

# The Weekend Buzz: A Recap of the NPL Houston Combine and A Look Into the Upcoming NPL Draft

The last NPL combine of the 2025 season was this past weekend in Houston, Texas. Players from around the country gathered to show off their skills to try and secure a spot on one of the 12 NPL teams, including the Kansas City Stingers. Julie Gibson, co-owner of the KC Stingers, stated,



We are not only looking for excellent top-level play, but also for a stellar teammate both on and off the court. The character of our players, and how they react to adversity and support their teammates is important to us. Gibson and Co-Owner Daryl Wyatt share excitement for the upcoming season, stating, "We are excited about bringing back several 2024 Stingers for the 2025 season and can't wait to introduce new players to the hive". They will draft 7 more athletes to complete the team.

99

The NPL draft will take place the first week of April where team owners lock in their picks for the 2025 NPL season. Kansas City will host NPL Match Weekend #3 at both SW19 locations. Stingers Week 2025 will be jam packed with events for SW19 members and the KC Community beginning the week of July 7 and ending with exciting matches July 12-13. Stay tuned for more information and SAVE THE DATE!

## **League Links Opening Tonight at 7pm**

## Sunday Mini-Instructional League

- 4-weeks |\$55|Runs 4/13-5/11 (exception 4/20)
  - *Beginner*: 2-3:30pm
  - Advanced Beginner: 3:30-5pm
  - *Intermediate*: 5-6:30pm

## **Spots Available:**

### <u>Saturday Intermediate</u> <u>League</u>

- Runs 4/5-5/24
- 1-3pm
- \$115

## Smash into the Weekend: March Dinkness Championship

Our Final 4 will meet on **March 29th** to play for the Championship. Whether you are playing or cheering on your favorite team, this event is one you won't want to miss. Grab your paddles (or popcorn) and get ready to experience the excitement of smashing into victory!

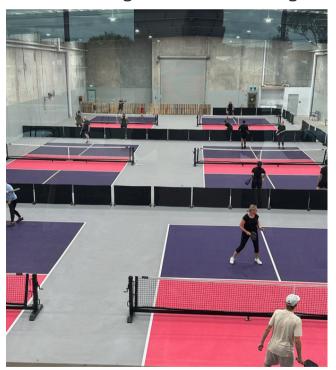


# Kid's Paddle Battle: It's a Big Dill—Kids Are Ready to 'Pickle' the Competition!

Our <u>Kid's Paddle Battle Tournament</u> will be held this weekend Sunday, **March 30th.** This instructional tournament will start off with fun drills and games, and end in exciting round robin tournament play where kids will get to turn up the heat!

# From KC to Down Under: The Global Expansion of Pickleball Reaches Australia

The fast-growing sport of pickleball, which has taken the U.S. by storm in recent years, is now spreading its wings globally. As Kansas City continues to invest in the sport, it's no surprise that pickleball culture is now being exported to new frontiers—one of the most exciting being Australia. Owner of SW19, Daryl Wyatt, has expanded the pickleball franchise down under, opening **Dinx Pickleball Club** in Geelong, Australia at the beginning of March!



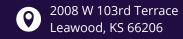
The Aussie public has been quick to recognize the sport's accessibility, fun factor, and its ability to appeal to players of all ages and skill levels.

There's no telling where the sport will go next, but one thing is certain: the global pickleball community is stronger than ever. From Kansas City's buzzing courts to the sunny shores of Australia, pickleball is undeniably making its mark across the globe. Whether you're playing in Kansas City, Australia, or anywhere in between, one thing is clear—pickleball is the real 'dill'!

SIGN UP FOR ALL EVENTS AT: WWW.SW19KC.COM/EVENTS







www.sw19kc.com/events

**SPRING** 

2025

**29** 

MARCH DINKNESS: FINAL 4 & CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

**30** 

### KIDS PADDLE BATTLE

Kids are invited to show off their dink-tastic skills in this action-packed round-robin tournament to benefit the KC Stingers Youth Foundation!

T APR

#### LEAGUE LINKS OPENING

Thurs. Intermediate League Thurs. Ladies Only League Runs 4/24-6/12 | 8:30-10pm Runs 4/24-6/12 | 3-5pm

#### ANYTHING BUT A PADDLE EVENT

Redefine the game at our 'Anything But A Paddle' event this April Fool's Day with crazy substitutes for paddles.

**8** 

### LEAGUE LINKS OPENING

Wed. Beginner LeagueWed. Intermediate LeagueRuns 4/30-6/18 | 5-7pmRuns 4/30-6/18 | 7-9pm

**19** 

#### APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS EVENT

Come join us to celebrate Earth Day with fun pickleball play, plants, and honey! Stay tuned to next week for more info.