

PICKLEBALL

EVENTS

Singles
Doubles
Mixed Doubles

FLORIDA SENIOR GAMES QUALIFYING RULES

Top 5 in each age group at Florida Senior Games Series Qualifier. Participants that qualify in one event are eligible for all Pickleball events (Note: qualifying is only applicable to Florida residents).

ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. The age division of competition for Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be determined by the younger age of the two partners, as of December 31, 2024.
2. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event.
3. Competitors must bring their own paddles. Pickleballs will be provided.

FORMAT

1. Double elimination is planned. Event Director reserves the right to modify format based on number of tournament entries.
2. Matches in the winner's bracket will be best two out of three games. Games are played to 11 points but must continue until one player or team achieves a two-point margin.
3. Matches in the loser's bracket will be one game to 15 points but must continue until one player or team achieves a two-point margin.
4. Teams and players will not be seeded. Brackets will be determined by a random draw.
5. Any event (age class) which does not have at least two entries (teams or individuals) may be combined with another division or cancelled at the discretion of the Event Director.

SPORTS RULES

1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with USA Pickleball Association (USAPA)/ International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) rules found online at www.usapa.org.

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2. A coin flip will determine first choice of service or side. If the winner chooses to serve or receive, the loser picks starting side. If the winner chooses starting side, the loser chooses to serve or receive. Sides and initial service will be switched upon completion of each game. Sides will be switched in a third game (if the match is 2 out of 3 games) after the first team reaches a score of 6 points. Serve remains with the player holding serve.
3. All questionable calls must be resolved in favor of the opponent.
4. Served balls clearing the non-volley zone and landing on any service court line except the non-volley zone line are good.
5. Balls in play landing on any side or back court line are good.
6. All serves must be made underhand at or below the server's waist (i.e. contact with the ball must be made at or below the server's waist). Underhand is defined as the paddle head shall be below the hand when striking the ball.
7. Players will be responsible for calling their own lines up until at least the final match in each age class. Line officials may be provided for the final match in each age class at the discretion of the Event Director.

8. Format changes are at the discretion of the Event Director.

9. When net systems have a horizontal bar that may include a center base, and the ball hits the horizontal bar or the center base before going over the net, it is a fault. If the ball goes over the net and then hits the horizontal bar, the ball is still in play. If the ball goes over the net and then hits the center base or the ball gets caught between the net and the horizontal bar before touching the court, it is a let and must be replayed.