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Key Information

Key dates

Thursday	3 October	Men's Doubles Open & 50+, Women's Singles and Men's Singles	09:30-22:00
Friday	4 October	Women's Doubles Open & 50+, Men's Singles	09:30-22:00
Saturday	5 October	Mixed Doubles Open & 50+ (category 3.5)	09:30-18:00
Sunday	6 October	Mixed Doubles Open & 50+ (category 2.5/3.0 and 4.0+), Youth Doubles and Wheelchair Invitational Doubles	09:30-20:00

Venue transport and parking

The competition venue is The Scotstoun Badminton Academy, Danes Drive, Scotstoun, Glasgow, G14 9HY. More information about the venue can be found in section *3.1 Venue Information*.

Car parking at the venue is **limited** so please try to buddy up with others if arriving by car. There are spaces in front and behind the event hall and in the adjacent stadium. Local bus stops and Scotstounhill railway station are nearby and there are plenty of bicycle spaces to lock bikes.

On Sunday 6th October, The Great Scottish Run is taking place so please plan your journey to Scotstoun avoiding the route. Check the route out at <https://www.greatrun.org/aj-bell-great-scottish-run-event-guide/>

Medical services

Our Championships' Physiotherapist is Mihir Chitale. The venue staff will provide first aid cover. This is an emergency service only. Our physiotherapist can provide consultations, treatment and sports massage to players for a small fee. Please visit the championship office to book an appointment, or sign up directly at the venue physio room.

The nearest hospital to Scotstoun with an Accident & Emergency department is the **Queen Elizabeth University Hospital**, 1345 Govan Road, Glasgow G51 4TF. Telephone +44 141 201 1100.

Pickleball Scotland are not liable for any personal injury that players and spectators may suffer as a result of attending the championship. You take part at your own risk.

Outstanding payments

If you have any payments that you need to make, e.g., entry fees, t-shirt etc., please visit the championship office upon first arrival to make payment. We can accept cash and cards. Please note that entry fees must be paid prior to the competition start.

Competition Information

Event organisation

Position	Name
Operations Director	Anne Smillie
Chair of Pickleball Scotland	Mhairi Adam
Tournament Director	Louise Harrison
Finance	Steph Robertson
Social Media & Event Broadcasting	Shona Mitchell & Adriana Orlandi
Reception & Hospitality	Anne Watson
Tournament Referees	Jonathan Whitaker & Nanette Mutrie
Court Marshall Team Leaders	Sheena McDonald & Hugh MacQuarrie

Volunteers

As with most Pickleball events, everyone you meet is a volunteer. They are there to help you and to help make the competition run smoothly. Some volunteers give their time because they love Pickleball and others because they love volunteering at sports events and meeting lots of interesting people.

Our volunteers will wear red t-shirts in the venue to be easily identifiable to you.

Competition schedule

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER	MEN'S DOUBLES	WOMEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S SINGLES	
FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER	MENS' SINGLES	WOMEN'S DOUBLES		
SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER	MIXED DOUBLES 3.5 (OPEN & 50+)			
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER	MIXED DOUBLES 2.5/3,0 (OPEN & 50+)	MIXED DOUBLES 4.0+ (OPEN & 50+)	YOUTH DOUBLES	WHEELCHAIR INVITATIONAL DOUBLES

Please note that the schedule may be subject to change.

Competition draw

The Championships' draw will be published on 27 September, and the schedule will be published on 30 September.

These will be published on [Tournament Software](#).

Please note that the draw is subject to change should there be late withdrawals.

Competition format

50+ Men's & Women's Doubles 4.0+ :

One round robin group. Top 2 from the group progress to the final and the 3rd/4th place in the group progress to a bronze medal playoff match.

Invitational Wheelchair Doubles

One round robin group to be run in American Tournament format with everyone partnering everyone. Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 based on points accumulated in the round robin.

All other events:

A number of round robin groups, top 2 from each round robin group progress into knock-out stages.

Match scoring

Each round robin **match is 1 game to 11**, not required to win by 2 clear points. Swap ends at 6 points.

Last 16, Quarter and Semi Finals knock out matches **are 1 game to 11**, not required to win by 2 clear points.

Swap ends at 6 points.

Bronze Playoff and Final **are 1 game to 15**, not required to win by 2 clear points. Swap ends at 8 points.

