



## HKCTA Pickleball League 2025



The inaugural HKCTA Pickleball League rolled out with 10 teams in Division 1 and 20 teams in Division 2. Over 400 players registered to compete in this league season that kicked off on May 11 and finishing on the weekend of June 29. A big thank you must go to the Hong Kong Country Club for hosting the finals.

The Division 1 semifinals saw Hong Kong Country Club (Country) defeat Chinese Recreation Club (CRC) 3-1, while South China Athletic Association (SCAA) toppled Bay Pickle 4-0. In the final showdown, Country emerged victorious with a 4-0 decision over SCAA. In the playoff for 3rd place, the two

teams were tied at 2-2, with Bay Pickle eventually overcoming CRC in a nail-biting 21-18 in the deciding singles to secure a 3-2 win.

### Division 1

Champion---**Country**

Runner-Up---**SCAA**

Third---**Bay Pickle**

### Division 2

Champion---**Stackd Team 1**

Runner-Up---**Bay Pickle**

Third---**GC Union**

In Division 2, Stackd Team 1 came through as the champion, followed by Bay Pickle in second and GC Union in third.

We were thrilled by the overwhelming support from the pickleball community. The passion and competitive spirit displayed by all the teams were fantastic, and we are excited to make the second season even better!

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## RPO Coaching Certification Workshop



A Racket Professional Organization (RPO) coaching certification workshop (Level 1) was held at Club de Recreio on 14 July. It was led by RPO Instructor Josh Jenkins - Head of Pickleball Education Programming at RPO, and Hong Kong's No. 1 pickleball professional, Jack Wong.

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## PPA Tour Asia Hong Kong Open



The PPA Tour Asia Hong Kong Open 2025 is a major event on the Asian pickleball calendar. Organised by F-Sports Promotion and supported by HKCTA, the event is set to take place at the Kai Tak Arena from 21-24 August. The 2025 PPA Tour Asia brings ranking events into a new region, delivering professional pickleball and high-octane entertainment to this part of the world.

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It is also part of the inaugural PPA Tour Asia 2025, which kicked off last month in Malaysia. After the Hong Kong Open, the tour heads to Japan for the Sansan Fukuoka Open, followed by the [MB Vietnam Open](#) in Ho Chi Minh City and Kuala Lumpur for the Malaysia Cup in September.

Full Calendar in 2025:

- July 3-6: Panas Malaysian Open
- August 21-24: Hong Kong Open
- August 26-31: Sansan Fukuoka Open
- September 4-7: MB Vietnam Open
- October 9-12: Kuala Lumpur Cup

See also: [How the PPA Tour Works](#)

### ***Players to Watch***

**Long Yufei:** The top-ranked woman on the PPA Tour Asia. Fresh off a gold medal win at the Panas Malaysia Open, she is expected to be a major contender in Hong Kong.

**Jack Wong:** With success on the PPA Tour Australia earlier this year where he

captured the Tweed Heads Cup, Gold Coast Slam, and Brisbane Pickleball Cup, the Hong Kong No. 1 is now looking to do some damage on the PPA Tour Asia. He was the top seed in Malaysia, but was upset in the semis by eventual winner, Trinh Linh Giang. He is currently ranked No. 3 on the PPA Tour Asia.

The Hong Kong Open is set to be a historic event for pickleball in the region, bringing together top talent and helping to grow the sport's profile in Asia. The tournament is the first international pickleball event held at the Kai Tak Sports Park and promises high-level competition and memorable moments for both players and fans.

For ticketing details, please visit [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com).

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## Referee Training Course

A Pickleball Referee Training Course was held at the HKCTA Tennis Centre in Kowloon Tsai on 9-11 & 24-25 June. All 20 participants received a certificate of completion. The course instructor was USAP certified Level 1 referee Steve Lam. The course content ranged from sessions in classroom, on-court and practical.



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## HKPETS Pickleball Workshop Activates Educators

On July 5, the Hong Kong Physical Education Teachers Society (HKPETS) successfully organised a Pickleball Workshop for educators, attracting around 50 primary and secondary school teachers. The event aimed to introduce teachers to the fundamentals of pickleball, spark their interest in the sport, and encourage its integration into school curricula and campus life.



The HKCTA played a key supporting role by providing coaches, equipment, and staff to ensure a smooth and enriching experience. We also extend our gratitude to the CUHK Department of Sports Science and Physical Education (SSPE) and the CUHK PE Unit for their collaboration, as well as Joola for supplying high-quality equipment.

Through interactive sessions, participants gained valuable insights into pickleball, from basic rules to gameplay strategies. By empowering educators to introduce pickleball, the goal is that local students can adopt a more active lifestyle by embracing a sport that is easy to pick up, fun, and inclusive.

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## Pickleball World Cup



A selection event was held from 2-3 August for the upcoming Pickleball World Cup 2025 in Florida, USA, from 27 October to 2 November. Six competitive events were held across two divisions: Open and 50+, with each division featuring Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

The following have earned the right to represent Hong Kong at the Pickleball World Cup 2025:

*Open Division:*

Men's Doubles---**Marco Leung and Ryan Lam**

Women's Doubles---**Venise Chan and Michelle Man**

Mixed Doubles---**Ryan Lam and Nikita Tang**

*50+ Division:*

Men's Doubles---**Asif Ismail and Monty Lo**

Women's Doubles---**Haj Wilcox and Ingrid Lau**

Mixed Doubles---**Rajan Khemlyani and Ingrid Lau**

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