

## **PICKLEFEST CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Picklefest is a team based event, with cash prizes, which will feature many of the best Canadian pickleball players.
2. 32 (16 men and 16 women) players will be drafted by 8 team owners to make a 4 person team. Each of the 8 teams will play head to head against all other teams, with each head to head match consisting of 1 mens game, 1 womens game, 2 mixed games, and if necessary a singles tiebreaker. 1 point is assigned per each game win, with the first to 3 points winning the individual head to head match.
3. Depending on player entries to Picklefest, the event may be expanded to either 10 or 12 teams in 2023 with the match format being modified accordingly.

### **II. EVENT**

4. Picklefest will be held on April 28 - 30 at the Queen City Pickleball Hub in Regina, Saskatchewan.
5. It is anticipated that there will be over \$10,000 in the player payout pool.
6. Picklefest will feature a skills competition (“Skilla”) which will be held at 7:30 pm on Saturday April 29. The events and rules for Skilla will be provided to Picklefest participants before the event. There will be cash prizes to the top 3 teams. Skilla will be livestreamed and participants are encouraged to bring and demonstrate beaucoup chops.
7. Picklefest will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday April 29. The final of Picklefest will take place at approximately 4 p.m. on Sunday April 30 and will be livestreamed.

### **III. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

8. Any 4.5+ ranked Canadian permanent resident/citizen, as ranked by Pickleballbrackets.com rating system as of October 1, 2023, is eligible to apply to be a player in Picklefest. Any player who meets this criteria and who wants to apply should complete the player

Picklefest registration form found at [heavypickles.ca](http://heavypickles.ca) by January 1, 2023. The completed application should be sent to [heavy\\_pickles@yahoo.com](mailto:heavy_pickles@yahoo.com). Picklefest reserves the right to add players into the Player Draft after this time at its discretion.

9. The determination of players that are entered into the Player Draft shall be made solely by the Picklefest organizers.

10. The cost to enter and play in Picklefest is \$100. A player shall be advised if their application has been accepted and they are entered into the Player Draft, whereupon they shall pay \$100.00 before January 15, 2023 to complete registration. If a player is not drafted onto a team for Picklefest, they shall have their entry fee returned to them. If a player withdraws from Picklefest after paying their entry, their money shall not be refunded.

#### **IV. PLAYER DRAFT**

11. The beauty of Picklefest is that the teams will all competitive given the utilization of a snake draft made popular through fantasy football drafts. Each owner will have four (4) draft picks and will need to select 2 males and 2 females, however, the owner can make those selections with any of his picks. The owner pick blocks shall be as follows,

Owner A	Owner B	Owner C	Owner D	Owner E	Owner F	Owner G	Owner H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25

12. To the extent that more teams are added for Picklefest, the snake draft principle outlined above for picks will apply as modified.

13. For 2023, the player draft will be held via Zoom on March 3, 2023.

## **V. TEAM OWNERS**

14. Picklefest will have a draft (“Owner Draft”) for people wanting to be one of the 8 team owners where teams are auctioned off through 8 mini auctions with the winner of the first auction being able to choose which of the 8 franchises (i.e. one of Owner A – H) that owner wants to buy. The winner of the second auction chooses the second team and so forth.

15. A player rank sheet and the initial player registration information from each player will be provided to each Owner prior to the Owner Draft for the purpose of determining which franchise each Owner wants to bid on.

16. The Owner of each team and the first pick made by each Owner (“First Pick”) for their team will work together to draft the remaining members of each Team with the caveat that the First Pick will have ultimate authority to make a pick selection if there is a dispute. This is intended to eliminate any potential nepotism with draft picks and have the most competitive teams selected and also given that the players will have more knowledge about the other players in the event.

17. All money raised from the Owner Draft will be put into the owner prize pool (“Owner Pool”). The Owner Pool will be paid back to the owners for the top 3 teams in event. The payout is as follows 1<sup>st</sup> - 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 15% with the event taking 5% to cover administrative costs.

18. The Owner Draft will take place on February 23, 2023 via Zoom.

## **VI. GAMEPLAY AND SCORING**

19. The USA Pickleball 2023 Rulebook (“USAP Rules”) shall be used for all rules of play, subject to being modified by the conditions of contest herein.

20. Each of the 8 teams will play against the other teams in a 7 game round robin with each head to head being 4 matches (1 point per win) - 1 men’s doubles game, 1 women’s doubles game, 2 mixed games (each player plays in 2 games per match) and a singles tiebreaker where necessary. To the extent there are 10 or 12 teams, the Picklefest event format will be modified, however, a player will still play in at least 7 matches.

