



PUBLIC SERVICE FUN PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE 2023



EVENT INFORMATION

- Date : Saturday, 29 July 2023
- Reporting Venue : OCBC Square, Singapore Sports Hub
- Reporting Time : By 8.00am
- Game Venue : OCBC Arena Hall 1, Singapore Sports Hub
- Getting There : By MRT
Alight at Stadium MRT Station (CC6). Use Exit A.
- By CAR/TAXI/BUS
<https://www.sportshub.com.sg> > Getting There
- Registration : <https://www.csc.sg/stargames> (Through sports liaison officers)
- Closing Date : **Sunday, 25 June 2023**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1 **RULES OF THE GAME**

- 1.1 The Public Service Fun Pickleball Challenge (PSFPC) is held in conjunction with the Public Service Sports and Family Day 2023 (PSSFD 2023) at OCBC Square, Singapore Sports Hub on Saturday, 29 July 2023. The PSFPC programme is shown in the Annex.
- 1.2 The PSFPC shall be conducted under the USA Pickleball-IFP 2022 Rules as adopted by SPA, STAR Games General Rules and Challenge rules as laid down by the Civil Service Club.

2 **ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The Pickleball Challenge is open to all civil servants and officers serving in Statutory Boards, Restructured Hospitals and Government-Aided Schools.

- 2.2 All participants are required to bring along their NRIC and Employment/Office passes for verification by the Tournament Official if required.

3 ENTRY & REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Sports Liaison Officers can register their players online at www.csc.sg/stargames.
- 3.2 Registration is free of charge.
- 3.3 An agency is allowed to register players from other agencies. The agency registering the mixed-agency team must ensure that all the team members are eligible players.
- 3.4 A player is allowed to play for one agency only. Multiple representation of agencies by a player is strictly not allowed.
- 3.5 Any change or inclusion of players must be made before commencement of the tournament. Switching of registered players between teams is not permitted.
- 3.6 Any changes to the Registration Form should be submitted to the Tournament Referee on the first day of play. No changes will be allowed after submission of the list unless a player is not approved by the Committee. A player who has left public service on the day of play shall not be eligible to participate but another player may be registered in his or her place.
- 3.7 An organisation is allowed to register a maximum of 8 players for each team.
- 3.8 Any agency that withdraws or gives a walkover after the fixtures of the Challenge had been drawn shall be fined \$100.

4 FORMAT

- 4.1 Teams will be drawn into groups for the preliminary rounds. They will play a Round-robin format in their respective groups. Teams will receive 3 points for a win and 0 point for a loss. Only the Champion teams from each group will qualify for the Knock-out rounds.
- 4.2 A team shall comprise the following:
- One Senior Doubles (Age 40 years and above as at 29 July 2023)
 - One Women's Doubles
 - One Men's Doubles
- 4.3 A woman is allowed to play in place of a man but not vice versa.
- 4.4 In a tie, each Doubles will play for 4 points and the next Doubles take over.
Example: The first Senior's Doubles of both teams will play for 4 points. The next Women's Doubles will take over and play for another 4 points. After that, the third Men's Doubles take over and play for the next 4 points. The order shall continue until one team reaches 21 points / maximum points.

5 ORDER OF PLAY

5.1 The order of play shall be as follows:

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| 1st Doubles | - Senior's Doubles (Age 40 years and above as at 29 July 23) |
| 2nd Doubles | - Women's Doubles |
| 3rd Doubles | - Men's Doubles |

5.2 If players are not present 2 minutes from the announcement of the match, the Tournament Referee shall declare a walkover.

5.3 Participating teams must play all the matches as scheduled in the fixtures. Any team that fails to do so will be disqualified from the Challenge. All matches played earlier by the team will be considered null & void.

6 TEAM LINE-UP

6.1 The line-up must be submitted to the Tournament Referee at least 10 minutes before the commencement of the game. No changes shall be permitted once the line-up for the match has been submitted.

7 PICKLEBALL & PADDLE

7.1 USA Pickleball approved Franklin X-26 (lime green) provided by SPA shall be used for the Tournament.

7.2 Players may use any USA Pickleball approved paddle that are posted on the USA Pickleball website. Players are to note that non-approved paddles shall be subjected to compliance checks and players with non-compliant paddles shall not be allowed to play.

