

2024 Pennsylvania High School Pickleball Championships

Official Rules

Player Eligibility: Pennsylvania High School student (public, private, cyber, home school etc.)

Brackets: Male and Female doubles; players must come from the same school or feeder program; Photo ID will be used for verification

Suggested Skill Level is Intermediate and above

Example Intermediate Pickleball skills include:

1. Able to keep score
2. Able to consistently serve deep in the box
3. Solid understanding of the non-volley “kitchen” zone
4. Able to return serve and move in towards the net
5. Understand the basics of the dink shot
6. Experience communicating with teammate during doubles play
7. Good Sportsmanship

Bracket Timing: Male (8am – 1pm) Female (1:30pm – 6:30pm)

Championships Format (Round Robin then Single Elimination):

Opening Matches (Round Robin)

All teams will be randomly assigned to play two games. Games will be played to 11 points.

Single Elimination

1. At the conclusion of the Round Robin, teams will be seeded based on record and point differential. For example, if two teams each finish 2-0 during Round Robin, the team with a larger point differential during Round Robin would be the higher seed. If teams are still tied, a single coin toss will determine the higher seed.
2. Games will be played first to 11 points, win by one.
3. Each team will be allowed one, one-minute timeout.
4. Play challenges will be made to the assigned Court Judge. The Tournament Head Judge has final call on all aspects of play.

Finals and Consolation Round

1. The Finals will consist of a best of three games format, played to 11, win by two.
2. Consolation Round (those losing the semi-finals) will play one game first to 11, win by one, to determine 3rd and 4th places.

General Rules of Play

1. The Championships will follow USA Pickleball rules (2024 Edition, Revision 1)
2. Spectators, including coaches and parents, must remain outside the fence during the Championships. Spectators will be allowed onto the court area for the Finals Round.
3. Restrooms, seating areas and refreshments will be available.

Awards

1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers will receive recognition.