21. Each owner/captain shall submit a blind lineup card before each match to a Picklefest official outlining mixed pair/order and singles order.

22. A coin flip will determine which side chooses to serve or receive for each of the 4 (5 with singles tiebreaker) games in a match.

23. Regarding scoring,

- The doubles games will be rally point scoring, first team to 21 win by 2 points, however, a team has to serve to win the game. Rally scoring will be used until a team reaches 20 points, whereupon that team must shall only gain points on its serve and where the trailing team reaches 18, it shall also not gain any points unless serving. If teams are tied 19-19, upon a team reaching 20, both teams will not be able to gain points unless serving.
- To the extent the teams are tied at 2-2 after the doubles matches, a singles tiebreaker shall be used to determine the winner of the match (“Cornichons Lourds”). Cornichons Lourds shall be rally point scoring, first to 15 points (a team doesn’t have to win by 2 points, nor win on their serve), with each player on a team playing 3 points before subbing out to the next team mate (guys can play girls in this format as per the blind lineup).
- Where a team loses a point, the serve shifts to the other team. A team keeps serving where they win points. That is, each team is not guaranteed a serve by each player on a service possession in doubles.
- The serving team’s score dictates who serves. That is, if player A is in the left (ad) court they would serve all odd points and if player B is in the right (deuce) court they would serve all even points.
- Teams will switch sides at 11.

24. Regarding positioning, in the doubles games, the court where a player starts is the court where they must be remain for the match, subject to being able to switch courts on any timeout (and/or switch back on another timeout) taken by either team. Nothing herein shall restrict players from stacking on service or receive on any point.

25. The following will be used to break standings ties/determine seeding where they have the same win/loss record,

- A head to head match win against all tiebreak teams wins;
  - The number of game wins against all teams (singles game wins don't count);
  - The best net points (points for minus points against) against all teams (excluding singles games) wins the tiebreaker;
26. Each team will have two 1 minute timeouts per doubles game. There will be no timeouts in the singles tiebreaker.
27. There will be a 2 minute warmup for each game starting when the overseer calls a game to begin.
28. There will be 2 referees for the semi-final and final.

## **VII. REPLACEMENT PLAYER POOL**

29. A replacement player pool ("RPP") will exist to replace any players that are unable to compete and withdraw prior to Picklefest. This will be compiled by Picklefest organizers based upon those players who have agreed to be in the RPP.
30. The RPP will have only 4.5+ rated players. A player will be asked whether they are willing to participate as an RPP within the registration form.
31. Seven (7) days prior to Picklefest, the RPP draft ("RPP Draft") will occur. The following will be used for the RPP Draft,
- If a team has a male player withdraw, the owner that selected the highest male player has first selection of the male RPP players. The owner who selected the next highest male draft pick then has the next RPP pick and so forth.
  - If a team has a female player withdraw, the owner that selected the highest female player has first selection of the female RPP players. The owner who selected the next highest female draft pick then has the next RPP pick and so forth.

32. If a player withdraws after the RPP Draft but before Picklefest (“Supplemental RPP Draft”), the previous formula will again be used to select from the remaining and available RPP to determine RPP placement on teams.

33. If a player cannot complete a match during Picklefest and has to withdraw from a game,

- The team that has the withdrawing player (“IR Team”) will lose that game with the winning team receiving 21 as their score and the IR Team receiving the accumulated points they had for that game. The IR Team will not forfeit the match however. The withdrawing player will not be able to compete in the remainder of that match.
- The IR Team will be able to select and substitute in a player from the event player pool (“EPP”) for the duration of the match. The IR Team may also use the EPP player for any future matches without penalty if the withdrawing player is unable to continue for future matches. A withdrawing player is able to play in subsequent matches, aside of the match they withdrew from, should they not continue to be injured, but must be on the lineup card before a subsequent match.
- Provided there are other EPP players available to play at Picklefest, an EPP player can only play for 1 team, but can play for that team in more than match. If there are no other EPP players available, an EPP player may play a match for more than one different team.
- The EPP will be posted prior to Picklefest.

34. The Picklefest tournament director will be appointed prior to the event. The TD will have sole discretion to determine if a player is not able to continue in a match arising from any contact made to their head during a game. This discretion should be guided by the principles outlined in the USAP Rules.

### **VIII. PRIZE PAYOUTS**

35. The winning team will receive 50% of the net player prize pool (“Pool Cash”), the finalist team will receive 30% of the Pool Cash and the third place team will receive 20% of the Pool Cash.