



PLAYER HANDBOOK & REGULATIONS

Event Name	: VS GROUP GREAT MALAYSIA PICKLEBALL CUP
Dates	: 8-10 August 2025 (Friday to Sunday)
Venue	: Grand Pickleball Arena, Shah Alam, Selangor
Registration Deadline	: 1 August 2025 or when full
Prize Pool	: RM52,000 Total Prize Pool
Who can participate	: For Malaysian
Organizer	: V Success Group Sdn Bhd

The **VS GROUP GREAT MALAYSIA PICKLEBALL CUP** runs 8-10 August at Grand Pickleball Arena @ Subang, celebrating all skill levels. Proudly presented by Great Eastern, it offers over RM52,000 in prizes, fostering community and growth for Malaysian pickleball.

Day / Date	Categories	DUPR	PARTICIPANTS	GROUPS
Friday 8/8/2025	Junior Singles	No Limit	20 players	2 groups
	Parent/Child	No Limit	32 teams	8 groups
	Mens Doubles Novice	<3.0	32 teams	8 groups
	Womens Doubles Novice	<3.0	32 teams	8 groups
	Mixed Doubles Novice	<3.0	32 teams	8 groups
Saturday 9/8/2025	Mens Doubles Int	3.0-3.999	32 teams	8 groups
	Womens Doubles Int	3.0-3.999	32 teams	8 groups
	Mixed Doubles Int	3.0-3.999	32 teams	8 groups

	Mens Doubles Open	4.0+	32 teams	8 groups
	Womens Doubles Open	4.0+	16 teams	4 groups
	Mixed Doubles Open	4.0+	32 teams	8 groups
Sunday 10/8/2025	Team		32 teams	2 groups
	GE Team		32 teams	6 groups

* May be subject to change

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

FORMAT

- Group Stage: Round Robin within each group per category.
- Top 2 teams advance to Single Elimination Knockout rounds.
- Slight adjustments to the format may be made in-line with participation numbers.
- All categories except novice will have the top 8 / top 4 players seeded - based on DUPR Rating and tournament director judgement.

For Team Category (MS/WS/MD/WD/MXD):

Each team tie will comprise **5 individual matches**, where teams will field their members to compete in:

- 1 x Men's Singles
- 1 x Women's Singles
- 1 x Men's Doubles
- 1 x Women's Doubles
- 1 x Mixed Doubles

Teams must strategically select different players for each individual match (or combinations for doubles) as per tournament rules to ensure fair play and varied participation.

For GE Team Category (MD/WD/MXD):

Each team tie will comprise **3 individual matches**, where teams will field their members to compete in:

- 1 x Men's Doubles
- 1 x Women's Doubles
- 1 x Mixed Doubles

Teams must strategically select different players for each individual match (or combinations for doubles) as per tournament rules.

TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA (Group Stages)

If two or more teams have the same win–loss record at the end of group play, standings will be determined in the following order:

- Total Point Differential (points scored minus points conceded across all group matches)
- Head-to-Head Result (only used if exactly two teams are tied)
- Coin Toss (conducted by the Tournament Director - In the rare event the head-to-head match was cancelled / not played)

PRIZE POOL

Prize Money (RM)	Champions	Runner-up	Third Place
Novice			
Women's Doubles	1000	800	600
Men's Doubles	1000	800	600
Mixed Doubles	1000	800	600
Intermediate			
Women's Doubles	1500	900	600
Men's Doubles	1500	900	600
Mixed Doubles	1500	900	600
Open			
Men's Doubles	3000	1500	800
Womens Doubles Open	3000	1500	800
Mixed Doubles Open	3000	1500	800
Juniors			
Junior Singles	Goodies	Goodies	Goodies
Parent/ Child	Goodies	Goodies	Goodies
Team			
Team	RM10,000	RM6,000	RM4,000

SCORING FORMAT

For all ADULT categories

	Group to QF	Semi Finals	3rd/4th	Finals *
Format	Rally 15 points	Rally 11 points	Rally 11 points	Rally 11 points
Sets	1 set	Best of 3 sets		
Time-outs	1 Time out / team (1 min)		2 Time-outs / team / per set (1 min)	
Deuce	No Deuce (Sudden death)			

For all JUNIOR (16 and under) categories

	Group to QF	Semi Finals	3rd/4th	Finals *
Format	Traditional (002) 11 points	Traditional (002) 11 points	Traditional (002) 11 points	Traditional (002) 11 points
Sets	1 Set	Best of 3 sets		
Time-outs	1 Time out / team (1 min)		2 Time-outs / team / per set (1 min)	
Deuce	No Deuce (Sudden death)			

