

# **SPORT: PICKLEBALL**

## **EVENT (Recreational)**

Singles

Doubles

Mixed Doubles

**GOVERNING BODY:** United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA)  
Competition in an age group will only be conducted if there are at least two entries in that age group. If there are less than two entries the participants must compete in the closest lower age group that has participants.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Nets, paddles and balls prescribed in the USAPA Official Pickleball Rule Book

## **DESCRIPTION**

Pickleball is a head-to-head sport. The competition format at the State Championship games will normally be Round Robin for age groups with five or less teams. Age groups with six or more teams will be divided into pools of three to four teams each with the top two finishers in each pool advancing to a single elimination play-off. However, the tournament director may elect to use double elimination brackets for age groups with five or more teams to meet time and court space limitations.

1. Matches will be conducted in accordance with USAPA Rules. Any exceptions must be published in tournament rules published prior to the start of the tournament.

If possible all participants will be given a copy of the tournament rules. As a minimum they will be announced at the start of the tournament and posted at the tournament site.

2. Matches will normally consist of three games. Games will be played to 11 points; however, a team must win by two points. The winner of a match shall be the first team to win two games.

3. Play shall be continuous throughout the match with up to a two minute break allowed between games.

## **ROUND ROBIN TIES**

Between two teams, the winner of the head to head match between the two teams.

Between three teams, the team with the least number of games lost will be awarded the top position (1st, 2nd, etc) among the three teams. The winner of the head to head match between the remaining two teams will be awarded the next position. The matches between the three teams involved in the three way tie will be the only matches used in the tie breaker process. If the three way tie still exists after counting the least games lost, the team that allowed the least amount of points in the matches against the other teams involved in the three way tie will be awarded the top position.

A tie between four or more teams, see logic for tie between three teams.