Ranking order within the round robin stages

Please ensure you read this information about how the **ranking order is determined in round robin** matches.

This is **final** and non-negotiable.

1. Positions will be decided by the number of match points won as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss in a complete game, 0 points for a loss in any game not completed (e.g. walkover/ withdrawn / disqualified).
2. If 2 or more players/pairs win the same number of match points, the order will be decided by points difference.
3. If points difference remains the same between 2 players/pairs, then the order will be decided by head-to-head result between the 2 players/pairs.
4. If 3 or more players/pairs are still equal, order will be decided by drawing lots.

Rules & regulations

The competition will be held in accordance with the USA Pickleball Official Tournament Rulebook and The Skechers Pickleball Scottish Open Regulations.

Please avoid red/orange clothing because we are playing with a red Penn ball.

Players who begin serving for each team should wear a wrist band to remind players which side of court they should be on. The player with wrist band will be in the right hand court when their score is even.

Limit the warm-up time to 1 minute for all matches.

No time-outs allowed during matches except for Finals and Bronze Playoff matches when 1 time-out of 1 minute per side is allowed.

Finals will be refereed.

Before each serve, both players/pairs **must agree the score**. The server **must shout the score loudly and clearly before** commencing the serve (not as they start to serve).

Be generous with line calls – when in doubt the ball is 'in'. **The ball 'in/out' of court call is made by the receiving**

player/pair, not by the player/pair who played the shot.

For games to 11 change ends at 6 points. For games to 15 change ends at 8 points. Change ends quickly and resume play as soon as players are ready.

At the end of the match, both players/pairs must sign/initial the scoresheet and return to the court organiser.

Players may call on the Tournament Referee.

If players/pairs are not on court within a reasonable time, the tournament director reserves the right to award a walkover to their opponents. Please ensure you keep an eye on the schedule and particularly on the status of matches on the court of your upcoming match, in case your match is earlier than scheduled.

In the event of a withdrawal, no change of partner can be made once the pair have started their first match.

Play with Pickleball Scotland values

Be Safe: warm up before you get to the court; only 1 min of warm up on court; stop play and replay a point if ball rolls onto your court – pick it up and find out where it should be returned to; hydrate; first aid provided by centre staff; do not play with a damaged paddle.

Have Fun: even although it is a serious tournament remember to have fun! Keep it light

Be Generous: with line calls; thank opponents for the game; appreciate your partner's shots and opponent's shots

Game on: practice is over it is game time!

Efforts are successes: taking part means that everyone a winner although only 3 medals per event will be awarded.

Player briefing

Player briefings times are listed below . Please check-in at the front welcome desk on the ground floor **at least 30 mins before** your scheduled briefing time. It is **compulsory** for all players to attend the players briefings each day. The location of each briefing will be notified once the schedule is published.

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER	OPEN 2.5/3.0 MEN'S DOUBLES	OPEN 3.5 MEN'S DOUBLES	OPEN 4.0+ MEN'S DOUBLES	50+ 2.5/3.0 MEN'S DOUBLES	50+ 3.5 MEN'S DOUBLES	50+ 4.0+ MEN'S DOUBLES	OPEN WOMEN'S SINGLES	OPEN MEN'S SINGLES
BRIEFING	09:35	09:15	12:35	12:55	09:15	12:35	12:55	18:35
FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER	OPEN MENS SINGLES	OPEN 2.5/3.0 WOMEN'S DOUBLES	OPEN 3.5 WOMEN'S DOUBLES	OPEN 4.0+ WOMEN'S DOUBLES	50+ 2.5/3.0 WOMEN'S DOUBLES	50+ 3.5 WOMEN'S DOUBLES	50+ 4.0+ WOMEN'S DOUBLES	
BRIEFING	09:15	10:35	10:35	15:15	14:15	10:35	14:15	
SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER	OPEN 3.5 MIXED DOUBLES	50+ 3.5 MIXED DOUBLES						
BRIEFING	09:15	09:15						
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER	OPEN 2.5/3.0 MIXED DOUBLES	OPEN 4.0+ MIXED DOUBLES	50+ 2.5/3.0 MIXED DOUBLES	50+ 4.0+ MIXED DOUBLES	YOUTH DOUBLES	WHEELCHAIR INVITATIONAL DOUBLES		
BRIEFING	09:15	10:35	09:15	09:15	13:35	12:35		

Arrival for competition

Please arrive at the venue **and check-in at least 30 minutes before your briefing time**. It is **compulsory** for all players to check-in each day that they are competing. The venue will be open for practice from 08:30 each day. Please note that the group stages will be played on allocated courts for each group and the order to be played as 'followed by' – we will show indicated start times for each match but please start the following match as soon as possible

after the previous one finishes. Please stay close to your court to enable the matches to run without delay. We will employ volunteers as 'group organisers' to help to keep the matches running to schedule.

