

## **SCOTTISH NATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS 2025**

The Scottish National Pickleball Championships is open to all players of all standards aged 18 and above. Players aged 12-17 may enter open and youth events but they must be accompanied by an appropriate adult and their entry for any open event must be approved by the Tournament Director.

For the age group and youth events, players' age is considered as at 23:59 on 31 December 2025. The age for youth events is age 12 to 17.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

Players must be full members of Pickleball Scotland and:

- a) be born in Scotland; or
- b) be permanent resident in Scotland; or
- c) have a parent born in Scotland.

Players must NOT have entered the National Championships of any other Country in the 12 months prior to The Scottish National Pickleball Championships.

In the interest of growing the wheelchair category, it has been agreed that we won't constrain registration to Scottish nationals and so this event will be an invitational event open to all home nation wheelchair players.

Only those assigned female at birth may enter womens events and each mixed doubles partnership must have at least one player who was assigned female at birth.

Players may only play in one rating category per event. Where the rating categories are amalgamated, or if a player's doubles partner is a different rating, players must play in the higher rating category. Players must link to Pickleball Scotland Club on DUPR at the time of entering as the tournament results will be submitted to DUPR. However, as so many players DUPR rating is highly inflated, **players will self-select their rating and should do so honourably, fairly and in the spirit of the game.**

**Players may only play a maximum of one event per day, with the exception of Friday, where players may enter doubles and singles. Players are limited to a maximum of 3 events in the championships and can only enter either open or ONE age group in an event. This means that masters players CANNOT enter the gender doubles in 50+ and 65+. Players can play down an age group, and Masters players may choose to play in the Nationals (open age) instead in one or all events.**

The organisers reserve the right to make further changes to the rating categories if required. The organisers reserve the right not to hold an event, or to amalgamate ratings if insufficient entries are received. Both players in a doubles event must submit an entry. Players entering 'partner wanted' will be paired if a partner is available.

Each event will be run in round-robin groups; thus, all players should play a minimum of three matches per event dependant on the number of entries. Winners and runners-up of each group will go forward to a knock-out stage if numbers are sufficient.

The tournament will be played in accordance with the USPA 2025 Rules. Details of these can be found [HERE](#). Specific amendments to particular rules (court size, match scoring, ball type etc.) for the Scottish National Pickleball Championships will be published prior to the tournament

### **Provisional Schedule of events:**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

- Mens & Womens Doubles 65+ All categories
- Youth Singles (from 1500)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

- Mens & Womens Doubles 50+ All categories
- Mens & Womens National Singles (from 1500)

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

- Mens & Womens National Doubles
- Youth Doubles
- Invitational Wheelchair Doubles

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jun

- Mixed Doubles National
- Mixed Doubles 50+ All categories
- Mixed Doubles 65+ All categories

**Days of events are provisional depending on entries. If entries significantly exceed expected numbers, then the championships may start on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025. It may be necessary to restrict the numbers of entries. Please note entries will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis and when the quota is reached in each event, further entries will be placed on a waiting list. **You will be notified within 7 days of entering if your entry is in the confirmed draw or waiting list.** Late entries may not be accepted.

Please note:

- No refunds will be considered if withdrawal is notified later than 23:59 on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- All substitution of partners after 12<sup>th</sup> April will result in the new partner paying the full entry fee to Pickleball Scotland with no refund due to the withdrawing partner.
- The registration fee of £10 is non refundable. However, if a player does not get offered a place from the waiting list, they shall be entitled to a full refund of the event fee and, if no longer in any events, a full refund of the registration fee.
- If the event is cancelled, you will receive a full refund.
- The organisers reserve the right to add to or alter these conditions. Its decision in all matters will be final.
- All players participate at their own risk.
- Filming and photographs will be taken at this event and may be used by Pickleball Scotland as creative content to advertise, promote or showcase the event. It is the individual's responsibility to make it known to The Championship Director if they do not wish to have their picture taken or games filmed

If you have selected to purchase a t-shirt, further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

By entering you agree to the terms and conditions listed above.