



SCOTTISH OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 REGULATIONS

The Scottish Open Pickleball Championships 2026 is open to all players of all standards. Players aged 12-17 may enter open and youth events but they must be accompanied by an appropriate adult and their entry for any open event must be approved by the Tournament Director.

For the age group and youth events, players' age is considered as at 23:59 on 31 December 2026. The age for youth events is age 12 to 17.

Only those assigned female at birth may enter womens events and each mixed doubles partnership must have at least one player who was assigned female at birth.

DUPR

Players must enter the rating category per their **ACTUAL** DUPR rating. If there are mitigating circumstances for entering at a lower rating category to their actual DUPR rating, they may email events@pickleballscotland.org to request to be moved. However, even if a player is allowed to be moved, then there is no guarantee that there will be a place in their requested rating category.

The tournament organisers will do a full review of players DUPR rating at entry date to ensure that the competition is fair. The tournament organiser's decision is final as to whether a player is eligible for a category. If the tournament organiser decides that a player/pairing has to move category due to their actual DUPR rating, then there is no guarantee of a place at the next level. Entering the wrong category risks losing a place in the championships.

Players may only play in one rating category per event. Where the rating categories are amalgamated, or if a player's doubles partner is a different rating, players must play in the higher rating category. Players must link to Pickleball Scotland Club on DUPR at the time of entering as the tournament results will be submitted to DUPR.

NUMBER OF EVENTS ENTERED

Players may only play a maximum of one event per day, with the exception of Friday, where players may enter doubles and Open/50+ singles. Players are limited to a maximum of 3 events in the championships and can only enter either an Open or ONE age group in an event. Players can play down an age group, and players aged 50 or over may choose to play in the open age instead in one or all events. In summary,

players can play in one mixed doubles, one gender doubles and one singles event.

The organisers reserve the right to make further changes to the rating categories if required. The organisers reserve the right not to hold an event, or to amalgamate ratings if insufficient entries are received. Both players in a doubles event must submit an entry. Players entering 'partner wanted' will be paired if a partner is available.

Each event will be run in round-robin groups; thus, all players should play a minimum of three matches per event dependant on the number of entries. Winners and runners-up of each group will go forward to a knock-out stage if numbers are sufficient.

RULES & THE BALL

The tournament will be played in accordance with the USPA 2026 Rules. Specific amendments to particular rules, if required, for the Scottish Open Championships will be published prior to the tournament.

The championship ball is The Head Indoor 26. Other Head balls were considered but, after full consideration by Pickleball Scotland and Head, the Head Indoor 26 is considered the most suitable ball for the playing surface.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

We shall endeavour not to change the dates but reserve the right to amend if required due to entry levels.

Wednesday 27th May

Womens & Men Doubles – 50+, 60+

Thursday 28th May

Mixed Doubles – 50+, 60+

Wheelchair Doubles

Friday 29th May

Women & Mens Singles – 15+,50+,

Youth Singles (12 to 17)

Women & Mens Doubles – 15+ (up to DUPR 3.49 only)

Saturday 30th May

Women & Mens Doubles – 15+

Youth Doubles (12 to 17)

Sunday 31st May

Mixed Doubles – 15+

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Closing date for receipt of entries is 15th April 2026. Late entries might not be accepted.

It may be necessary to restrict the numbers of entries. Please note, as this is an event open to all, up to 25% of places in each event may be reserved for those not resident in Scotland.

The email received at the time of entry is only informing you of RECEIPT OF ENTRY and is NOT an offer of a confirmed place. You will be notified within 7 days of entering

if your entry is in the confirmed draw or waiting list. You will receive a full refund if you are not offered a place from the waiting list.

Pickleball Scotland strongly advises players NOT to book accommodation and travel until they have had an email confirming a main draw place.

Please note:

- No refunds will be considered if withdrawal is notified later than 23:59 on 15th April 2026.
- All substitution of partners after 15th April will result in the new partner paying the full entry fee to Pickleball Scotland with no refund due to the withdrawing partner.
- The registration fee of £20 is non refundable. However, if a player does not get offered a place from the waiting list, they shall be entitled to a full refund of the event fee and, if no longer in any events, a full refund of the registration fee.
- If the event is cancelled, you will receive a full refund.
- The organisers reserve the right to add to or alter these conditions. Its decision in all matters will be final.
- All players participate at their own risk.
- Filming and photographs will be taken at this event and may be used by Pickleball Scotland as creative content to advertise, promote or showcase the event. It is the individual's responsibility to make it known to The Championship **Director before 20th May 2026** if they do not wish to have their picture taken or games filmed

By entering you agree to the terms and conditions listed above.