

It's not long now to The Pickleball Scotland Edinburgh Open so here are a few points to help everyone have a great weekend....

### VENUE TRANSPORT & PARKING

- Meadowbank Sport Centre (EH7 6AE) car park is free for under 3 hours as long as you register your number plate on the touch screen in reception. Thereafter the charges are very hefty!
- There is free parking on many of the side roads around the venue at weekends. Please check signs before parking.
- The bus service to Meadowbank is excellent with numerous buses passing Meadowbank from the city centre and from further east.

### FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

- The tournament Registration & Info desk is in the foyer on the second floor
- All floors can be accessed via the stairs or lifts
- On the second floor, you will find the changing rooms and both playing halls
- Courts 1 to 8 are in Hall 1 and courts 9 to 12 are in Hall 2.
- Lockers are opposite the changing rooms and take a £1 coin
- Toilets are on all floors
- On the 3rd floor, you will find viewing galleries for both halls
- Water fountains are situated on all floors, including one right outside Hall 1

### MEDICAL SERVICES

- The venue staff will provide first aid cover. This is an emergency service only.
- The nearest hospital to Meadowbank with an Accident & Emergency department is the **Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh** at 51 Little France Crescent, Edinburgh, EH16 4SA. Telephone no: 0131 536 1000

### REFRESHMENTS

Cafe Refresh (ground floor) will be open from 0745 to 1800 serving hot and cold food drinks. There are also vending machines around the venue. **We strongly advise players to bring their own snacks and drinks during the day just in case you have limited time between games.**

### EVENT ORGANISATION

Position	Name
Chair of Pickleball Scotland	Mhairi Adam
Tournament Director	Louise Harrison
Info & Finance	Steph Robertson
Social Media & Event Broadcasting	Adriana Orlandi & Sandy McGhie
Tournament Referees	Jonathan Whitaker & John Macrae
Court Marshall Team Leaders	Mhairi Adam, Sheena McDonald
Medal ceremonies	Linda Hamilton

- As with most pickleball events, everyone you meet is a volunteer. They are there to help you and to help make the competition run smoothly. Our volunteers will wear red t-shirts in the venue to be easily identifiable to you.

#### **TIMING FOR THE DAY**

- Please check-in at the Info & Registration desk on the second floor **at least 30 mins before** your scheduled briefing time. It is **compulsory** for all players to check in and attend the players briefings each day. The location and time of each briefing will be notified once the schedule is published.
- The venue will be open for practice from 08:15 each day. Please note that the group stages will be played on allocated courts for each group and the order to be played as 'followed by' – we will show indicated start times for each match but please start the following match as soon as possible after the previous one finishes. Please stay close to your court to enable the matches to run without delay.

#### **INJURY DURING PLAY**

If a player is injured during play and requires off-court treatment, unfortunately they will be withdrawn from the event. If the player remains on-court and is unable to continue within five minutes, then they will be withdrawn from the event.

#### **BALL ALLOCATION**

The event will use red Head Championship 26 indoor balls and these will be available for pre-match knock-ups. Please return them to the ball boxes at the side of the courts after play.

#### **RESULTS DISTRIBUTION AND SCHEDULES OF PLA**

Match results will be published on Tournament Software as soon as the scores are received by Match Control. These can be viewed by scanning the QR code round the venue.

#### **VIDEO RECORDING AND STREAMING**

You can video matches with prior consent of those players to be videoed. With players' permission, we plan to stream many matches via our social media. Please register with The Info Desk if you do NOT give permission for filming or photography.

#### **MEDAL CEREMONIES**

Medal ceremonies will take place shortly after the final match of each event in the foyer outside Hall 1. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded. Please stay close-by after your last match if you are involved in the medal ceremony.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### 50+ Women's Doubles 4.0+:

One round robin group. Top 2 from the group progress to the final and the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place in the group progress to a bronze medal playoff match.

### All other events:

A number of round robin groups, top 2 from each round robin group progress into knock-out stages.

## MATCH SCORING

Each round robin match is 1 game to 11, not required to win by 2 clear points. Swap ends at 6 points. Last 16 and Quarter Final knock out matches are 1 game to 11, not required to win by 2 clear points. Swap ends at 6 points.

Semi Finals, Bronze Playoff and Final are 1 game to 15, not required to win by 2 clear points. Swap ends at 8 points.

## RANKING ORDER WITHIN THE ROUND ROBIN STAGES

Please ensure you read this information about how the ranking order is determined in round robin matches.

This is final and non-negotiable.

1. Positions will be decided by the number of match points won as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss in a complete game, 0 points for a loss in any game not completed (e.g. walkover/ withdrawn / disqualified).
2. If 2 or more players/pairs win the same number of match points, the order will be decided by points difference.
3. If points difference remains the same between 2 players/pairs, then the order will be decided by head-to-head result between the 2 players/pairs.
4. If 3 or more players/pairs are still equal, order will be decided by drawing lots.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

The competition will be held in accordance with the USA Pickleball Official Tournament Rulebook 2025 and The Pickleball Scotland Edinburgh Open Regulations.

- Please avoid red/orange clothing because we are playing with a red Head ball.
- Players who begin serving for each team should wear a wrist band to remind players which side of court they should be on. The player with wrist band will be in the right hand court when their score is even.
- Limit the warm-up time to 1 minute for all matches.
- No time-outs allowed during matches except for Finals and Bronze Playoff matches when 1 time-out of 1 minute per side is allowed.
- Finals will be refereed if a referee is available.
- Before each serve, both players/pairs must agree the score. The server must shout the score loudly and clearly before commencing the serve (not as they start to serve).
- Be generous with line calls – when in doubt the ball is 'in'. The ball 'in/out' of court call is made by the receiving player/pair, not by the player/pair who played the shot.
- For games to 11 change ends at 6 points. For games to 15 change ends at 8 points. Change ends quickly and resume play as soon as players are ready.
- At the end of the match, both players/pairs must sign/initial the scoresheet and return to the court organiser.

- Players may call on the Tournament Referee.
- If players/pairs are not on court within a reasonable time, the tournament director reserves the right to award a walkover to their opponents. Please ensure you keep an eye on the schedule and particularly on the status of matches on the court of your upcoming match, in case your match is earlier than scheduled.
- In the event of a withdrawal, **no change of partner** can be made once the pair have started their first match.

## **PLAY WITH PICKLEBALL SCOTLAND VALUES**

**Be Safe:** warm up before you get to the court; only 1 min of warm up on court; stop play and replay a point if ball rolls onto your court – pick it up and find out where it should be returned to; hydrate; first aid provided by centre staff; do not play with a damaged paddle.

**Have Fun:** even although it is a serious tournament remember to have fun! Keep it light

**Be Generous:** with line calls; thank opponents for the game; appreciate your partner's shots and opponent's shots

**Game on:** practice is over it is game time!

**Efforts are successes:** taking part means that everyone is a winner although only 3 medals per event will be awarded.

## **FINALLY**

**We look forward to welcoming everyone to Meadowbank for The Pickleball Scotland Edinburgh Open. Safe travels...**