

ASIA PICKLEBALL JUNIOR OPEN 2025

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1. APJN 2025 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournament Directors	Mr Truong Quang Vu
Tournament Director (Operations)	Mr. Jason Lin and Ms Ngan Tran
Chief Referee	Mr Smile Sun
AFP Chairman	Mr. Hogan Lai
AFP CEO	Jimmy Tan
AFP Marketing Director	Mrs. Michelle Chang
AFP Rule Advisor	Mr. John Ng
Event Host	D-Pickleball

2. REGISTRATION



APJN 2025 will use **Pickleball Tournament (Pickleball Bracket) software** for tournament management. All match results will be **automatically uploaded to DUPR**.

To ensure accurate match recording, all players must:

1. **Have a DUPR account and join AFP Club.**
 - ✦ If you do not have it, sign up at mydupr.com and join the **Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP) Club**.
2. **Join Pickleball Tournament Account:**
 - ✦ [User Account Guide](#)
3. **If you have already have both account, connect Pickleball Tournament to DUPR:**
 - ✦ [DUPR Connection Guide](#)

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3. EVENT DETAILS

Venue	D Pickleball 193 Huynh Thuc Khang Street, An Xuan Ward, Tam Ky City Quang Nam Province, Vietnam																																
Entry Requirement	This tournament is open to all players 18 years old and under.																																
Registration Dates	2 Apr 2025 – Registration open 30 Jun 2025 – Registration close Registration link: https://www.afpickleball.org/apjn																																
Registration Fees	<p>USD 35 per event per participant</p> <p>To encourage more players to challenge themselves by competing in higher age divisions, the 3rd and 4th event registrations will be free.</p> <p>e.g. Boy 12 years old can register: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U12 BS – USD 35 2. U12 BD – USD 35 3. U14 BS – Free 4. U14 BD – Free <p>Total registration fee is USD 70 for 4 events per participant.</p>																																
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	e.g. U12 players can compete in U14
Skill Levels	No Skill Divisions – The tournament is open to all skill levels .
Handbook Updates	Information updates - https://www.afpickleball.org/apjn No prior notice shall be given to the players. Please refer to the AFP website for the latest information.

4. RULES

- a. The tournament shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of APJN 2025 Player's Handbook.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2025 Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/2025-USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf>
- c. Players may use any USAP-approved paddle listed on the USAP website (<https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/>)
- d. Players may use UPA-A approved paddles listed on UPA-A website (<https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/approved-paddles/>)
- e. If you do not have an approved paddle, the tournament official will lend you a USAP-approved paddle for your matches. You shall not demand for brand and model of your choice.
- f. Official will randomly check at the beginning and when you change paddle during the games. We shall apply [2.F.1.a.1-3] for any violation.
- g. Official Ball: The tournament will use the USAP-approved Zocker 5-Star Pickleball in neon green. Players avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color.
- h. All games will follow the USAP traditional scoring option (0-0-2); serve to win a point. This is not a rally-scoring option tournament.
- i. Round Robin matches, best of 16, Quarterfinal and Semi-final matches will be **NON-OFFICIATED PLAY** (13.D.1). Medal Matches (Gold/Silver/Bronze) will be officiated by referee and line judges.

5. ACRONYMS FOR EVENTS

Event \ Age Group	U12	U14	U16	U18
Boys Singles (BS)	U12 BS	U14 BS	U16 BS	U18 BS
Girls Singles (GS)	U12 GS	U14 GS	U16 GS	U18 GS
Boys Doubles (BD)	U12 BD	U14 BD	U16 BD	U18 BD
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6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. The tournament format will consist of 2 rounds: -

Round 1 – Round Robin

- i. Each Round Robin's Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5.
- ii. Top 2 teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2.
- iii. Game to 11 or 15 points. End change after scoring 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.

Round 2 – Single Elimination

- i. Game to 11 or 15 points. End change after scoring 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.

- b. **Medal Match (GOLD medal match | BRONZE medal match):**

- i. 3 games to 11 points. No deuce, first to reach 11 wins.
 - Game 1 & 2 no End change. Game 3 End change after scoring 6.
 - Best of 3 games. The first team to win two games is the winner of the match.
- ii. In the case where a division with only 1 round-robin group, **3rd position** will be determined by the round-robin results.

- c. In each game, each team is allowed to have 2 time-outs, max 1 minute each. [10.A & 10.A.1]

- d. All Round Robin matches shall be self-officiated play, and there shall be NO referee and line judges. Players will call their scores and make the line calls following guidelines spelled out in the Official Rulebook [13.D.1].

- e. A game marshall is assigned to each court to oversee the match and record the final match results. Any dispute can be raised with the officer on duty. The game marshall will inform the referee to resolve the situation.

- f. Tournament Director (Referee) may at his sole discretion assign officials or include additional officials to officiate any matches. This can be done before the match commences or during the match.

- g. Tie Resolution – Tie during the Round Robin matches shall be resolved following USAP rulebook section 12.C.4.

- h. Referee and line judges will be assigned to medal matches.

7. MEDALS

- a. Medals (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) shall be awarded to all divisions.
- b. The Prize presentation ceremony shall be held soon after the final. All prize winners must be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- a. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to amend the rules and regulations or reschedule the fixtures of the tournament at any time as it deems fit. The decision on all such matters shall be final. Participants will be informed via the AFP website before the start of the tournament or during the games.

- b. All players must report to the tournament desk at least **30 minutes before the scheduled match**.

- c. Player shall concede a forfeit to the opponent if the player is not on the court after the grace period.

Rule 13.H.4

If match format is best of 3 games:

- i. 10 min – 1st game forfeit
- ii. 15 min – Match forfeit

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If match format is 1 game:

i. 10 min - match forfeit

- d. In all Non-Officiated Play, the server (or the partner) should call out the score. The opponent should echo back the score. The hand signal is allowed.
- e. Medical Timeout – Refer to rulebook 10.B.1.a. We will amend as: “When medical personnel or the Referee arrive, the Game Marshall or Referee shall start the 15- minute timer.”
- f. Injury or retired: In the event of a sustained injury, you may choose to retire from a match. If this happens, your score at the point of retiring from the match shall remain status quo while your opponent shall be awarded the maximum point. You shall be allowed to resume the rest of the scheduled matches if you are well enough to continue.
- g. All protests shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of USD\$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the organising committee before the end of the game day. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
- h. You grant AFP and their official agencies the rights to take videos and pictures during the tournament. All information obtained will be used for publicity and the promotion of the sport.
- i. During the tournament, photography, and video recording by the public or individual are prohibited. However, personal capture for non-commercial purposes is permissible. The organizers do not guarantee privacy protection for individuals. Capturing others' images entails personal risk. Any personal or friend-captured media involving others is undertaken at one's own risk. Organizers should not be held liable for individual actions.

j. Disclaimer of Liability for Safety and Damages

Please be advised that AFP members, captains, the organizer, and its agents shall not be held liable for any safety-related incidents, injuries, or damages that may occur to you while on our premises or during the event. This includes but is not limited to accidents, injuries, losses, or damages arising from any actions, omissions, or conditions beyond our control. We recommend that you maintain appropriate insurance coverage to protect against any potential risks or liabilities.

This disclaimer of liability is intended to establish a clear understanding of our respective responsibilities and should not be interpreted as a limitation of our commitment to maintaining a safe and conducive environment.

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- l. Register event at Pickleball Tournament

