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2018 AAU NATIONAL INDOOR PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 13-19, 2018

Orlando Sports Center

Orlando, Florida

PRE-EVENT MANUAL



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REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

The entry fee is \$50 per event and \$20 per each additional event. All participants will be accepted into the Championships on a first-come, first-served basis according to date of receipt, until divisions are full. It is possible for divisions to fill prior to the deadline, so get your entry in early!

February 15, 2018

(1) **Registration Opens**

YOU WILL NEED YOUR AAU MEMBERSHIP BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT. MEMBERSHIP IS NO LONGER INSTANT. PLAN AHEAD AND REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP EARLY!

ENTRY FEE

Entry fees can be paid online with a credit or debit card at www.pickleballtournaments.com.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Competition will be held at the Orlando Sports Center located in Orlando, FL. The Orlando Sports Center is a 92,000 state-of-the-art event and sports complex. Visit www.aaupickleball.org for directions and facility information.

Registration will take place at www.pickleballtournaments.com on February 15, 2018. Please register early as events will fill quickly.

Tournament Staff will be available for questions at the Championship Desk at the Orlando Sports Center.

Competition format and schedule are subject to change.

Sunday, August 12: AAU Opening Pre -Tournament Party

- Music, Food and Fun
- Practice Courts open for play
- Early Check-In Available

Monday, August 13: Team Event

- Classic - 50 + - 2.5-3.0
Open - 2.5-3.0

Tuesday, August 14: Team Event

- Open - 50 + - 4.5-5.0
Open - 4.5-5.0
- Premier 50 + - 3.5-4.0
Open - 3.5-4.0

Wednesday, August 15: SINGLES - AGE EVENTS

** Events may be combined depending on entries*

- Pro Singles
- Senior Pro Singles
- Skill/Age
Combined skill levels: 2.5 – 3.5 AND 4.0 – 5.0
- Age Groups

Thursday, August 16: MEN'S/WOMEN'S DOUBLES AGE EVENTS

** Events may be combined depending on entries*

- Age Groups
19+, 35+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

Friday, August 17: MIXED DOUBLES AGE EVENTS

* Events may be combined depending on entries

- Age Groups
19+, 35+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

**Saturday, August 18: MEN'S and WOMAN'S DOUBLES
(SR. PRO & SKILL)**

* Events may be combined depending on entries

* Skill events *NOT INTENDED* for Pro Players.

- Senior Pro
- Skill/Age
- Skill levels: 2.5 – 5.0
(Skill levels will be divided into Age groups, 49 and under, 50+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+)
- Junior Boys Doubles and Girls Doubles 12,14,16,18

Sunday August 19: PRO DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES (SR PRO & SKILL)

* Events may be combined depending on entries

* Skill events *NOT INTENDED* for Pro Players.

- Men's Pro
- Women's Pro
- Senior Mixed Pro
- Mixed Skill/Age: 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
- Junior Team Division

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUES

Competition will take place at the Orlando Sports Center at 6700 Kingspointe Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819.

TEAM CHECK-IN

Athletes may check-in as early as Sunday, August 12, 2018 to receive their credential and player souvenir bag. All athletes must check in each day he/she is playing.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The Championships will be conducted in a format that will determine National Champions in each age or skill division, as well as providing the maximum amount of playing time for each participant. Some division may be combine due to the number of participates. The tournament director will make this decision. The team event will be made up of a women's team and men's team and a mixed team. The format will be pool play to elimination. This could be changed depending on the number of participates.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

This is an **OPEN** National Championship. Any team meeting the requirements is eligible to enter. No qualifying required. All athletes, coaches and clubs must be current members of the AAU.

Teams submitting false AAU registration information may be dropped from the event and entry fees may be forfeited. Other actions may be taken as approved by the Championship Committee.

The team event will be made up of a women's team and men's team and a mixed team. The format will be pool play to elimination. This could be changed depending on the number of participates.

AAU MEMBERSHIP

All athletes and non-athletes (staff personnel, coaches, chaperones, etc.) must be current AAU members. Regular youth athlete membership is \$14 and regular non-athlete and adult athlete membership is \$16. Teams must also be part of a registered AAU Club. AAU Club Membership is available in 3 levels ranging from \$30, \$60 and \$300. Please visit the web site at www.aaupickleball.org for descriptions of each category. There can be multiple teams under one club membership. To become an AAU member, register online at www.aaupickleball.org.

You can no longer register for an adult membership onsite. Background screens are conducted for all non-athletes. Membership is no longer instant. BE PREPARED and register your coaches, chaperones and administrators early! You can only add a coach or chaperone onsite with a valid AAU membership number. Applied status or pending memberships are not acceptable.



PCA COACHES' EDUCATION



The AAU is happy to continue to offer **FREE Coaches' Education** for all AAU non-athletes. This exciting program is **MANDATORY** for all AAU coaches and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit <http://aausports.org/Partners/PositiveCoachesAlliance.aspx> to take the mandatory AAU/PCA coaches' education course. There are **THREE** courses available this year - Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Members are required to take one level per year. Level 1 is for those new to PCA training. Level 2 is for those who completed the Level 1 course last year. Level 3 is for those who completed the Level 2 course last year.

RULES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships will be conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Pickleball Handbook, and the current playing rules of USA Pickleball, as modified by the AAU National Pickleball Committee. Additional information may be made available or revised online or at Team Check-In.

Key Rules of Play:

- AAU membership guidelines will be followed.

Ball:

- The ball used for the 2018 AAU National Indoor Pickleball Championships will be the ONIX.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

International athletes must be AAU members (\$14 per youth athlete and \$35 per adult athlete).

SPECTATOR TICKETS

Daily spectator tickets will be available for \$5 for adults and children. Length of event tickets will be available for \$30 for adults and children.

HOTEL - Wyndham Orlando Resort - 8001 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819

Link - www.aaupickleballhotels.com

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to venues is not provided through the event. It is the responsibility of each participant to arrange for transportation to the playing venue. AAU does offer discounts with several rental car agencies in Orlando. For more information on rental cars options, please [click here](#).

For questions regarding the Entry Information, Criteria, and the Online Event Registration Process, contact orlvb@aol.com / yvonedevlin@aausports.org or call 407-466-9239.

AAU POLICY

The AAU cannot and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has licensed (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event. Any event information is subject to change without notice.