Injury during play

If a player is injured during play and requires off-court treatment, unfortunately they will be withdrawn from the event. If the player remains on-court and is unable to continue within five minutes, then they will be withdrawn from the event.

Ball allocation and court markings

The event will use red Head Penn 26 indoor balls and these will be available for pre-match knock-ups. Please return them to the ball boxes at the side of the courts after play.

Practice courts

Four practice courts are available on Wednesday 2nd October from 1900 to 2200. From 1900 to 2000, we shall have 15 min half court slots bookable for pairs by emailing Nanette Mutrie at coaching@pickleballscotland.org. These courts will be allocated on a first requested basis. From 2000 to 2200, players may sign up on the night for a 15 min slot and then sign up again if there are spaces when they come off court. Players may sign up with a partner and another pair or just sign up and another pair will join you (put in brackets which category you are playing in at the open).

Results distribution and schedules of play

Match results will be published on Tournament Software as soon as the scores are received by Match Control. These can be viewed via [Tournament Software](#) or by scanning the QR code round the venue.

Video recording and streaming

You can video matches with prior consent of those players to be videoed. With players' permission We plan to stream many matches via our social media. Please register with The Championships Office if you do NOT give permission for filming or photography.

Medal ceremonies

Medal ceremonies will take place immediately after all final matches of each day. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded. Please stay close-by after your last match if you are involved in the medal ceremony.

Venue Information

Championships' Office

The Championships' Office, which is on the ground floor, is the main point of information for players. We shall have a supply of Head Pickleball merchandise and raffle tickets for sale . Cash and cards accepted.

Match viewing area

There will be bleacher seating available in the main hall on Saturday and Sunday. At other times, there will be viewing from the gallery. Please do not go in to the sports halls to view matches unless the bleacher seating is out.

Baggage storage

Please use the lockers on the ground floor for storing bags (20p required) . We shall also provide a room on the gallery floor for storing bags. This room is unsupervised so bags are stored at your own risk. Please do not expect to take your bag in the sports hall as there is limited space.

Skechers shop

The Skechers shop will be located on the first floor to the left of the stairs.

Scotstoun Cafe

The centre café in the adjacent building will be open each day. Opening hours are from 0900 each day till 1930 (weekdays) and till 1500 (weekends). You can purchase a selection of hot and cold food and snacks. **We strongly advise players to bring their own snacks and drinks during the day just in case you have limited time between games.**

There is a water cooler in the venue which is freely available all day.

Changing rooms, toilets and lockers

There are toilets, changing rooms and showers available in the venue.

Physio and sports massage room

The physio room is located on the ground floor. In the first instance please either visit the championship office or sign up on the physio room door to book an appointment.

Venue evacuation and emergency procedures

If the fire alarm alert sounds at the Scotstoun Badminton Centre please leave the building by the nearest available exit.

- On hearing the alarm, leave the building and proceed to the Assembly Point using the nearest available exit to leave.
- Do not use the lifts (except designated fire evacuation lifts for the evacuation of disabled persons only).
- Do not stop to collect any personal belongings.
- Take persons you are responsible for with you and to their respective Assembly Point.
- Do not re-enter the building until instructed that it is safe to do so by Assistant Manager / Duty Officer.

Security

If you see or hear anything suspicious please report it immediately to a member of staff. If you come across a suspicious package please do not touch it; instead please immediately contact a member of venue staff.

Smoking regulations

Smoking is not permitted inside the venue buildings.

Thank You

Our wonderful volunteers, sponsors and donors

Pickleball Scotland simply could not hope to organise an event such as this, were it not for the kindness of friends, pickleball family, volunteers, businesses and organisations who have generously donated to us their time, money and expertise. We cannot begin to thank individual people because we don't have enough room!

We thank you sincerely.

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