

Policy on Teams Using the Name Scotland or Scottish

Pickleball Scotland

Purpose

To protect the integrity of national representation in pickleball and to ensure that any club, team, or group using the words Scotland or Scottish has the proper standing to do so.

Scope

This applies to any pickleball club, team, league entry, or group of players based in Scotland or claiming to represent Scotland, whether competing domestically or in leagues and competitions outside Scotland.

Policy statement

No club, team, league entry, or group of players may use the words Scotland, Scottish, Scottish Select, or any closely related term in their name, branding, or promotional material without prior written approval from the Pickleball Scotland management committee.

Approval process

Any club or group wishing to use such a name must submit a written request to Pickleball Scotland. The committee will consider whether the group has a genuine connection to Pickleball Scotland's membership and structures, whether the name could mislead opponents, organisers, or the public into believing the group is an officially selected national team, and whether use of the name could affect Pickleball Scotland's reputation or its relationship with funders and partner bodies such as sportscotland.

Existing names

Where a club, team, or group is already using a Scotland or Scottish related name without approval at the time this policy is adopted, Pickleball Scotland will write to them asking that they either seek approval under this policy or amend their name within a reasonable period.

Breach

Where a group uses such a name without approval after this policy takes effect, Pickleball Scotland may write to the relevant league or organising body clarifying that the group is not an officially recognised Scotland team, and may take this into account in any future dealings with the individuals or club concerned.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the management committee.

Draft for consideration at the next management committee meeting.