2026 Pan Pacific Masters Games

Pickleball Rule & Game Format Overview

Rules

Pickleball Australia adhere to the Global Pickleball Federation (GPF) rules. A copy of the official version can be found at https://globalpickleballfederation.org/docs/GPF-Rulebook-2026-edition.pdf

This tournament will also adhere to the PA Participant Code of Behaviour Policy. This can be found at: https://www.pickleballaus.org/tournaments

Player Entries

Players can play in more than one event during the tournament, but all events need to be in a different categories e.g. Mixed Doubles, Doubles and Singles.

- Players are guaranteed minimum three games per event.
- Medals will be awarded to gold, silver and bronze winning competitors for each bracket.
- A players age group is your age as at Dec 31 2026.
- DUPR ratings will be update at the close of registrations

Game Formats

All events will play Round Robin followed by a single elimination knock out draw (for events with more than one pool) or bronze and gold medal matches for events with just one pool. Finals placings will be determined by final pool standings.

- Singles, Gender and Mixed Doubles matches will us the traditional scoring method and be played using the below game formats;
  - First to 15, win by 2 [5 or less players/teams in the pool]
  - First to 11, win by 2, [6 or more players/teams in the pool]
  - Pre- Medal (events with more than one pool) first to 15, win by 2.
  - Gold Medal matches will be best of 3 games, first to 11, win by 2,
  - Bronze Medal matches one game to 15 win by 2.

- Skinny Singles matches will use Rally scoring method and be played using the below game formats;
- First to 21, win by 2 no freeze [5 or less players/teams in the pool]

- First to 15, win by 2, no freeze [6 or more players/teams in the pool]
- Pre- Medal (events with more than one pool) _ first to 21, win by 2 no freeze.
- Gold Medal matches will be best of 3 games, first to 15, win by 2 no freeze
- Bronze Medal matches one game to 21 win by 2 no freeze.

Balls

Franklin X-40 Outdoor balls will be used for the event.

Courts

Outdoor Hardcourt Surface (taped courts over tennis court surface).

Nets

Dominator portable nets will be used for the event.

Officials

PA accredited Referees will be appointed to all gold medal matches and bronze medal matches where possible. Roaming Referees will also be available to address any questions or disputes throughout the tournament.

DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION

The tournament director reserves the right to:

- Review and possibly alter the rating of players who self-rate below or above their actual rating.
- Move players and teams between skill level brackets if on verification the wrong event has been entered.
- Skill and age divisions will be collapsed at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- Any event with fewer than 3 entries will be combined with another event of closest possible standard.
- change start times to facilitate smooth running of the tournament
- The tournament director reserves the right to modify the events and/or schedule as needed pending influences beyond our control (ie. Fire drill, Covid restrictions).