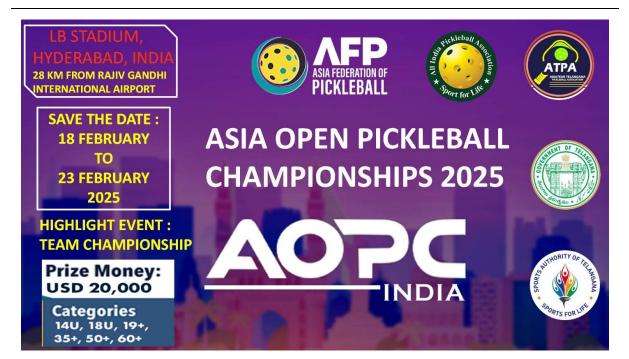
# **ASIA OPEN** Pickleball Championship 2025

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK Rules & Regulations

As per 23 Dec 2024 (version 2)





## 1. AOPC 2025 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Organising President	Mr Ravula Sridhar Reddy
Tournament Directors	Mr. Chetan Sanil Mr. Gopal Tikmani
Tournament Director (Operations)	Mr. Jagan Gaud Mr. Nikhil Mathure
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AFP Chairman AFP CEO AFP Marketing Director AFP Tournament Director	Mr. Hogan Lai Mr. Jimmy Tan Ms. Michelle Chang Mr. Jason Lin
Organising Committee	Dr. Ram Reddy Dr. Raja Rao Mr. P.B. Chakrapani Mr. Komu Venkat

## 2. PICKLEBALL BRACKETS & DUPR SYSTEMS

AOPC 2025 will be using Pickleball Brackets & DUPR rating system. All the matches will be uploaded to the DUPR system after the tournament.

- a. You are requiring to sign-up at <u>www.pickleball.com</u>. And enter your valid DUPR ID in your profile. It is important as we will be using it for the initial seeding process.
- b. If you do not have a DUPR account, sign-up at <a href="https://mydupr.com/signup">https://mydupr.com/signup</a>. Once you log in, join the Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP) Club. You can refer to AFP club link at <a href="https://mydupr.com/dashboard/club/5199113436/info">https://mydupr.com/dashboard/club/5199113436/info</a>



