

Dear Pickleball Players,

We are looking forward to a fantastic time of competition next weekend at the Chattanooga Convention Center (1 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402).

We have 304 players registered!

Please read on for important information:

### **START TIMES/ATHLETE LISTS/ADDRESS**

To view start times per age group, a complete list of players, as well as venue information please click this link:

<http://www.tnseniorolympics.com/pickleball>

### **BRACKETS**

Brackets, pools, formats, and divisions are posted on Global Pickleball Network. Kelly Price did an amazing job to take the time to divide out by age group and skill level and load all of this information. The extra work will truly create a fun and competitive atmosphere for all.

To access the Global PB information (singles will be posted by 8/2):

Click [Global Pickleball Network | GPN - Let's Play Some Pickleball!](#)

1. If you have an account you may log-in.
2. If you do not have an account, you may create one. We will be sent a request to approve your registration. You may then log-in.
3. Then click this page to view the tournament:

[TN Senior Olympics \(TSO\) \(globalpickleball.network\)](#)

You will not receive an additional e-mail from GPN as this includes all instructions.

In the larger age groups, three skill divisions are being created based on ratings that players recorded when registering. Please note that the skill breakdowns will be different for each age group, dependent on numbers within each skill division.

### **PARKING**

If staying in a downtown hotel, you may ride the electric shuttle for free. Please click this link to review the route:

<https://www.gocarta.org/routes-schedules/downtown-shuttle-route/>

If coming in from outside the area, you may park at the Convention Center garage. Follow signs and monitors into the Convention Center.

Current parking rates in that garage are as follows:

0-1 Hours \$3.00  
1-3 Hours \$5.00  
3-5 Hours \$7.00  
5-8 Hours \$10.00  
8+ Hours \$15.00

Metered parking is also available on the street (free on Sunday) as well as other parking lots nearby. All have various costs. For those not parking at the garage, the best entrance to enter the Convention Center will be at Carter Street (look for TSO signs), although any door should work.

### **FOOD/CONCESSIONS**

Players are allowed to bring snacks/drinks/meals into the center. Water will be provided and touchless water refill stations are available.

Because of staff shortages, concessions will not be available. However, there will be a small player hospitality room on site hosted by Chattanooga Sports.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are so fortunate to be having teams of volunteers from BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee coming!

**These volunteers will be flipping scores only.**

Please call your score clearly when serving so that the scorekeeper can hear.

Players will call their own lines.

Scorekeepers will be running scores and cards back to scoring tables. Players may not approach these tables.

### **PLAYER CHECK-IN**

Check-in will be available at the Convention Center one hour before your group starts.

**Please bring proof of age.** In addition, if you did not participate in a June state finals event, you will receive a TSO dri-fit shirt.

Players will then check-in at their appropriate tournament desk for court assignments.

## **OPEN PLAY**

The courts (21 total) will remain extremely busy throughout the tournament, however open play will be allowed after singles is finished on Friday:

**Friday 8/6 5:00 pm- 7:30 pm.**

This will be first come, first serve. If teams are waiting, we ask that after a match is complete, both teams rotate off to allow others to play. Teams can then get back in line.

## **COVID GUIDELINES**

At the time of this writing, the Convention Center is following CDC and Tennessee Guidelines.

Spectators will be allowed. The exhibit halls we will be using in the Convention Center are extremely large and spacious.

If anything changes regarding this, players will be notified.

Scorekeepers will be running scores and cards back to scoring tables. Players may not approach the scoring tables.

Players are asked to use their best judgement as to masking, distancing, congregating, handshakes, and other matters.

Here is a link to CDC recommendations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

For questions, please write [info@tnseniorolympics.com](mailto:info@tnseniorolympics.com) or leave a message at 615-200-8760.

See you in Chattanooga!