0+ & OPEN

PRIZE MONEY

USD 20,000

REGISTRATION OPENS
AUGUST 2024



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MORE DETAILS

[HTTPS://WWW.AFPICKLEBALL.ORG/APG2024](https://www.afpickleball.org/apg2024)

1. APG 2024 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournament Directors	Dr. Peter Chen
Tournament Director (Operations)	Mr. Jason Lin
Chief Referee	Mr Smile Sun
Head Referee	Mdm. Chaya Hu
AFP Chairman	Mr. Hogan Lai
AFP CEO	Jimmy Tan
AFP Marketing Director	Mrs. Michelle Chang
AFP Rule Advisor	Mr. John Ng

2. DUPR

APG 2024 will be using the DUPR rating system. All the matches will be uploaded to the DUPR system after the tournament.

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- a. All participants are required to sign up for a DUPR account using the same email you have used to register for APG 2024.
- b. If you do not have a DUPR account, SIGN UP here <https://mydupr.com/signup>.
Once you log in, click the link below to join the Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP) Club on DUPR.
Please click the below Link to join the club. <https://mydupr.com/dashboard/club/5199113436/info>

3. EVENT DETAILS

Venue	Taichung International Tennis Center No. 224, Xiangshun 2nd Rd, Beitun District, Taichung City, Taiwan 406
Entry Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tournament is open to all Asian National ID / Passport holders. There is no restriction on partnering with another Asian player where both AFP member's captain agrees to the pairing and are approved by the APG committee.
Registration Dates	<p>30 Jul 2024 – Selection of country's captain and preparation works. Refer to www.afpickleball.org/apg2024 for the captain listing.</p> <p>24 Aug 2024 – Open registration for Asian players.</p> <p>23 Sep 2024 – Registration close.</p> <p>Registration link: https://www.afpickleball.org/apg2024</p>
Registration Fees	<p>Skill 4.0+ - USD 45 per player</p> <p>Skill Open - USD 55 per player</p> <p>Every registered player is entitled to ONE tournament T-shirt. Please state your size during registration.</p>
Tournament Dates & Times	<p>Thursday, 24 Oct 2024 – Sunday, 27 Oct 2024</p> <p>08:00 am – 8:00 pm</p>

Game Schedules		DATE	SKILL	DIVISION**		
SINGLES		24 Oct 2024, Thursday	4.0+	MD 19+	MS 35+	MS 50+
				WS 19+	WS 35+	WS 50+
			Open	MS 19+	MS 35+	MS 50+
				WS 19+	WS 35+	WS 50+
GENDER DOUBLES		25 Oct 2024, Friday	4.0+	MD19+	MD50+	WD35+
			OPEN	MD35+	WD19+	WD50+
		26 Oct 2024, Saturday	4.0+	MD35+	WD19+	WD50+
			OPEN	MD19+	MD50+	WD35+
MIXED DOUBLES		27 Oct 2024, Sunday	4.0+	XD 19+	XD 35+	XD 50+
			OPEN	XD 19+	XD 35+	XD 50+

**Each division has a limited number of slots. Please refer to online registration for the actual number.

- 1) Each player can register for **ONE Division per day**.
- 2) A minimum of 4 teams is required per Division. If there are insufficient numbers of participants, the Division will be merged.