## 3. EVENT DETAILS

Venue	Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium (LB Stadium), Basheerbagh Rd, Mallepally, Nampally, Dist: Hyderabad - 500001, State: Telangana, Country: India (28 KM from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad)							
Registration	How to register? https://pickleballbrackets.com?AsiaOpenPickleballChampionships2025 Open: Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024, 8:00am IST Close: Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, 8:00pm IST							
	<b>Refund Policy</b> : The player is responsible for covering the bank handling and service fees incurred during any refund process. No refund will be given once registration closed on <u>10 Feb 2025.</u> Player only needs to register and pay for themselves.							
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Devietnetien	Junior		SD 25 per pl					
Registration Fees	Intermediate USD 40 per player			,				
1 663	Advanced USD 40 per player							
	Open	Open USD 50 per player						
	Team Gar	<b>ne</b> (Min 5 &	& Max 8 play	ers $\rightarrow$ 3-5 M	/len & 2-3	Women)		
	Open 19		SD 200 per					
	Open 35	+ U	SD 100 per <sup>-</sup>	Team				
Tournament Date & Time		– 8:00 PM 18 <sup>th</sup> Februa	ıry 2025 – Sı	unday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	February 2	2025		
		ek.		Schedule : AOP	C 2025 (INDIA	)		
	SESSIONS	SKILL	Tuesday 18 Feb	Wednesday 19 Feb	Thursday 20 Feb	Friday 21 Feb	Saturday 22 Feb	Sunday 23 Feb
			Junior / Adult	MS/WS/JXD	MD / WD	MD/WD	MXD	TEAM GAMES
	Session 1 (8am - 2pm)	INTERMEDIATE	MS 60+ (Session 1) MD 60+ (Session 2)	19+/35+/50+	19+/50+	35+	19+/35+/50+	35+ Team (Open)
		ADVANCED	(00000012)	19+/35+/50+	35+	19+/50+	19+/35+/50+	
	Session 2 (2:30pm - 8pm)	OPEN	80/00	19+/35+/50+	19+/50+	35+	19+/35+/50+	19+ Team (Open)
	Session 1 (8am - 2pm)	JUNIOR	BS/GS 14U/18U	JXD 14U / 18U				
	Session 2 (2:30pm - 8pm)	JUNIOR	BD / GD 14U / 18U					
Game	as of 23 Dec 2024							
Schedules	1) Individ	ual Event:	Player can re	egister TWC	) events pe	er day. ON	E event in S	ession 1
	(either	INT or AD	✓) and one ir	n Session 2	(OPEN).			
	2) If there	e is an insu	fficient numb	er of entries	s within a s	ingle age/	skill category	/ (min 4),
	then categories will be combined at the Tournament Director's discretion.							
	3) Team	Games: Pla	ayer can only	/ sign up to	ONE team	. 35+ Tear	n to be held	in
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	The age group is calcul	ated using 2025 minu	s birth year.			
	Age Groups					
	14U	Birth Year Born in or after 2010				
	18U	Born in or after 2006				
	19+	Any age category ca	n play in this age gr	roup		
	35+	Born in or before 199	90			
Age Group	50+	Born in or before 197	75			
	60+	Born in or after 1965				
	<ul> <li>* AOPC accepts age under 19 and will group them into 19+</li> <li>1) Players can play down in age, so if you are 50+ but your partner is 35+ you can pai up to play in 35+ category.</li> <li>2) Player can play in different age category provided they stick to the rule of two event in a day, i.e. either INT or ADV and OPEN.</li> </ul>					
	Skill Level	Intermediate (INT)	Advanced (ADV)	Open (OPEN)		
	Self or DUPR Rating	3.000 - 3.999 +5%	4.000 - 5.0 +5%	NA		
Skill Levels	<ol> <li>The player must ensure that you register and play at the correct skill level.</li> <li>DUPR is dynamic and its rating may be affected by scores being entered by another tournament event before or after the AOPC registration. The committee will use player's DUPR rating during seeding with acceptance of +5% variance. That would cover the potential of recent 1 time win pushing the rating over to the next level.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Entries for Intermediate level are at the discretion of the organisers. Medal winners in any tournament are not eligible to participate in this category.</li> </ol>					
Nationality	Open to participants of All Nationalities.					
Llavalkasla	Information undates - https://www.afpickleball.org/appc2025					
Handbook Updates	No prior notice shall be given to the players. Please refer to the AFP website for latest information.					

## 4. RULES

- a. The tournament shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of AOPC 2025 Player's Handbook.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2025 Official Rulebook: <u>https://usapickleball.org/docs/2025-USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf</u>
- c. Players may use USAP-approved paddle that is posted on the USAP website (<u>https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/</u>)
- d. 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.
- e. Players may use UPA-A (<u>https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/</u>) approved paddle on <u>https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/paddle-testing/</u>
- f. If you do not have an approved paddle, the tournament official will lend you an approved paddle for your matches. You shall not demand for brand and model of your choice.



- g. The official tournament ball is USAP-approved Diadem Premier Power Pickleballs (NEON GREEN).
- h. All games (singles/doubles/team challenge) will follow the USAP scoring rule; serve to win a point. This is not a rally-scoring game.
- i. All matches will be officiated by Referees.

## 5. ACRONYMS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Age Group	14U	18U	19 +	35 +	50 +	60 +
Division	_		-			
Boy's Singles	BS 14U	BS 18U				
Girl's Singles	GS 14U	GS 18U				
Boy's Doubles	BD 14U	BD 18U				
Girl's Doubles	GD 14U	GD 18U				
Junior Mixed Doubles	JXD 14U	JXD 18U				
Men's Singles			MS 19+	MS 35+	MS 50+	MS 60+
Women's Singles			WS 19+	WS 35+	WS 50+	
Men's Doubles			MD 19+	MD 35+	MD 50+	MD 60+
Women's Doubles			WD 19+	WD 35+	WD 50+	
Mixed Doubles			XD 19+	XD 35+	XD 50+	

## 6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (INDIVIDUAL EVENT - SINGLES & DOUBLES)

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 for all Junior/ Int/ Adv/ Open matches. End change after scoring 6. No deuce. First to reach 11 wins.

