

MEN'S & WOMEN'S DOUBLES PICKLEBALL

Information Sheet Winter 2026

This information sheet is intended to provide basic information and rules for this activity. Please refer to the 'Information' tab on the intramural web page for detailed information about policies and procedures of the Intramural Sports Program.

ENTRIES OPEN

Online registration will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 16 and will close at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18 (**Entries are limited**). Visit our website and click the 'Registration' tab, then the Singles/Doubles link.

CLASSIFICATION

Teams will be placed into round robin pool play based on the information provided in the completed questionnaire. Any team that does not participate in pool play will be eliminated from the tournament. The pool play schedule will be posted in glass cases outside 145 RB and emailed to teams by 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 19. **Each participant that withdraws or forfeits after 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 19 will be charged a \$5 forfeit fee.** Requests for partner changes will be allowed until 4:00 PM on Monday, March 23.

ELIGIBILITY

All current full-time BYU students are eligible. All current faculty, administrative staff, $\frac{3}{4}$ and full-time staff employees and their spouses are eligible.

The following are eligible with an Intramural Activity Fee: Part-time students, students on leave of absence, non-degree seeking students (Post-Baccalaureate, Evening School, Salt Lake Center, English Language Center), student employees, $\frac{1}{2}$ staff employees, and spouses of students. All students are also eligible to participate for two semesters beyond the last semester in which they were enrolled in classes.

The Intramural Activity Fee is paid online. **Payment must be made before a participant may register for the event.** The cost is \$25 per semester (fall/winter) or \$15 per term (spring/summer). This fee enables a participant to compete in any intramural activity during the current semester or term.

RELEASE AGREEMENT

All Intramural participants must complete an online [release agreement](#) before they can register for any intramural event. Release agreements are valid for one academic school year – fall semester through summer term.

DAYS, TIMES, AND LOCATION

This tournament will be held March 24 – 28 with teams playing 2 or 3 of those 5 days. Each team will play a round robin pool play on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Elimination tournament games will be played Friday and Saturday. Matches will be played Tuesday through Friday from 6:20 PM to 10:15 PM and Saturday from 8:20 AM – 4:00 PM in 156 Richards Building.

CHECK-IN

It is recommended that participants check-in with the activity supervisor at least ten minutes prior to match time. **Forfeit time is match time.** All participants must show a valid (government or school issued) picture ID each day of competition.

EQUIPMENT

The participants must provide pickleballs and paddles.

UNIFORMS

An appropriate, modest athletic uniform is permissible. Shirts, shorts or pants, and shoes must be worn.

OFFICIALS

Participants will call their own violations and lines. Please be honest and sportsmanlike in calling your match. Supervisors assigned to your match have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by rules of the game or by intramural policies.

LIABILITY

All participants play at their own risk and must acquire their own insurance.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. We hope everyone will conduct himself in a mature and friendly manner.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. Each team will participate in a round robin pool play. Pool play schedules will be emailed to teams on Thursday, March 19 by 4:00 PM. Teams will be placed in a single elimination bracket based on pool play results. Bracket seeding and game times can be viewed online.
2. **Each participant that withdraws or forfeits after 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 19 will be charged a \$5 forfeit fee.** Requests for partner changes will be allowed until 4:00 PM on Monday, March 23.
3. The tournament will be **held March 24 – 28.** Teams must be available for the duration of the tournament. Schedule requests will not be accepted.
4. Teams *must* play at the time their matches are scheduled.

RULES

Intramural Pickleball abides by the USAPA & International Federation of Pickleball Rules with the following exceptions or points of emphasis:

1. Match Format: During pool play, matches are timed 7-minute games (finish the point when time is called). Score is kept and reported to an Activity Supervisor. Seeding tiebreaker is determined by point differential. During tournament, matches are the best 2 out of 3 games played to 11 points win by 2, cap at 15.
2. Service and Scoring: The first serve of each side-out is made from the right-hand court, alternating sides as service is retained. To begin each game, only one partner on the serving team gets to serve before the service passes to the receiving team, otherwise both players on the serving team are allowed to serve before the service passes to the receiving team. Points are scored only by the serving team. Note that if the serve rotation is done properly, the serving team's score will always be even when the player that started the game on the right side is on the right side, and odd when that player is on the left side.
3. Double-Bounce Rule: When the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning, and then the serving team must let it bounce before returning, thus two bounces.
4. Non-Volley Zone (Kitchen): The non-volley zone is the court area within 7 feet on both sides of the net. Volleying is prohibited within the non-volley zone.

If you have any questions, contact Saxton in 145 RB (801-422-7597) or access our web page. sports.byu.edu Have a fun tournament!