Refereeing:

RR/QF, Self-referee with Marshalls to handle disputes/challenges

SF/Finals, Official Referee

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



Friday 8 August

- 09:00 - 11:30 → Men's Doubles Novice (<3.0)
- 10:45 - 13:00 → Women's Doubles Novice (<3.0)
- 12:30 - 15:00 → Parent/ Child
- 14:15 - 17:30 → Junior Singles
- 16:45 - 19:45 → Mixed Doubles Novice (<3.0)



Saturday 9 August

- 09:00 - 11:30 → Men's Doubles Intermediate (3.0-3.99)
- 10:45 - 13:15 → Women's Doubles Intermediate (3.0-3.99)
- 12:30 - 15:00 → Men's Doubles Open (4.0+)
- 14:15 - 16:45 → Women's Doubles Open (4.0+)
- 16:00 - 18:30 → Mixed Doubles Intermediate (3.0-3.99)
- 17:45 - 20:15 → Mixed Doubles Open (4.0+)



Sunday 10 August

- 09:00 - 19:00 → Team
- 09:00 - 20:00 → GE team

* Schedule may be subject to slight changes, please keep an eye on the Baseline app, the landing page and any communication from the organizer.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Category	Eligibility Requirements
Juniors Parent/Child No DUPR requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players shall be accompanied by a guardian. 2. Waiver form must be signed by parents 3. Player must be max. 16 years old or under on the date of the tournament 4. For avoidance of doubt: 16 years old is ok, 17 years old is <i>not</i> ok.
Novice < 3.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players must be 18+ to participate 2. DUPR Rating must be below 3.00 at time of registration 3. Players with a DUPR reliability score less than 10% will be considered Novice
Intermediate (3.0-3.99)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players must be 18+ to participate 2. DUPR Rating must be from 3.0-3.99 at time of registration
Open (4.0+)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players must be 18+ to participate 2. This is a high-level category, self-assessment on player level is to be made. 3. DUPR Rating must be >4.0 at time of registration
Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players must be 18+ to participate

** Players or teams disqualified from the tournament will not be eligible for a refund of their entry fee.*

Players age restriction

- I. Players aged 17 may request to participate in adult categories with a signed waiver letter by parents and permission from the Tournament Director.

For all DUPR Rated categories:

- I. Must submit a valid DUPR ID on registration.
- II. Players with NO RATING are to self-evaluate their level, however their participation is at discretion of the tournament director.
- III. DUPR Ratings with a reliability less than 10% will be considered "NR".
- IV. It is not allowed to have multiple DUPR accounts or use specific accounts for specific categories. Reports will be made to DUPR.
- V. Purposely lowering your DUPR rating by submitting fake matches will result in disqualification or ban from partaking in the tournament and a report to DUPR will be made.
- VI. These guidelines & eligibility requirements have been reviewed by DUPR.

RULES OF CONDUCT, OFFICIATING RULES & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All rules and procedures outlined in this Player Handbook & Tournament Regulations shall take precedence for the duration of the event. For any matters not explicitly covered herein, the tournament will refer to the [USA Pickleball Official Rulebook](#) as the guiding authority.

PLAYER CONDUCT

All participants must demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for tournament officials, point guards, event crew and spectators and of course, other players.

Prohibited behavior includes:

- Swearing, taunting, racist remarks or trash talk
- Slamming paddles or balls in anger
- Persistent Arguing with Point Guards or other players
- Deliberate delays or unsporting tactics

ROLE OF POINT GUARDS

- Each court will have an assigned Point Guard throughout the match.
- They are **not referees**, and cannot make or overrule line calls, but they play a key role in maintaining fair and smooth play.
- Point Guard Responsibilities:
 - Ensuring timely match starts
 - Reporting match scores and outcomes
 - Monitoring conduct and resolving procedural issues
 - Noting disputes and alerting the Tournament Desk
 - Informing players of the rules & scoring format
 - Reminding players of serving / player positions

Please be respectful to your Point Guard at all times, as they are there to support fair play and ensure the tournament runs smoothly — any disrespectful behavior may result in a warning or disciplinary action.

SCORES

Scores will be confirmed with players immediately after each match by the assigned Point Guard. Discrepancies must be raised at that time — later appeals may not be entertained.

WARM-UP & WALKOVERS

- Players are allowed 2 minutes to warm up after being instructed by the point guard or referee.
- Matches must begin within 5 minutes of the scheduled start or when called.
- A 10-minute grace period applies. Failure to arrive within 10 minutes of match start may result in a walkover and recorded loss.