## Round 2 & thereafter – Single Elimination, Quarters & Semis

- i. Junior/Int/Adv: Game to 11. End change after scoring 6. No deuce. First to reach 11 wins.
- ii. Open: Game to 15 points. End change after scoring 8. No deuce. First to reach 15 wins.

## b. Medal Match (GOLD medal match | BRONZE medal match):

- i. Junior/Int/Adv: Game to 15 points. End change after scoring 8. No deuce. First to reach 15 wins.
- ii. Open: 3 games to 11 points. No deuce, first to reach 11 wins.
  - Game 1 & 2 no End change. In 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. For Junior & Intermediate: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position will be determined by the round-robin results.
  - ii. For Advanced & Open (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).
  - iii. For Advanced & Open (Prize money): 3rd position will be determined by the round-robin results.
- d. In each game, each team is allowed to have 1 time-out, max 1 minute each. In game of 15 points, each team will be allowed to have 2-time outs. [10.A & 10.A.1]



- e. All matches shall be refereed. Line judges will be made available for only semis and finals matches in the Open division. The referee will record the score.
- f. A Technical Officer (TO) is assigned to each zone to oversee the match. Any dispute can be raised to the Technical officer on duty. In case the dispute is not resolved then the Tournament Director may be called. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final.
- 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.

## 7. ACRONYMS FOR TEAM GAMES

Division	Age Group	Team
	(Player can play down on age)	(Player is NOT ALLOW to join more than one team)
TG 19+	19 – 34 years old	Each team shall consist of min. 5 and max. 8 players.
TG 35+	35 – 80 years old	The combination can be 5 (3M & 2F) or 8 (5M & 3F).

## 8. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (TEAM CHALLENGE)

- a. Team Challenge will consist of 2 rounds,
  - i. Round 1 Round Robin
    - Each Round Robin Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4.
    - The top 2 teams from each round-robin group will promote to Round 2
  - ii. Round 2 Single Elimination
- b. In case of one division of 5 teams, the team will play round robin The first 2 teams from the Round Robin shall play the **GOLD medal match**.
- c. Each Team Match consists of 4 games: -

	Court 1		Court 2		
Team Game	Game 1	MD (2 points)	Game 2	<b>XD</b> (2 points)	
	Game 3	MD (3 points)	Game 4	WD (2 points)	

- i. Games 1 & 2 will be played concurrently followed by Games 3 & 4.
- ii. Game to 15 points. End change after scoring 8. No deuce. First to reach 15 wins.
- iii. The team who scored 5 game points, wins the team match.
- d. Team captain may submit different team player line-ups in different matches.
- b. The 4 games line-up must be submitted to the tournament desk 15 min before the scheduled time of the match. Each player can participate maximum 2 games in a match.
- c. We shall apply the same point 6d 6i for the Team Challenge.

#### 9. MEDALS

- a. Medals (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) shall be awarded to all divisions (Singles, Doubles and Team Game). For Team Game, there is a maximum of 8 medals.
- b. Trophy shall be awarded to the Team Challenge Champion.



c. The Prize presentation ceremony shall be held soon after the final. All prize winners must be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire.

