


ASIA PICKLEBALL JUNIOR OPEN 2025

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK Rules & Regulations

As per 23 May 2025



1. EVENT DETAILS

Venue	D Pickleball 193 Huynh Thuc Khang Street, An Xuan Ward, Tam Ky City Quang Nam Province, Vietnam
Tournament Dates & Times	13 - 15 Jul 2025 (Sun – Tue) 08:00 am – 8:00 pm
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 closes  Registration link: https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/asia-pickleball-junior-open-2025
Registration Fees	USD 35 per event per participant To encourage more players to challenge themselves by competing in higher age divisions, the 3rd and 4th event registrations will be free. e.g. Boy 12 years old can register: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U12 BS – USD 35 2. U12 BD – USD 35 3. U14 BS – Free 4. U14 BD – Free Total registration fee is USD 70 for 4 events per participant.

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Register for FREE 3rd and 4th event via email

Please register for the 3rd and 4th event via email with the following information:-

1. PLAYER NAME (according to Pickleball Tournament account)
2. EVENT you wish to participate
3. DOUBLE PARTNER NAME (according to Pickleball Tournament account)

Please email to Ms Ngan Tran

amzthytran@gmail.com

Game Schedules

	DATE	SESSION	DIVISION**	
SINGLES	13 Jul 2025, Sunday	Session 1	U12 BS	U12 GS
		Session 2	U16 BS	U16 GS
GENDER DOUBLES	14 Jul 2025, Monday	Session 1	U12 BD U16 BD	U12 GD U16 BD
		Session 2	U14 BD U18 BD	U14 GD U18 GD
SINGLES	15 Jul 2025, Tuesday	Session 1	U14 BS	U14 GS
		Session 2	U18 BS	U18 GS

** Each division has a limited number of slots.

- 1) Each player can register for **ONE Division per session**.
- 2) A minimum of 4 teams is required per Division. If there are insufficient numbers of participants, the Division will be merged.

Age Group

The age group is calculated using 2025 minus birth year.

Age Groups	Description	Birth Year
U12	12 years old and below	2013 or later
U14	13 to 14 years old	2011 to 2013
U16	15 to 16 years old	2009 to 2011
U18	17 to 18 years old	2007 to 2009

Players are allowed to **play up one age category**.

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.

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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](#)

3. 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 2025 Official Rulebook:
<https://usapickleball.org/docs/2025-USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf>
- c. Players may use any USA Pickleball or UPA-A approved paddles. Please refer to the list of approved paddles at the link below:
[\(https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/\)](https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/)
[\(https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/approved-paddles/\)](https://upaa.unitedpickleball.com/approved-paddles/)
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. **Official Ball:** USA Pickleball approved **Zocker 5-Star Pickleball in neon green**. Players avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color.
- g. All games will follow the USA traditional scoring option (0-0-2); serve to win a point. This is not a rally-scoring option tournament.
- h. 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 a referee and line judges.
- i. **Standard Time-Out.** A player or team is entitled to two time-outs for 11- or 15-point games and three time-outs for a 21-point game. [10.A]
- j. The **Tournament Director (Referee)** may, at their sole discretion, assign or add officials to officiate any match. This may be done **prior to** the start of the match or **during** the match, as deemed necessary.
- k. **Game Marshal** will be assigned to each court to oversee matches and record results. Any disputes should be raised with the Marshal on duty, who will escalate the matter to the Referee for resolution.
- l. Tie Resolution – Tie during the Round Robin matches shall be resolved following USA Pickleball rulebook section 12.C.4.

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4. ACRONYMS FOR EVENTS

Age Group Event	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
Girls Doubles (GD)	U12 GD	U14 GD	U16 GD	U18 GD

5. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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

Round 1 – Round Robin

- Each Round Robin Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5.
- Top 2 teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2.
- Game to 11 or 15 points. Change ends at 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.

Round 2 – Single Elimination

- Game to 11 or 15 points. Change ends at 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.

- b. In the case where the division consists of **only one round-robin group of 5 teams**:

- A full round-robin will be played.
- The top 2 teams will advance to the Gold Medal Match.
- The 3rd-place team will be determined based on the round-robin standings.

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

- 3 games to 11 points. No deuce, first to reach 11 wins the game.
- Game 1 & 2 - no end change.
 - Game 3 - change ends at 6.
 - Best of 3 games. The first team to win two games is the winner of the match.

6. MEDALS

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

7. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- 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.
- All players must report to the tournament desk at least **30 minutes before the scheduled match**.
- Player shall concede a forfeit to the opponent if the player is not on the court after the **grace period** [Rule 13.H.4].

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If match format is best of 3 games:

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

If match format is 1 game:

- i. 10 min - match forfeit

- d. **Calling the score** - The score shall be called after the server and receiver are (or should be) in position and all players are (or should be) ready to play. 4.D.1. In non-officiated play, the server normally calls the score, but the server's partner may call the score if the server is unable to call the score.
- e. **Medical Timeout** – Refer to rulebook 10.B.1.a. We will amend as: “When medical personnel or the Referee arrive, the Game Marshal 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. **Refund Policy:** Players are responsible for any bank handling and service fees related to refunds. No refunds will be provided once registration has closed.
- h. **Media Rights & Photography Policy:**
You grant AFP and its official agencies the right to capture videos and photos during the tournament. All collected media may be used for publicity and the promotion of the sport. Photography and video recording by the public or individuals during the tournament are prohibited, except for personal use in a non-commercial capacity. The organizers do not guarantee privacy protection for individuals. Capturing images or videos of others is done at one's own risk, and any personal or friend-captured media involving others is the sole responsibility of the individual. The organizers shall not be held liable for any such actions.
- i. **Disclaimer of Liability for Safety and Damages:**
AFP members, captains, organizers, and their agents shall not be held responsible for any incidents, injuries, or damages that may occur on our premises or during the event. This includes, but is not limited to, accidents, injuries, losses, or damages resulting from actions, omissions, or circumstances beyond our control. Participants are encouraged to maintain appropriate insurance coverage to mitigate potential risks or liabilities. This disclaimer serves to clarify our respective responsibilities and does not diminish our commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment.
- j. 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.
- k. Any queries please email to:
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 - Asia Federation of Pickleball hello@afpickleball.org.