

Pickleball World Cup Selection Tournament 2025

Rules and Regulations

1.	<p>CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated, the Tournament will be conducted according to the USAP Rules and Rules and Regulations of the Hong Kong, China Tennis Association Ltd.</p>
2.	<p>REPRESENTATIVES QUALIFICATION</p> <p>Please be noted that only the winner of each events earns the right to be representatives for the Hong Kong, China team in Pickleball World Cup.</p> <p>If the winner is unable to participate in the Pickleball World Cup, the next place team will earn the right as representatives.</p>
3.	<p>ELIGIBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Open to participants (must be eligible for at least one of the following requirements): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Born in Hong Kong b. Have a valid Hong Kong passport c. Proof of continuous legal resident in Hong Kong for a minimum of five years. ii. Participants should present personal identity document with photo, to our official for purposes of checking identity iii. DUPR must be below 5.490 for Singles and Doubles as of May 31, 2025 iv. Age Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open b. 50+ (born on or before 31 December 1975) v. Event Restriction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Players can only enter in maximum of 2 events and can only enter in one gender doubles event, and one mixed doubles event. vi. Players are required to sign a tournament waiver.
4.	<p>ENTRIES</p> <p>Events</p> <p>Registration acceptance will be based on DUPR rating as of 31 May 2025.</p> <p>Open Events – 8 Teams per event. 6 spots are reserved for Highest Average DUPR Rating as direct acceptance, 2 spots will be reserved for wild card.</p> <p>50+ Events – 8 Teams per event. 6 spots are reserved for Highest Average DUPR Rating as direct acceptance, 2 spots will be reserved for wild card.</p> <p>Fees</p> <p>\$500HKD per team per event</p> <p><u>By Credit Card</u> – by Visa or MasterCard. Payment will be charged once entry list is published.</p> <p><u>By Cheque Payment</u> – please send crossed cheque payable to “THE HONG KONG, CHINA TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED” to HKCTA office (Causeway Bay). Please write down tournament name, event, player’s name and contact no. at the back of your cheque.</p>