## 10. **AWARDS**

- a. Junior / Intermediate / Advanced & 60+ : Medals, Certificates
- b. Open: Prize money (as mentioned in sl.no. 11), Medals & Certificates

#### 11. PRIZE MONEY

19+ DIVISIONS	35+ DIVISIONS	50+ DIVISIONS
Men's Singles 19+	Men's Singles 35+	Men's Singles 50+
1st place \$ 800	1st place \$ 400	1st place \$ 400
2nd place \$ 500	2nd place \$ 250	2nd place \$ 250
3rd place \$ 200	3rd place \$ 100	3rd place \$ 100
Men's Doubles 19+	Men's Doubles 35+	Men's Doubles 50+
1st place \$ 800	1st place \$ 400	1st place \$ 400
2nd place \$ 500	2nd place \$ 250	2nd place \$ 250
3rd place \$ 200	3rd place \$ 100	3rd place \$ 100
Women's Singles 19+	Women's Singles 35+	Women's Singles 50+
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1st place \$ 800	1st place \$ 400	1st place \$ 400
2nd place \$ 500	2nd place \$ 250	2nd place \$ 250
3rd place \$ 200	3rd place \$ 100	3rd place \$ 100
Mixed Doubles 19+	Mixed Doubles 35+	Mixed Doubles 50+
1st place \$ 800	1st place \$ 400	1st place \$ 400
2nd place \$ 500	2nd place \$ 250	2nd place \$ 250
3rd place \$ 200	3rd place \$ 100	3rd place \$ 100

#### For Team Game:

19+ Team Game	1st place \$ 2000	2nd place \$ 1000
35+ Team Game	1st place \$ 1000	2nd place \$ 500

#### We reserve the rights in our discretion on Prize money depending on the followings:

Divisions with at least 16 players/teams - 100% of the initial prize money Divisions with 12-15 players/teams - 75% of the initial prize money Divisions with 6-11 players/teams - 50% of the initial prize money Divisions with less than 6 players/teams – Medals & Certificates



The prize money is subject to deduction as applicable under the Indian Tax law. While we certainly appreciate the support of all of you, we want to stay prudent in our accounting and we hope you will all understand this.

#### 12. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- a. The AOPC 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**. Players should wait for your match announcement.
- c. Player shall concede a walkover if the player is not on the court after the grace period.
  - i. 10 min  $-1^{st}$  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, AIPA and its officials the rights to take videos and pictures during the tournament. All information we obtain will be used for publicity and the promotion purpose 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 secretary@aipa.co.in or gopaltikmani27@gmail.com

#### TRAVEL RELATED INFORMATION



## How to travel to the venue:

Nearest Airport - Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad (28 km). Hire an Ola/Uber from the airport. Nearest Railway Station – Hyderabad Deccan or Nampally Railway Sation (1.5 km) Nearest Metro Station - Assembly Metro Station (0.5 km)

## Transportation options:

1. **Ola / Uber taxis**: These ride-hailing services are widely available through the city. You can book rides through their respective mobile apps.

- 2. Autorickshaw: Economical rides for the city.
- 3. Buses: Economical rides for the city.

#### **NEARBY HOTELS :**



There is a good number of very good hotels in the walking distance from the Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium, such as:

Sr. No.	Hotel Name	Distance from the Stadium
1	Hotel Abode	Under 1 km.
2	The Superb Hotels	Under 1 km.
3	The Central Court	Under 1 km
4	Best Western Ashoka	Under 1 km
5	Sree Venkateswara Hotel	Under 1.2 km
6	New Hotel Suhail	Under 1.5 km.
7	The Cent Hotel	Under 2 km
8	Hyderabad Marriott Hotel & Convention Centre	Around 3 km.
9	The Park Hyderabad	Around 3 km.
10	Treebo Destination Inn	Around 4 km.

## Hyderabad Tourist Attractions:

Hyderabad is considered to be one of the most happening cities in India. It is very famous for its rich historical and architectural buildings. It's one of the most important places because people in Hyderabad are very kind, hospitable, and helpful.

