

# PICKLELOVE2026

## TOURNAMENT RULES

PICKLEBALL WORLD TOUR

- Each team must consist of 2 men and 2 women.
- Players may participate in more than one stage, even with different teams.
- The tournament will be offered at two levels of play (3.5 and 5.0) and in two age categories (19+ and 50+). Teams will be accepted based on the average DUPR of their team members. (The DUPR rankings achieved by each player on the day of registration to the first stage, will be considered for the calculation; in the 3.5 category, no player may exceed an individual DUPR of 3.99, and the total team DUPR may not exceed 14.300). In the open category, any DUPR ranking will be valid.
- Each stage requires a minimum of sixteen (16) registered teams in order to take place. Should this minimum not be reached by the registration deadline, the organizers reserve the right to cancel the stage.
- If the minimum number of sixteen (16) teams is not reached and the stage is nevertheless confirmed, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, two or more categories may be merged. DUPR rating coefficients may not be strictly enforced and may vary from stage to stage in order to best allocate the registered teams and guarantee the most balanced playing experience possible for all participants.
- Teams reduced to three players will forfeit the relevant gender doubles match but may remain in the competition by playing the mixed doubles with the appropriate player rotation.
- Teams with fewer than three players will not be admitted to the tournament.
- Players may register individually or in pairs as “looking for a team”; the organizers will create teams based on DUPR ratings.
- During the group stage, teams will compete in men’s doubles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles.
- In tournaments with multiple groups, the top two teams from each group will advance to a single-elimination draw.
- Where possible, teams not advancing will play consolation matches.
- All matches will use the Rally Point System. If the match reaches match point with the score tied, the final point must be won by the team that is serving.
- Each men’s, women’s, and mixed doubles match will be played as a single set.
- Men’s and women’s doubles results will count toward DUPR rankings.
- Mixed doubles will be played to 21 points, with both players switching at 11 points, together with the change of court.
- As all four players rotate, mixed doubles will not count toward DUPR.
- Team registration will close 10 days prior to the event. The maximum number of teams will depend on the Hosting Club’s capacity.
- The team captain will be responsible for registering the entire team following the procedures communicated for each stage.
- Only gender doubles results will be uploaded to Pickleball Global and DUPR platforms.
- Matches will be self-officiated, with an official referee present whenever possible.
- To participate in the tournament, each participant must have a DUPR ID, which can be created on the platform [www.dupr.com](http://www.dupr.com) (free registration), and must also be registered as a player on the [Pickleball.global](http://Pickleball.global) web platform (free registration).
- Registration fees are non-refundable. Player substitutions are allowed up to two hours before the start of the tournament, provided all players are registered on Pickleball Global and DUPR.
- Any rules not expressly mentioned above shall be governed by the international pickleball regulations.



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