MEDICAL TIMEOUTS

- The maximum duration is 15 minutes, including evaluation.
- A match may be resumed if the player is deemed fit.
- If not, the player/team will forfeit the match.

LINE CALLS

- Players are responsible for making all line calls on their side of the court unless a certified referee or line judge is present and the match has been designated as officiated.
- A ball is in if it touches any part of the line.
- If there is any doubt, the benefit goes to the opponent - "When in doubt, call it in." (Rule 6.D.3)
- Players must not call a ball out unless they clearly see space between the line and the ball.
- If both partners on a team disagree on whether a ball was out, the ball is considered in.
- Players may not call balls on the opponent's side of the court, doing so may result in official warnings.

Line-calls may be deferred to the Point Guard only if both teams agree to defer the decision. When the Point Guard is uncertain, a replay will be encouraged.

Players may politely and briefly question a line call made by their opponents; however, they may not demand a reversal or overrule unless a qualified referee is present and the match is officiated.

Persistent arguing, confrontational behavior, or repeated disputes over calls made on the opponent's side may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in a verbal warning, technical foul, or disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Head Referee.

Intentional dishonest behavior or pattern of bad-faith calls will be escalated to the Head Referee / Tournament Director and **may result in suspension from the tournament.**

SERVICE & NVZ (KITCHEN) FOOT FAULT ENFORCEMENT

While Point Guards are not certified referees, they are authorized to stop play and call the following clear infractions:

- **Service foot faults**, such as stepping on or across the baseline during the serve.
- **Obvious NVZ (Kitchen) foot faults** committed during a volley.

If a Point Guard calls a fault, the point is awarded to the opposing team. These calls are final and non-appealable. Repeated challenges to Point Guard decisions may result in conduct warnings or penalties.

IN-GAME DISPUTES & CHALLENGES

If a disagreement arises (e.g., line call, score dispute, or procedural confusion), players must:

1. First attempt to resolve it respectfully among themselves.
2. If unresolved, the Point Guard may pause the match and:
 - a. Encourage both sides to **agree to a replay**, or
 - b. Escalate the issue to the Tournament Director

If needed, a tournament official or qualified referee may:

- Make a ruling and instruct players to replay the point or continue from a known score
- Issue verbal warnings or code of conduct penalties
- Observe the remainder of the match
- Assign a certified referee if the dispute escalates.

Players must **not delay** the match indefinitely — repeated refusal to continue may result in a **default or forfeit**.

LINE JUDGES

- In finals or selected matches, line judges may be appointed.
- They are responsible for calling only the lines assigned to them, and may use hand signals in addition to verbal calls
- In case of a player appeal, the referee consults the line judge, but the referee's decision is final.

PADDLES / EQUIPMENT

All paddles must be on the USA Equipment Approved List: <https://equipment.usapickleball.org/> OR on the UPA-A Approved Paddles List <https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/approved-paddles/>

If any player believes a paddle is not USAP or UPA-A approved or does not otherwise comply with all paddle rules, the player is allowed to summon the Head Referee or Tournament Director to determine if the paddle is legal for play. Challenges can only be made before or during the match. Previous matches will be unaffected.

Updated 1 June: All SYPIK Paddles are allowed regardless of USAP or UPA-A status. Players are informed via email.

COACHING RESTRICTIONS

- Coaching is not allowed during a game or between points.
- Coaching is only permitted between games (e.g. between Game 1 and 2 in best-of-3).

- Any coaching during active play may result in a verbal warning, escalating to point penalties.

MEDIA RELEASE / CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPHY

By participating, players and spectators consent to being photographed or filmed during the event. Media may be used for promotional, social media, or sponsor purposes.

WITHDRAWALS

Players who wish to withdraw must notify the Tournament Organizer in writing (email or WhatsApp) as early as possible.

- Withdrawals made before 30 May 2025 may be eligible for a partial refund or credit toward future events.
- No refunds will be issued for withdrawals made after 30 May 2025, unless due to documented medical reasons and approved by the Tournament Director.

PARTNER REPLACEMENTS *(Doubles Only)*

If a player is unable to compete, a replacement may be allowed prior to the start of the first match, subject to the following:

- The replacement must meet the eligibility and rating criteria of the division entered.
- The change must be approved by the Tournament Director. If the change affects the seeding of top players, it may be rejected.
- Once a team has played their first match, no replacements are allowed.

NO-SHOW POLICY

Players who withdraw without notice or fail to show up for scheduled matches may be suspended from future tournaments.

CONTACT ORGANIZER

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