Just a few suggestions:

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## Charminar

Charminar stands tall in the heart of the city since 1591. It was built by Mohammed Quli Qutub Shah reflecting Cazia style. Charminar's unique architecture and detailed design with four 48.7 meter high minarets used to warn the king's men, is something to marvel at! It is one of the most famous places to visit in Hyderabad. With Mecca Masjid, Bhagyalakshmi Temple Laad Bazaar and Meena Bazaar right beside the monument, you can witness the vividness of this

city here. If you love history and street shopping, Charminar is a must-visit place in Hyderabad for you! Location: Pathergatti Road, Hyderabad Timings: 8 am – 5:30 pm

#### **Golconda Fort**

Predating the Charminar, built by the Kakatiyas Dynasty in the 13th century, Golkonda witnessed reigns of many dynasties over the history—from Bahmani, Qutub Shahis, to even Mugal regimes. Constructed on a granite hill, the citadel is a true reflection of ancient architecture and engineering. The most appealing feature of the monument is it's acoustic: The monument resonates sounds through the wall right from the entrance, Fateh Darwaza, to the highest point, Bala Hissar. Golkonda is one of the best places to visit in Hyderabad. Witness the rich and instructive history lively resting in the rocks of the monument. Location: Ibrahim Bagh, Hyderabad. Timings: 9 AM - 5:30 PM





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#### Ramoji Film City

Ramoji Film City - one of the biggest of the largest film studio complex in the world, is one of the best places to visit in Hyderabad. Build by a Telugu film producer Ramoji Rao in the year 1996, it's the largest integrated film city in the state.

It is home to a large range of gardens and sets that will keep you intrigued all day long! Not just that, this place also conducts several shows to let people see how it all works in films! If you want to observe the film industry up close, it is the best place for you.

Location: Hayathnagar Mandal

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## **Birla Mandir**

Birla Mandir stands tall in pristine white and enhances the skyline of Hyderabad. This Hindu temple was established in 1976 by Swami Ranganathananda of Ramakrishna Mission. Built atop 280 feet high on Kala Pahad, Birla Mandir is spread across a 13-acre plot.

With an 11 feet tall idol replica of Tirupati Venkateshwara, this temple also has an exotic architectural design, which includes visuals of scenes from Ramayana and Mahabharata. The best panoramic views of the city, exquisite architecture and the peaceful vibrations of Birla Mandir make it one of the must-visit places to visit in Hyderabad.



#### Qutub Shahi Tombs

Location: Hill Fort Road

Timings: 7 am - 12 pm & 2 pm-9 pm

Rich in both architectural design and historical reserves, Qutub Shahi Tombs is one of the must-visit places in Hyderabad.

Established in the 16-17th century, these tombs are the ultimate resting spot of 7 Qutub Shahi rulers. This makes them one of the oldest heritage sites in the city. These tombs are a beautiful blend of Persian and Indian design with domed structures mounted on a square base and enclosed by pointed arches.

Timings: 9:30 am - 6:30 pm

Location: Fort Road

These were few of the places in Hyderabad which showcase the true beauty, geographic structures, and rich heritage of the city.



## Hyderabad Food / Cuisine Attractions :

Indulge in the charm and warmth of the bustling streets, where the aroma of spices fills the air and the sizzle of grills tantalises your senses. Here, the local vendors masterfully craft each dish with love and expertise, ensuring that every bite is a moment of pure bliss.

#### Hyderabadi Haleem:

A must-try during the holy month of Ramadan and Hyderabad famous food, Haleem is a rich and hearty stew made with meat, lentils, wheat, and spices. Slow-cooked to perfection, this dish is a comforting blend of flavours that will leave you craving more.



## Boti Kebab:

Indulge in the juiciness of succulent chunks of marinated meat, skewered and grilled to smoky perfection. Boti kebabs are a must-have delight, bursting with flavours and served with tangy mint chutney. It has been crowned as one of the best food in Hyderabad by many foodies.



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#### Dosa:

Experience the South Indian influence on Hyderabad's street food scene with the iconic Dosa. This thin, crispy crepe made from fermented rice and lentil batter is a popular breakfast option and famous food of Hyderabad, served with coconut chutney and sambar.



#### Phirni:

Indulge your sweet tooth with this creamy rice pudding delicacy. Made with ground rice, milk, and sugar and infused with aromatic flavours such as saffron and cardamom, Phirni is a cool and refreshing dessert that melts in your mouth.

