

SCOTTISH NATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 REGULATIONS

The Scottish National Pickleball Championships 2026 is open to all players of all standards. Players aged 12-17 may enter but they must email the tournament organisers at events@pickleballscotland.org to request an entry form. No entries will be accepted online for those aged 12 to 17.

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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Players must be **full members** of Pickleball Scotland and:

- a) be born in Scotland; or
- b) be a resident of Scotland continuously for the 12 months immediately prior to The Scottish National Championships; or
- c) have a parent born in Scotland.

Players must NOT have entered the National Championships of any other Country in the 12 months prior to The Scottish National Pickleball Championships i.e. from 30th September 2025.

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, players 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 decision of the tournament organisers is final as to whether a player is eligible for a category. If 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 age group and 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 tournament organisers reserve the right to make further changes to the rating categories if required and 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 National Championships will be published prior to the tournament.

The championship ball is The Head Indoor 26.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Thursday 1st October 2026

Womens & Men Doubles – 50+, 60+

Friday 2nd October 2026

Mixed Doubles – 50+, 60+

Womens & Mens Singles – 18+, 50+

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Youth Singles (12 to 17)

Mixed Doubles – 18+, 70+

Sunday 4th October 2026

Women & Mens Doubles – 18+, 70+

Youth Doubles (12 to 17)

Wheelchair Doubles

The date for the 70+ events during Scottish Nationals will be confirmed within one week of entries opening. If insufficient entries are received within the first 48 hours of 70+ opening for entry, this category may be combined with 60+ categories.

Transgender and Non Binary Individual's Policy

The following Players are eligible to compete in the women's competition category (and as the woman in a mixed doubles team):

- an individual who was assigned female sex at birth and has a female gender identity;
- transgender men who have never commenced gender-affirming hormone treatment (i.e. exogenous administration of testosterone);
- non-binary individuals who were assigned female sex at birth and have never commenced gender-affirming hormone treatment (i.e. exogenous administration of testosterone).

For the avoidance of doubt, transgender women and non-binary individuals who were assigned male sex at birth (in each case irrespective of any gender-affirming hormone treatment commenced, i.e. suppression of testosterone) are ineligible to compete in the women's competition category (and as the woman in a mixed doubles team).

The following Players are eligible to compete in the men's competition category (and as the man in a mixed doubles team):

- an individual who was assigned male sex at birth and has a male gender identity;
- transgender men (irrespective of any gender-affirming hormone treatment commenced, i.e. exogenous administration of testosterone).
- transgender women (irrespective of any gender-affirming hormone treatment commenced, i.e. suppression of testosterone).
- non-binary individuals who were assigned female sex at birth (irrespective of any gender-affirming hormone treatment commenced, i.e. exogenous administration of testosterone).
- non-binary individuals who were assigned male sex at birth (irrespective of any gender-affirming hormone treatment commenced, i.e. suppression of testosterone).

If a transgender man or a non-binary individual assigned female sex at birth wishes to compete in the women's competition category, they must email events@pickleballscotland.org to confirm that they have not ever commenced gender-affirming hormone treatment (i.e. exogenous administration of testosterone). If they state that they have not, they will be asked for evidence (i.e., medical records) to demonstrate that to the satisfaction of Pickleball Scotland (in its absolute discretion).

If a transgender man or a non-binary individual assigned female sex at birth is (and remains) eligible to compete in both the men's and women's competition categories and, having competed in one of those categories, subsequently wishes to compete in the other category, the Player will not be eligible to compete again in the first category for a period of two years from the date that they last competed in the second category.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Closing date for receipt of entries is 26th August 2026. Late entries might not be accepted. We reserve the right to close online entries earlier if required. It may be necessary to restrict the numbers of entries.

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 26th August 2026.
- All substitution of partners after 26th August 2026 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 £15 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 or Pickleball Scotland withdraw your entry, you will receive a full refund.

- The tournament 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 24th September 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 and are eligible to play in Scottish Nationals per the above eligibility criteria.