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Age Group	The age group is calculated using 2024 minus birth year.		
	Age Groups	Description	Birth Year
	19+	19 to 34 years old	2005 to 1990
	35+	35 to 49 years old	1989 to 1975
	50+	50 to 80 years old	1974 to 1944
	* APG accepts participant who is under the age of 19 and will group them into the 19+ Age group.		
	1) Players can play down in age, so if you are 50+ but your partner is 35+ you can pair together in the 35+ age group.		
Skill Levels	Skill Level	Advanced (4.0 +)	Open (OPEN)
	Self or DUPR Rating	4.0 – 4.99 +5%	No restriction
	1) The player must ensure that you register and play at the correct skill level. 2) DUPR can change based on scores from other tournaments before or after APG registration. To account for this, the committee will record each player's DUPR rating at the time of registration, with an accepted variance of +5%. This buffer ensures that recent wins do not push a player into a different rating level. 3) You can play up your DUPR skill level but not down. For example, a player with a DUPR rating of 3.566 can play in the Advanced and Open divisions.		
2024/2025 UPA World Championships	SUPPORTED BY UNITED PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION (UPA) The Parent company of the Carvana PPA Tour & Major League Pickleball by Margaritaville Open Division Medalists (Gold/Silver/Bronze) receive free entry ticket(s) (Singles, Gender Doubles & Mixed) to 2024/2025 UPA World Championships. Gold winners get free entry to <u>Championship</u> division. Silver and Bronze winners get free entry to the <u>Open</u> division.		
Handbook Updates	Information updates - https://www.afpickleball.org/apg2024 No prior notice shall be given to the players. Please refer to the AFP website for the latest information.		

4. RULES

- a. The tournament shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of APG 2024 Player's Handbook.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2024 Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/USA-Pickleball-Official-Rulebook-2024-v1.pdf>
- c. Players may use any USAP-approved paddle that is posted on the USAP website (<https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/>)
- d. Players may use UPA-A approved paddles (<https://unitedpickleball.com/upa-a-launches-interim-certification-program/>) which will be announced in Sept/2024.
- e. Any non-approved paddles that comply with USAP rulebook section Paddle Specification 2.E.2 – 2.E.7 can be use in APG 2024. No wooden paddle is allowed.

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- f. Official will randomly check at the beginning and when you change paddle during the games. We shall apply [2.F.1.a. 1-3] for any violation, when it is non-compliance to APG player's handbook section 4c, d & e.
- g. If you do not have an approved paddle, the tournament official will lend you a USAP-approved paddle for your matches. You shall not demand for brand and model of your choice.
- h. We will be using USAP-approved **Diadem Premier Power Pickleballs (NEON GREEN)** for this tournament. We discourage player wearing similar colour apparel and clothing (shirt and shorts).
- i. All games will follow the USAP scoring rule; serve to win a point. This is not a rally-scoring game.
- j. Round Robin matches, best of 16, Quarterfinal and Semi-final matches will be **NON-OFFICIATED PLAY** (13.D.1). Medal Matches (Gold/Silver/Bronze) will be officiated by referee and line judges.

5. ACRONYMS FOR EVENTS

Age Group Division	19 – 34 years old	35 – 49 years old	50 – 80 years old
Men's Singles	MS 19+	MS 35+	MS 50+
Women's Singles	WS 19+	WS 35+	WS 50+
Men's Doubles	MD 19+	MD 35+	MD 50+
Women's Doubles	WD 19+	WD 35+	WD 50+
Mixed Doubles	XD 19+	XD 35+	XD 50+

6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. The tournament format will consist of 2 rounds: -
 - Round 1 – Round Robin**
 - i. Each Round Robin's Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5.
 - ii. Top 2 teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2.
 - iii. Game to 11 or 15 points. End change after scoring 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.
 - Round 2 – Single Elimination**
 - i. Game to 11 or 15 points. End change after scoring 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.
- b. **Medal Match (GOLD medal match | BRONZE medal match):**
 - i. 3 games to 11 points. No deuce, first to reach 11 wins.
 - Game 1 & 2 no End change. Game 3 End change after scoring 6.
 - Best of 3 games. The first team to win two games is the winner of the match.
- c. In the case where a division with only 1 round-robin group: -
 - i. **3rd position** will be determined by the round-robin results.
 - ii. For 4.0+ event: First and Second position will be determined by the round-robin results.
 - iii. For Open event (Prize Money): The first 2 teams from the Round Robin shall play the **GOLD medal match**: Refer to point 6b (3 games to 11 points).
- d. In each game, each team is allowed to have 2 time-outs, max 1 minute each. [10.A & 10.A.1]