8 REFEREES & LINE JUDGES

8.1 Matches shall be officiated by referees from the SPA.

8.2 All matches shall be officiated, with no Line Judges. Players shall make the line calls in accordance to guidelines spelt out in the Official Rulebook.

9 CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

9.1 The team captain is responsible for the proper control and good conduct of their players and supporters.

9.2 Team captains must ensure that their players are properly attired (uniform round-neck t-shirts, shorts and sports shoes) for the Challenge. Only non-marking court shoes are allowed in the court.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams in the tournament as follows:

- a) Champion - 8 medals plus \$350 and trophy
- b) 1st Runner-up - 8 medals plus \$300
- c) 2nd Runner-up - 8 medals plus \$250
- d) 3rd Runner-up - 8 medals plus \$200

10.2 The top 4 teams must be present to collect the prizes from the Guest-of-Honour at the main stage at the OCBC Square at about 12pm otherwise the prizes will be forfeited.

11 RIGHTS

11.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to revise the format, rules and regulations of the Pickleball Challenge as and when deemed appropriate.

11.2 Any rules which are not provided for in these Rules & Regulations in the conduct of the tournament shall be decided by the Tournament Committee whose decisions shall be final.

12 PUBLIC SERVICE SPORTS AND FAMILY DAY (PSSFD) TICKETS

12.1 Participants in the PSFPC can also register their spouses, children and/or parents, to take in the activities at the PSSFD.

12.2 Only registered participants and family members will be issued with the PSSFD tickets for redemption of fun packs and freebies at the event.

12.3 Each participant shall be issued with only one PSSFD ticket regardless of the number of events that he or she take part in.

12.4 Participants must collect the PSSFD tickets from the co-ordinators of their respective agencies.

12.5 Participants must bring along their tickets on day of event as no replacement tickets will be issued at the event.

Note: Details on the registration of family members for the PSSFD will be announced in May 2023

13 PHOTOGRAPHY

13.1 The Civil Service Club reserves the right to use any photographs (including those of Participants), motion pictures, recordings, or any other media records of any STAR Games, for any legitimate purpose, including commercial advertising and distribution to sponsors and partners.

- 13.2 Photography and/or videography will be taken during the event for news and publicity purposes by the official photographer and/or videographer, and may be used for print and on online/electronic platforms of the Civil Service Club. The Organiser owns all rights to the photographs and video recordings. Any participants who do not wish to have their photographs or video recordings taken can notify inform the Organiser at the event site.

14 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

- 14.1 All participants consent to their personal data being collected and processed for purposes of administration and communication in a particular event. Participants also agree to receive postings on other events organised by the Civil Service Club.

15 COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- 15.1 All participating agencies and teams must comply with prevailing Covid-19 Safe Management Measures issued by Ministry of Health and Sport Singapore.
- 15.2 Participants are advised to exercise social responsibility. They must not show up at the event if feeling unwell or exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 infections.

16 DISCLAIMERS

- 16.1 Participants take part in the Pickleball Challenge at their own risk. Those with medical conditions are strongly advised to consult their doctors before taking part.
- 16.2 The Civil Service Club reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change the venue, date and/or time of the event at its discretion due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 16.3 The Civil Service Club, the Organising Committee, appointed contractors, sponsors, appointed officials and staff shall not be responsible for any mishap, injury or loss of life that may be suffered by participants and/or supporters before, during or after the event.
- 16.4 The Civil Service Club, the Organising Committee, appointed contractors, sponsors, appointed officials and staff shall not be responsible for any loss of personal belongings before, during or after the event.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

<u>Time</u>	<u>Programme</u>
8.00am	Teams report at OCBC Square for mass workout
8.35am	Teams proceed to OCBC Arena Hall 1 for the PSFPC
8.45am	Briefing for all participating teams
9.00am	Start of Pickleball Challenge
12.00am	End of Pickleball Challenge
12.30pm	Prize Presentation at the main stage @ OCBC Square. Top 4 teams must be present to collect the prizes.
1.00pm	End