

TSO Pickleball Tournament

Information Sheet:

Tournament Guidelines

Match assignments will be communicated via text through your Global Tournament Network account (TSO). Keep your phone nearby during the tournament. Once a text is received, you or a team member should report immediately to your tournament desk for the scorecard. There will be 5 minutes to start your match or a forfeit will ensue. **GPN network will use a phone number of 804-767-5833**, so please do not block as spam.

Keep the balls and pencils in the basket at your court. **ONLY return the clipboard and scorecard. Circle winner. Return this as quickly as possible so that the next match may be assigned.**

Pay close attention and follow the format listed on your scorecard (i.e. 2/3 games to 11 or one game to 15)

On the back of each scorecard a "1" or "2" will be marked. One team should guess the number and if right, may choose to serve, receive or which side to take.

Medals will be presented in the lobby after your results sheet is turned in.

Water refill stations are in the lobby.

Rule Highlights

Games are won by 2 points. Games to 11 capped at 15. Games to 15 capped at 19.

If a match goes to a 3rd game, switch at 6 points when playing to 11, 8 points when playing to 15.

Two timeouts per game (1 minute each). Two minutes are allowed between games.

If a ball hits a crack, keep playing. Teams will switch sides so it will be fair.

If a ball rolls into your court, yell "BALL" and stop play. SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT.

There is a help desk located inside the exhibit hall by the entrance for questions regarding rules, schedules, and brackets.

DIVISIONS

Skill divisions:

Division I:	4.5/5.0
Division II:	4.0
Division III:	3.5
Division IV:	3.0
Division V:	2.5

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Standings in round robin play are determined according to the **2026 USA Pickleball Official Rulebook (Rule 15.B.4)**.

If two or more teams have the same match record, ties are broken in the following order:

1. **Head-to-Head Result** (when applicable)
2. **Overall Point Differential** (points scored minus points allowed in all round robin games)
3. **Head-to-Head Point Differential**
4. **Point Differential Against the Next Highest-Finishing Team**
5. **Total Points Scored** (2026 Rule)

Note: Tiebreakers are applied **in order**. Once a tie is broken, no further tiebreakers are used.

All official standings and medal positions will be determined by the tournament software using these USA Pickleball rules.

Source: 2026 USA Pickleball Official Rulebook, Rule 15.B.4

TSO Reminders

Playing in a fall 2026 or winter 2027 district will be required to play in next year's state finals. Check the TSO website for dates, www.tnseniorolympics.com.

The top three players/teams in each age group and division in Divisions I-IV will qualify for the 2027 Nationals slated for Tulsa. Details will be sent to qualifiers from the NSGA by the end of the year.

Please read all TSO e-mails and updates sent to you. We do not send spam.

Thank you for playing and supporting the Tennessee Senior Olympics!