

# ASIA PICKLEBALL GAME 2023

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK  
As per 31 Aug 2023 (version 1.2)



## ASIA PICKLEBALL GAMES 2023 APG 2023

### LOCATION

Taichung International Tennis Center  
No. 224, Xiangshun 2nd Rd, Beitun District,  
Taichung City, Taiwan 406

### DATES

06 - 09 OCTOBER 2023  
(Friday – Monday) - 4 Days

### HOSTED AND ORGANIZED BY

Chinese Taipei Pickleball Association (CTPA)  
Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP)



## 1. APG 2023 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournament Director	Dr. Peter Chen
Deputy Tournament Director (Operations)	Mr. May Lin
Operation Desk	Ms Sun Li Er + 5 pax
Deputy Tournament Director (Referee)	Mr. Smile Sun Wei-Hsiao
Head Referee	Ms. Chaya Hu
Deputy Referee	Mr. Jinmoo Heo   Mr. JingJye Yang   Mr. Abdiel Tsai Ms. Vivian Lin   Ms. Winny Su   Ms. Lesley Lee + 24 Officials & + 10 Line Judges
AFP CEO	Mr. Jimmy Tan
AFP Marketing Director	Mrs. Michelle Chang
AFP Rule Advisor	Mr. John Ng

## 2. DUPR

APG 2023 will be using DUPR rating system. All the matches will be uploaded to the DUPR system after the tournament.

- All participants are required to sign up a DUPR account using the same email you have used to registered for APG 2023.
- If you do not have a DUPR account, SIGN-UP here <https://mydupr.com/signup>.  
Once you log in, click the link below to join the **Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP)'s Club** on DUPR.  
Please click the below Link to join the club. <https://mydupr.com/dashboard/club/5199113436/info>

## 3. PRE-ORDER ITEMS (refer to [www.afpickleball.org/apg2023](http://www.afpickleball.org/apg2023). Order opens 03 - 23 Sept 2023)

- Player's party night on 09 Oct 2023 (Mon) from 18:30pm till late.
- Pre-packed lunch box during games days (6/7/8/9 Oct)
- APG T-Shirt
- APG medal memento
- APG water bottle

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## 4. EVENT DETAILS

This inaugural APG 2023 tournament is extended to only Asian players, which include seeded players who have demonstrated remarkable performances in previous Asia tournaments sanctioned by AFP and by national selection and lastly through public open registration.

Venue	<b>Taichung International Tennis Center</b> No. 224, Xiangshun 2nd Rd, Beitun District, Taichung City, Taiwan 406								
Date	06 Oct 2023, Fri – Men's and Women's Singles 07 Oct 2023, Sat – Men's and Women's Doubles 08 Oct 2023, Sun – Mixed Doubles 09 Oct 2023, Mon – Team Challenge 09 Oct 2023, Mon – Player's Party Night (18:30pm till late)								
Time	08:00 am – 20:00 pm								
Registration	May to Aug 2023. All registration fees are not refundable.								
Age Group	Player is ONLY permitted to participate in the age group category that he/she is eligible for. Age group is calculated using 2023 minus birth year. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Age Groups</th><th>Description</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>16+</td><td>16 to 34 years old</td></tr><tr><td>35+</td><td>35 to 49 years old</td></tr><tr><td>50+</td><td>50 to 80 years old</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The tournament committee has specially approved TWO 14 years old players joining 16+ age group.</p>	Age Groups	Description	16+	16 to 34 years old	35+	35 to 49 years old	50+	50 to 80 years old
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Nationality	All team players (Doubles & Team Challenge) must pair with the same nation.								
Handbook Updates	Information updates - <a href="https://www.afpickleball.org/apg2023">https://www.afpickleball.org/apg2023</a> No prior notice shall be given to the players. Please refer to the AFP website for latest information.								

## 5. RULES

- The tournament shall be governed in accordance with the General Rules and Regulations of APG 2023 Player's Handbook.
- Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2023 Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/USA-Pickleball-Official-Rulebook-2023-v4-1.pdf>.
- Players may use any USAP approved paddle that are posted on the USAP website (<https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/>) or non-approved paddles that is compliance to USAP rule book section 2.E Paddle Specification. No wooden paddle is allowed.
- All paddles (including spare paddles) must be checked at the **"PADDLE INSPECTION COUNTER"**, **30 minutes** prior to the game start at the Admin Main Building. A "QC Passed" sticker will be visibly paste on the paddle END cap.

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- 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. 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.
- g. We will be using USAP approved **Diadem Premier Power Pickleballs (NEON GREEN)** for this tournament. You can visit <https://diademsports.com/collections/diadem-best-sellers> and enter **AFP30** to receive a **30% discount**. The on-line special discount is valid till the end of APG tournament.
- h. All games (singles/doubles/team challenge) will follow the USAP scoring rule; serve to win a point. This is not a rally scoring game.
- i. All Round Robin matches, best of 16, Quarterfinal and Semi-final matches will be **NON-OFFICIATED PLAY** (13.D.1). Medal Matches will be officiated with referee and line judges.