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	<p>Address: <u>Room 1021, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong</u></p> <p>Office Hours: - Monday to Friday - 9:00am - 12:45pm; 2:00pm - 6pm - Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays - Closed</p> <p>Entry deadline: at 12 noon on 30 July 2025. Cheque needs to be received before entry deadline. Entries will not be processed if it was not received by the entry deadline.</p> <p>Players who are not in the entry list will not be charged and cheque will be disposed if received.</p> <p>Receipt is available upon request. NO REFUNDS will be made after the deadline.</p>
5.	<p>ENTRY LIST It is participants' responsibility to check the 'Entry List' on the HKCTA website at 12 noon on Thursday 31st July 2025 to confirm the entry status.</p>
6.	<p>DUPR Player must have a DUPR account in order to play in the tournament. A free DUPR account can be created on https://mydupr.com/signup. Results of the tournament will be entered into DUPR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players are required to provide their DUPR ID for verification in the Remarks during registration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If missed, it is players responsibility to contact us at pickleball@tennishk.org to provide the DUPR ID.
7.	<p>FORMAT OF PLAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The tournament format consists of 2 rounds, Round 1 - Round Robin, Round 2 - Single Elimination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rally Scoring - After each point, players will not change sides of the court. Player A will remain on the right side and Player B will remain on the left side throughout the game, regardless of the score. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. However, a team has the option to change sides during a timeout or a designated change of sides interval. The player must inform the opponent about this change before resuming play. 2. In each game, each team is allowed to have 2 time-outs, max 1 minute each ii. Round 1 - Round Robin Doubles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Top 2 Teams from each group will play for Position 1-4 ii. Bottom 2 Teams from each group will play for Position 5-8 2. 1 Game to 15 points. Change ends at 8 points. Win by 2. No Cap. iii. Round 2 – Positional Doubles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 Game to 21. Change ends at 11 points. Win by 2. No Cap. iv. In the event there is only 1 round-robin group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positioning will be determined by the round-robin results. 2. 1 Game to 21. Change ends at 11 points. Win by 2. No Cap. <p>In the event of tie the following will be used as the tiebreaker:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The final standings in each group shall be determined by the following count-back calculation (i.e. determined by the first of the following methods that applies, following the order set out below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greatest number of wins. b. If two teams are tied with an equal number of wins, head-to-head results. c. If three or more team are tied with an equal number of wins, the following decides the winner (in the order set out below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. highest percentage of matches won; 2. highest percentage of games won from all matches played; 3. highest percentage of points won from all matches played; then finally d. The count-back calculation in Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. will continue until only two teams remain tied, at which point the tie between those two teams will be broken by rule b. 									
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9.	<p>PADDLE INSPECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tournament Paddle(s) – Must be USAP and found on the database. https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/. ii. All paddles (including spare paddles) must be checked at the “Paddle Inspection Counter”, 30 minutes prior to the game start. A “QC Passed” sticker will be visibly paste on the paddle END cap. 									
10.	<p>DRESS CODE Players shall dress and present themselves for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable pickleball attire shall be worn. Unacceptable attire such as apparel that matches the color of the ball, dress shirts, or other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up). Any players who violates this section may be ordered by the Referee to change his/her attire or equipment immediately. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in immediate default.</p>									
11.	<p>COURT All matches will be played at Club de Recreio.</p>									
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13.	<p>PLAYING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Please check the HKCTA website (www.tennishk.org) 2 days prior to the commencement of the event. All schedules, draws, results and tournament news will be posted on HKCTA website. It is the players' responsibility to check their playing schedule. First notification will be sent by email to all players for checking the schedule on HKCTA website. If unable to access the internet, please call HKCTA office (Tel: 2504 8266). No further notice will be given after first notification. Once the Order of Play is published, NO changes can be made.</p>
14.	<p>OFFICIATING</p> <p>The decision of the Official Head Referee, as appointed by the Tournament Committee is final in all matters pertaining to the Tournament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. All matches will be NON-OFFICIATED PLAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Server (or partner) should call out the score clearly prior to serving.
15.	<p>PARKING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No parking available for this event.
16.	<p>FOOD & BEVERAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Food will be available for purchase at the tournament. Payment by Octopus only.
17.	<p>PUNCTUALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Matches shall follow each other immediately in accordance with the announced order of play. ii. Matches shall be called and put in play on first available court basis. iii. Matches shall be called in accordance with the order of play. Players shall be ready to play when their matches are called. Any players not ready to play within (10) minutes after his/her match is called shall be defaulted unless the Referee in his sole discretion, after consideration of all relevant circumstance, elects not to declare a default.
18.	<p>INCLEMENT WEATHER</p> <p>When a black rainstorm warning or typhoon signal number 8 or above is hoisted two hours before the first matches start, all matches will be cancelled on that day without advance notice. When there is, or has been inclement weather, players should expect a delay to their matches starting time. They should check the tournament website to find out the approximate length of the delay. However, it is always the players' responsibilities to check with the referee/tournament official for the rescheduled time of the match and the players have to be present when their matches are called. Otherwise, a walkover will be awarded to the opponent after 10 minutes. Except in the above situations, players should report at the venue on time.</p>
19.	<p>INCOMPLETED TOURNAMENT</p> <p>If the Tournament cannot be completed as scheduled for any reasons, players in the finals shall be named as "Joint Winners". If the event has not reached the finals, the referee shall declare the event abandoned.</p>

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20.	<p>WITHDRAWAL</p> <p>All withdrawals should be reported to the HKCTA by emailing to us through pickleball@tennishk.org for 24 hours prior to the match.</p>
21.	<p>POWER OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Tournament Committee reserves the right in its discretion to alter the conditions and programme of Tournament as it deems fit and proper including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. accept or reject of any application; ii. alter the scheduled duration of Tournament due to bad weather or any unforeseen happenings; and move the competition venue iii. subject to the confirmation of the entry size and other unforeseeable conditions such as rain delay, the HKCTA reserve the right to make necessary changes to the format of play at all the times.
22.	<p>RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>The HKCTA, Subventing Organisation and Sponsors of this Tournament will not be responsible for any damages or personal injuries arising from the Tournament.</p>
23.	<p>CONSENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. I agree to participate in Pickleball World Cup Selection Tournament 2025, and I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set by the Tournament Committee and the Event Disciplinary Policy of the Hong Kong, China Tennis Association. ii. I declare that: I am physically fit, without any physical defect and capable of participation in the tournament. iii. The information provided by you will only be used for the enrolment and promotion of recreation and sports activities organized by our Association and co-organizing parties. For correction of, or access to personal data after submission of this form, please contact the staff of our Association. iv. I understand and hereby agree that personal information provided to the Hong Kong, China Tennis Association may be shared with DUPR for the purpose of creating and/or updating the DUPR Rating. v. I agree to allow HKCTA and/or the co-organizing parties to use the images taken during the tournament for future promotional and archival purpose.
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