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- e. All Round Robin matches shall be self-officiated play, and there shall be NO referee and line judges. Players will call their scores and make the line calls following guidelines spelled out in the Official Rulebook [13.D.1].
- f. A Technical Officer (TO) is assigned to each court to oversee the match and record the final match results. Any dispute can be raised with the officer on duty. The technical officer will inform the Referee to resolve the situation.
- g. Tournament Director (Referee) may at his sole discretion assign officials or include additional officials to officiate any matches. This can be done before the match commences or during the match.
- h. Tie Resolution – Tie during the Round Robin matches shall be resolved following USAP rulebook section 12.C.4.
- i. Referee and line judges will be assigned to medal matches.

7. MEDALS

- a. Medals (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) shall be awarded to all divisions.
- b. The Prize presentation ceremony shall be held soon after the final. All prize winners must be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire.

8. PRIZE MONEY FOR OPEN DIVISIONS

Prize Money Table (in USD)

OPEN Division	Gold	Silver	Bronze
MS 19+	USD 1,000	USD 600	USD 400
MS 35+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
MS 50+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
WS 19+	USD 1,000	USD 600	USD 400
WS 35+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
WS 50+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
MD 19+	USD 1,000	USD 600	USD 400
MD 35+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
MD 50+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
WD 19+	USD 1,000	USD 600	USD 400
WD 35+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
WD 50+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
XD 19+	USD 1,000	USD 600	USD 400
XD 35+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200
XD 50+	USD 500	USD 300	USD 200

- a. You will receive the prize money credited into your Paypal / Bank account between 30-45 days after the tournament.
- b. The prize money you receive will be reduced after deducting service fees from Paypal or the bank.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- a. The APG Tournament Directors reserve the right to amend the rules and regulations or reschedule the fixtures of the tournament at any time as it deems fit. The decision on all such matters shall be final. Participants will be informed via the AFP website before the start of the tournament or during the games.
- b. All players must report to the tournament desk at least **30 minutes before the scheduled match**.

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- c. Player shall concede a walkover if the player is not on the court after the grace period.
 - i. 10 min – 1st game forfeit if the match is best of 3 games.
 - ii. 15 min – Match forfeit (for 1 game match or 3 games match).
 - iii. The max point shall be awarded to the other team player/s who is/are present on the court.
 - d. In all Non-Officiated Play, the server (or the partner) should call out the score. The opponent should echo back the score. The hand signal is allowed.
 - e. Medical Timeout – Refer to rulebook 10.B.1.a. We will amend as: “When medical personnel or the Referee arrive, the Technical Officer or Referee shall start the 15- minute timer.”
 - f. Injury or retired: In the event of a sustained injury, you may choose to retire from a match. If this happens, your score at the point of retiring from the match shall remain status quo while your opponent shall be awarded the maximum point. You shall be allowed to resume the rest of the scheduled matches if you are well enough to continue.
 - g. All protests shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of USD\$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the organising committee before the end of the game day. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
 - h. You grant AFP and their official agencies the rights to take videos and pictures during the tournament. All information obtained will be used for publicity and the promotion of the sport.
 - i. During the tournament, photography, and video recording by the public or individual are prohibited. However, personal capture for non-commercial purposes is permissible. The organizers do not guarantee privacy protection for individuals. Capturing others' images entails personal risk. Any personal or friend-captured media involving others is undertaken at one's own risk. Organizers should not be held liable for individual actions.
 - j. **Disclaimer of Liability for Safety and Damages**

Please be advised that AFP members, captains, the organizer, and its agents shall not be held liable for any safety-related incidents, injuries, or damages that may occur to you while on our premises or during the event. This includes but is not limited to accidents, injuries, losses, or damages arising from any actions, omissions, or conditions beyond our control. We recommend that you maintain appropriate insurance coverage to protect against any potential risks or liabilities.

This disclaimer of liability is intended to establish a clear understanding of our respective responsibilities and should not be interpreted as a limitation of our commitment to maintaining a safe and conducive environment.
 - k. Any queries please email to apg@afpickleball.org.