


# ASIA PICKLEBALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK Rules & Regulations



## 1. EVENT DETAILS

Venue	<b>Mahidol University</b> 999 Phutthamonthon Sai 4 Road, Salaya, Nakhon Pathom 73170, Thailand		
Registration Dates	10 Apr 2026 – Registration open 30 Jun 2026 – Registration close		
Registration Fees	<b>Individual Event:</b> USD 50 per participant.  <b>Team Challenge:</b> USD180 per team		
Registration Link	  <a href="https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/a7cdfdc5-13bb-499d-ac15-ae8873dde837">https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/a7cdfdc5-13bb-499d-ac15-ae8873dde837</a>		
Tournament Schedule	<b>Date</b>	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>AFTERNOON</b>
	31 Jul 2026, Fri	Men's Singles 19+, 50+ Women's Singles 19+, 50+	Men's Singles 35+ Women's Singles 35+
	1 Aug 2026, Sat	Men's Doubles 19+, 50+ Women's Doubles 19+, 50+	Men's Doubles 35+ Women's Doubles 35+
	2 Aug 2026, Sun	Mixed Doubles 19+, 50+	Mixed Doubles 35+
	3 Aug 2026, Mon	Team Challenge (MLP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collegiate</li> <li>• Open</li> </ul>	
Schedule maybe subject to changes. Please refer for update in <a href="https://pickleballtournaments.com">pickleballtournaments.com</a> .			



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Entries requirement	Open to international university students, faculty, alumni, and incoming students with confirmed university placement.  For the team event, collegiate students from different universities are allowed to form a team and compete together.
Skill Levels	<b>No Skill Divisions</b> – The tournament is <b>open to all skill levels</b> .
Handbook Updates	Information updates - <a href="https://www.afpickleball.org/apjn-apun2026">https://www.afpickleball.org/apjn-apun2026</a>  No prior notice shall be given to the players. Please refer to the AFP website for the latest information.
Reporting time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All teams must check-in 30 minutes before your first match.</li><li>• Do note that check-in at registration counters must be done daily.</li></ul>
Official Balls	USA Pickleball approved Zocker 5-Star Pickleball in neon green.
Court Type	Tennis courts with temporary pickleball tape lines. Total 20 indoor and outdoor courts.
Paddle Standards	All paddles used must be UPA-A or USAP certified.

## 2. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

### a. Divisions: -

- Men's Singles – MS19+, MS35+, MS50+
- Women's Singles – WS19+, WS35+, WS50+
- Men's Doubles – MD19+, MD35+, MD50+
- Women's Doubles – WD19+, WD35+, WD50+
- Mixed Doubles – XD19+, XD35+, XD50+

A minimum of 4 teams is required to start a Divisional tournament. If there are insufficient numbers of teams, the division will be merged into another Division.

### b. Scoring: -

- All matches will be side out/traditional scoring.
- For Singles, each match is 11 points.
- For Doubles, each match is 15 points.
- No deuce, first to reach 11 or 15 wins.

### c. Round 1 – Round Robin: -

- Each Round Robin's Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5.
- Top 2 teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2.

### d. Round 2 – Single Elimination: -

- Knock-out stage leading to medal matches.





### 3. TEAM CHALLENGE (MLP): -

- a. **Divisions:** -
  - Team Collegiate
  - Team Open
- b. Teams are made up of at **minimum two (2) males and two (2) females**. Team size: 4 players only. Players from different universities may form a team to compete.
- c. **Scoring:** -
  - Rally scoring applies to all Team Challenge matches.
  - Games are played to 21, first to reach 21 wins the game.
  - Change ends at 11.
  - One 60 second timeout per team, each game.
  - Players do not switch sides with their partner during serving. There is a designated rightside player and left side player. When the score is even, the ball will be served by the rightside player and the left side player will serve when the score is odd.
  - Players may only change sides with their partner during timeouts and end changes. Stacking is not considered side changing and is allowed at any time during the game.
- d. **Round 1 - Round Robin Matches**
  - The order of play will always be:
    - Women's Doubles – 1 point game
    - Men's Doubles – 1 point game
    - Mixed Doubles #1 – 1 point game
    - **Mixed Doubles #2 - 2 points game**
  - In group play, all 4 games will be played for seeding purposes.
- e. **Round 2 - Single Elimination Matches**
  - The order of play will always be:
    - Women's Doubles
    - Men's Doubles
    - Mixed Doubles #1
    - Mixed Doubles #2
    - Dreambreaker
  - The first team to win 3 game is the winner.
  - During the playoff bracket, the match will stop as soon as one team wins 3 games.
- f. **Dreambreakers** follow the same format as the previous doubles games with these differences:
  - Singles
  - Players will serve from both sides, determined by the score.
  - Every four (4) rallies played, a new player rotates in for each team.
  - The player rotation order for each team is determined before the dreambreaker starts and cannot be changed once submitted to either the other team or the referee.
  - The team that chose "**React**" for mixed doubles during the coin toss will determine their player rotation first. The team that chose "**Act**" for mixed doubles during the coin toss will determine their player rotation after viewing the first team's rotation.

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### 4. RULES & REGULATIONS

- a. The tournament shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of APUN 2026 Player's Handbook.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2026 Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/rules/USAP-Official-Rulebook.pdf>
- c. All matches will be non-officiated except for medal matches.
- d. Regular Timeout - There will be one (1) one minute timeout per game, per team.
- e. Medical Timeout: - A player may be granted only one medical time-out per match.
- f. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to amend the rules and regulations or reschedule tournament fixtures at any time as deemed necessary. All decisions made in this regard shall be final. Participants will be informed via the AFP website prior to the commencement of the tournament or during the course of the competition, where applicable.

### 5. 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.
- c. **Top two (2) teams** in the Collegiate Team Challenge division will earn a 'Golden Ticket' to compete at the **Collegiate World Championships in Dallas, Texas, USA**. Full details of the Golden Ticket will be announced at a later stage.

### 6. MEDIA CONSENT

By participating in the tournament, you grant AFP and its authorized partners the right to capture photographs and videos during the event. Such materials may be used for publicity, marketing, and the promotion of the sport.

During the tournament, photography and video recording by the public or individuals are generally prohibited. However, personal recordings for non-commercial purposes are permitted. The organizers do not guarantee privacy protection for individuals. Any capture of images or videos involving other participants is undertaken at the individual's own risk. The organizers shall not be held liable for any actions arising from such recordings.

### 7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

AFP, its members, captains, organizers, and agents shall not be held liable for any injuries, accidents, losses, or damages incurred during the tournament or while on the premises. This includes, but is not limited to, incidents arising from actions, omissions, or conditions beyond our control.

Participants are strongly encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance coverage for personal safety and protection against potential risks.

This disclaimer is intended to clarify responsibilities and does not diminish our commitment to maintaining a safe and well-organized environment.

### 8. KEY CONTACTS

Tournament Director: [thpaspickleball@gmail.com](mailto:thpaspickleball@gmail.com)  
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