## 6. ACRONYMS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Age Group \ Division	16 – 34 years old	35 – 49 years old	50 – 80 years old
Men's Singles	MS 16+	MS 35+	MS 50+
Women's Singles	WS 16+	WS 35+	WS 50+
Men's Doubles	MD 16+	MD 35+	MD 50+
Women's Doubles	WD 16+	WD 35+	WD 50+
Mixed Doubles	XD 16+	XD 35+	XD 50+

## 7. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (INDIVIDUAL EVENT - SINGLES & DOUBLES)

- a. The tournament format will consist of 2 rounds: -
  - Round 1** – Round Robin
    - i. Each Round Robin Group shall be minimum 3 and maximum 5.
    - ii. Round robin group play. Top 2 teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2.
    - iii. **Game to 15 points. End change after scored 8. No deuce. First to reach 15 wins.**
  - Round 2** – Single Elimination
    - i. **Game to 15 points. End change after scored 8. No deuce. First to reach 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 scored 6.
    - Best of 3 games. The first team to win two games is the winner of the match.
- c. In the case where a division with only 1 round robin group: -
  - i. **3rd position** will be determined by the round robin results.
  - ii. First 2 teams from the Round Robin shall play the **GOLD medal match**: Refer to rule 7b (3 games to 11 points).

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- d. In each game, each team is allowed to have 2 time-outs, max 1 minute each. [10.A & 10.A.1]
- e. All Round Robin matches shall be self-officiated play, and there shall be NO referee and line judges. Players will call their own scores and make the line calls in accordance with guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook [13.D.1].
- f. A technical officer is assigned to each court to oversee the match and record the match results, any dispute can be raised to the officer on duty. Officer will inform Head/DY Referee to resolve the situation.
- g. 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.
- h. Tie Resolution – Tie during the Round Robin matches shall be resolved in accordance with USAP rulebook section 12.C.4.
- i. Referee and line judges will be assigned to medal matches.

### 8. ACRONYMS FOR TEAM CHALLENGE

Division	Age Group	Team <i>(Player is NOT ALLOW to join more than one team)</i>
TC 16+	16 – 34 years old	Each team shall consist of <u>min 6</u> and <u>max 12</u> players.
TC 35+	35 – 80 years old	

### 9. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (TEAM CHALLENGE)

Team Challenge will consist of 2 rounds,

- i. **Round 1** - Round Robin
    - Each Round Robin Group shall be minimum 3 and maximum 4.
    - Top 2 teams from each round robin group will promote to Round 2
  - ii. **Round 2** - Single Elimination
- b. Each Team Match consists of 4 games: -

Team Challenge	Court 1		Court 2	
	Game 1	<b>MD (2 points)</b>	Game 2	<b>XD (2 points)</b>
	Game 3	<b>MD (3 points)</b>	Game 4	<b>WD (2 points)</b>

- i. Game 1 & 2 will be played concurrently followed by Game 3 & 4.
  - ii. **Each game to 11 points. Deuce at 10. Win by 2. Maximum 15 points.**
  - iii. End change after scored 6.
  - iv. The team who scored **5 game points**, win the team match.
- c. Team may submit different team line-up for different matches.
  - d. The team line-up shall be submitted to tournament desk 10 min before the schedule time of the match.
  - e. We shall apply the same rules 7d – 7i for the Team Challenge.

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### 10. MEDALS

- a. Medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) shall be awarded to all divisions (Singles, Doubles and Team Challenge).
- b. Standard size Trophy shall be awarded to Team Challenge Champion. Champion team will receive a "bigger" trophy for photo-taking. We will engrave the champion team's name to the bigger trophy every year. With 3 consecutive wins, champion team shall keep the bigger trophy forever.
- c. The Prize presentation ceremony shall be held soon after the final. All prize winners must be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire.

### 11. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- a. The APG Tournament Directors reserve the rights 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 tournament desk at least **30 minutes before the scheduled match**. Players should wait at "**Players waiting area**" for your match announcement.
- c. Player shall concede a walkover if the player is not on court after the grace period.
  - i. 10 min – 1<sup>st</sup> game forfeit if the match is best of 3 games.
  - ii. 15 min – Match forfeit (for 1 game match or 3 games match).
  - iii. The game shall be awarded to the other team player/s who is/are present on court.
- d. We are using Diadem "**NEON GREEN**" ball for the tournament. No similar colour apparels or/and clothing (shirt and shorts) are allowed.
- e. In all Non-Officiated Play, server (or the partner) should call out the score clearly. The opponent should echo back the score. Hand signal is allowed.
- 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 protest 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 & CTPA officials the rights to take videos and pictures during the tournament. All information we obtained will be used for publicity and for the promotion purpose 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. Organizer 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.

- k. Any queries please email to [hello@afpickleball.org](mailto:hello@afpickleball.org).