



PUBLIC SERVICE PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE 2025



EVENT INFORMATION

- Date : Saturday, 26 July 2025
- Game Venue : OCBC Arena Hall (2 or 3), Singapore Sports Hub
- Reporting Venue : OCBC Arena Hall (2 or 3), Singapore Sports Hub
- Reporting Time : By 8.00am
- 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 : **Friday, 30 May 2025**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1 **THE GAME**

- 1.1 The Public Service Pickleball Challenge (PSPC) is held in conjunction with the Public Service Sports and Family Day 2025 (PSSFD 2025). The tentative PSFPC programme is shown in the Annex.
- 1.2 The PSPC shall be conducted under the USA Pickleball 2025 Official Rules as adopted by Singapore Pickleball (SPA), SPA Rally Scoring System, STAR Games General Rules and Tournament rules as laid down by the Civil Service Club.

2 **ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The PSPC 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 agency is allowed to register a maximum of eight (8) players for each team.

4 FORMAT

- 4.1 The Tournament will run on a Combined Draw format, where Round One shall be Group Play in Round-robin format. Only the Top Team from each Group shall proceed to Round Two which shall be a Single Elimination format.
- 4.2 Every Team Match shall be played on one court, with the following three ties, played in repeating sequence till one side reaches the winning point,

Women's Doubles	-	Open Age Group, Open Rating
Masters Mixed Doubles	-	40+ Age Group (as at 26 Jul 25) Open Rating
Men's Doubles	-	Open Age Group, Open Rating

* Team Matches/Ties will not be played in order of merit.

- 4.3 A player is allowed to play for one team only and once in each tie. If a player is found to register in more than one team, the teams which he/she had played for shall be disqualified from the tournament.
- 4.4 The winning point for Single Game Match shall be 25 points, no deuce. Group Winners are determined based on the number of matches won. If two or more team are tied, ties shall be resolved by comparing Won/Loss Differential in the following order:

- 1st Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Match Differential (Team Matches Only)
- 2nd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Game Differential
- 3rd Tie Breaker – Comparing Overall Point Differential
- 4th Tie Breaker – Comparing Head-to-Head Match Differential
- 5th Tie Breaker – Comparing Head-to-Head Game Differential
- 6th Tie Breaker – Comparing Head-to-Head Point Differential
- 7th Tie Breaker – Chance Draw

- 4.5 The Team, reaching the Match/Game winning point shall be the winner of the Team Match.
- 4.6 A woman is allowed to play in place of a man but not vice versa.

5 **ORDER OF PLAY**

- 5.1 The order of play shall be as follows:

- 1st Match - Women's Doubles
- 2nd Match - Masters Mixed Doubles
- 3rd Match - Men's Doubles

- 5.2 The captains can mutually agree to change the order of play subject to the approval of the Tournament Referee. The Tournament Referee reserves the right to change the order of play if circumstances warrant it. Where a decision has to be made on the order of play, ties where players of opposing teams are present shall be played first. Immediately after this, irrespective of whether players of opposing teams are present or not, the next tie or ties shall be played. The three matches shall be played in the order stipulated under Rule 4.1 if the captain of an opposing team does not agree to the change of order or play.
- 5.3 If players are not present 2 minutes from the announcement of the match, the Tournament Referee shall declare a walkover.
- 5.4 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 for a tie shall be submitted to the Tournament Referee no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the Match. No changes shall be permitted once the line-up for the tie has been submitted.
- 6.2 No postponement of ties will be allowed.

7 **PICKLEBALL & PADDLE**

- 7.1 USA Pickleball approved Franklin X-26 (lime green) provided by the Civil Service Club 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 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 WALKOVERS

- 9.1 A team must have a minimum of four players present to play two ties in a Team Match. Team with insufficient players for at least 2 ties will be considered as giving a Full Match walkover.
- 9.2 In addition, if the any tie doubles are not present for the Match playing order, then walkover of that tie shall apply. The next tie doubles shall play immediately thereafter and so on. Same walkover shall apply immediately for every consecutive player's non-availability.
- 9.3 If a player is not present two (2) minutes from the scheduled start time of the match, the Tournament Referee shall declare a walkover.
- 9.4 A team that gives walkover will be fined \$100 and also required to furnish a letter of explanation to the Organiser. They will be disqualified throughout the tournament.

10 SYSTEM OF DRAW

- 10.1 The system of draw shall be as follow:
- a) For agencies with more than one team, the teams from the same agency shall first be drawn.
 - b) After completion of (a), the rest of the teams shall then be drawn for the fixtures.

10 PRIZES

- 11.1 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
- 11.2 The top 4 teams must be present to collect the prizes from the Guest-of-Honour at the Arena Hall (2 or 3) at 12pm otherwise the prizes will be forfeited.

12 ATTIRE

- 12.1 Players are not allowed to wear apparels and/or clothing (shirt and shorts) of similar colour to ball.

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 RIGHTS

- 15.1 The Civil Service Club reserves the right to change the format, rules and regulations of the PSPC if deemed necessary.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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 PUBLIC SERVICE SPORTS AND FAMILY DAY (PSSFD) TICKETS

- 16.1 Participants in the PSPC can register their spouses, children and/or parents, to take in the activities at the PSSFD.
- 16.2 Only registered participants and family members will be issued with the PSSFD QR code tickets for redemption of fun packs and freebies at the event.
- 16.3 Details on the e-registration for family members will be announced in May 2025.

17 COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- 17.1 All participating teams must comply with prevailing COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs) issued by Ministry of Health and Sport Singapore.
- 17.2 Team members must not show up at the event venues if they are not feeling well or exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 infections.

DISCLAIMERS

18 DISCLAIMERS

- 18.1 Participants take part in the PSPC 2025 and/or other events held at the PSSFD at their own risk.
- 18.2 Participants especially those with medical conditions, are strongly advised to consult their doctors before taking part in the events.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 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 to officials at Arena Hall (2 or 3)
8.15am	Briefing for all participating teams
8.30am	Start of Pickleball Challenge
11.30am	End of Pickleball Challenge
12.00pm	Prize Presentation at Arena Hall (2 or 3). Top 4 teams must be present to collect the prizes. Teams redeem their fun packs at Arena Hall (2 or 3).
12.30pm	Proceed to OCBC Square for other PSSFD programme