

ASIA PICKLEBALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

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1. APUN 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	Ho Chi Minh City University of Physical Education and Sport

2. REGISTRATION



APUN 2025 will be using **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	Tuyen Son Sport Complex 26 Phan Dang Luu street, Hoa Cuong ward, Hai Chau District, Da Nang, Vietnam		
Entry Requirement	This tournament is open to all university students, university staff, and alumni.		
Registration Dates	2 Apr 2025 – Registration open 30 Jun 2025 – Registration close Registration link: https://www.afpickleball.org/apun2025		
Registration Fees	INDIVIDUAL EVENT - USD 45 per participant TEAM CHALLENGE - USD180 per team		
Tournament Dates & Times	Thursday, 17 Jul 2025 – Sunday, 20 Jul 2025 08:00 am – 8:00 pm		
Type of courts	Hard Court - 15 sheltered and 12 outdoor pickleball courts		
Group	Type of Group	Description	Age
	US	University Student	-
	SU50	Staff under 50 years old	Born before 1975
	SA50	Staff 50 years old and above	Born after 1975
	AU50	Alumni under 50 years old	Born before 1975
	AA50	Alumni 50 years old and above	Born after 1975
Skill Levels	No Skill Divisions – The tournament is open to all skill levels .		
Handbook Updates	Information updates - https://www.afpickleball.org/apun2025 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 APUN 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/>)

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- 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. EVENT CATEGORIES

Event \ Group	US University Student	SU50 Staff under 50	SA50 Staff 50 and above	AU50 Alumni under 50	AA50 Alumni 50 and above
Men Singles MS	MS-US	MS-SU50	MS-SA50	MS-AU50	MS-AA50
Women Singles WS	WS-US	WS-SU50	WS-SA50	WS-AU50	WS-AA50
Men Doubles MD	MD-US	MD-SU50	MD-SA50	MD-AU50	MD-AA50
Women Doubles WD	MD-WS	WD-SU50	WD-SA50	WD-AU50	WD-AA50
Mixed Doubles XD	XD-US	XD-SU50	XD-SA50	XD-AU50	XD-AA50
Team Challenge TC	TC U50 University students/staff/alumni		TC A50 University students/staff/alumni		

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6. SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	SESSION	DIVISION**					
			MS-US	WS-US	MS-SU50	WS-SU50	MS-SA50	WS-SA50
17 Jul 2025, Thurs	SINGLES	Session 1 University Student & Staff	MS-US	WS-US	MS-SU50	WS-SU50	MS-SA50	WS-SA50
		Session 2 Alumni			MS-AU50	WS-AU50	MS-AA50	WS-AA50
18 Jul 2025, Fri	GENDER DOUBLES	Session 1 University Student & Staff	MD-US	WD-US	MD-SU50	WD-SU50	MD-SA50	WD-SA50
		Session 2 Alumni			MD-AU50	WD-AU50	MD-AA50	WD-AA50
19 Jul 2025, Sat	MIXED DOUBLES	Session 1 University Student & Staff	XD-US		XD-SU50		XD-SA50	
		Session 2 Alumni			XD-AU50		XD-AA50	
20 Jul 2025, Sun	TEAM CHALLENGE	Student Staff Alumni	TC-U50 (Age under 50)			TC-A50 (Age 50 & above)		

**Each division has a limited number of slots. Please refer to the online registration for the actual number.

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

7. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (INDIVIDUAL EVENT)

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

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.
- 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

- 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):**

- 3 games to 11 points. No deuce, first to reach 11 wins.

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- 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.

8. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (TEAM CHALLENGE)

- a. **Only team captains** are responsible for registering their teams.

Tournament organizers will follow up with submission of team members details two weeks before the event. All brackets, matches, and results will be recorded independently and published on the AFP webpage. **DUPR rating points will not be recorded.**

- b. Each team shall consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 players.
- c. Teams may comprise players from any of the three categories: university students, staff, or alumni.
- d. Each player is allowed to play only **one game per team match**.
- e. Each Team Match consists of **3 games**: -

Team Game	Court 1		Court 2	
	Game 1	Men Doubles MD (2 points)	Game 2	CoED Doubles CD (2 points)
	Game 3	Mixed Doubles XD (2 points)		

- i. Games 1 & 2 will be played concurrently followed by Game 3.
- ii. Game to 15 points. End change after scoring 8. No deuce. First to reach 15 wins.

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- iii. The team who scored **4 game points**, wins the team match.
 - iv. Team captain may submit different team player line-ups in different team matches.
 - v. The 3 team match line-up must be submitted to the tournament desk 15 min before the scheduled time of the match. Once received, no changes will be permitted.
 - vi. We shall apply same rules in APUN handbook point 7c – 7h for the Team Challenge.
- f. Team Challenge will consist of 2 rounds,
- i. **Round 1** - Round Robin
 - Each Round Robin Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4.
 - The top 2 teams from each round-robin group will promote to Round 2
 - ii. **Round 2** - Single Elimination
 - iii. In case of one division of 5 teams, the team will play round robin. The first 2 teams from the Round Robin shall play the **GOLD medal match**. **3rd team position** will be determined by the round-robin results.

9. 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.

10. 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

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.”

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- 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 damage 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

