1. What is the OCEANIA PICKLEBALL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (OPO)?

The OCEANIA PICKLEBALL OPEN Championship is the Oceania stop of the WPC Series (World Pickleball Championship Series).

Together with other stops are EUROPEAN PICKLEBALL OPEN and ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN all these events lead to the WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (to be held in Bali on September 19-23) with the goal to reward the best players in the world with the WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPION title at the end of the year.

WPC Series use GPR (Global Pickleball Rankings) and OPO is a tier 4 tournament offering the players the second most ranking points.

The OCEANIA PICKLEBALL OPEN Championship is a 20,000 AUD Pickleball Tournament. The OCEANIA PICKLEBALL OPEN Championship includes 19+, 35+, 50+, 60+, OPEN, Advanced, and Intermediate divisions over the course of the 5-day Championship.

2. How does the GPR (Global Pickleball Rankings) work?

- it is based on the best 15 results in the prior 52 weeks
- players earn points for all games won
- the number of points is determined by the skill level and the tier of the competition
- the points are the same for all the age groups
- players can view their ranking at global level, continental level, and country-level according to their age groups
- players can play at different levels either with younger players or in higher skill levels (the higher the level the more points)
- every player has a HAR (Home Age Ranking) where all the points accumulated by the player over the last 52 weeks are being posted, regardless of the ranking points have been acquired by playing in the player's home age event or by competing with the younger players

3. REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The deadline to REGISTER is July 08, 2023.

4. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59 pm AEST on July 8, 2023

5. WHO CAN PLAY AT THIS EVENT?

OCEANIA PICKLEBALL OPEN Championship is open to all players from around the world. You do not need to be a citizen or a resident in any of the European countries

6. TRAVELING TO AUSTRALIA

There is no need to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to travel to and from Australia. Mask wearing on international flights to Australia is no longer mandatory. Travelers continue to be encouraged to consider wearing a mask to reduce their personal risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19.

7. TOURNAMENT LOCATION

139 Rifle Range Rd, Pimpama QLD 4209, Australia

8. <u>Dates:</u>

August 1-5, 2023

9. Schedule:

Tuesday, Aug 1 - Men's & Women's Singles
Wednesday, Aug 2 - Men's & Women's Doubles Thursday,
Thursday Aug 3rd - Men's & Women's Doubles Friday,
Friday Aug 4th - Mixed Doubles Saturday,
Saturday Aug 5th - Team Event (country, state, club or just friends)

10. Tournament format:

Part 1 - Round Robin

Part 2 - Single Elimination

The top two from each group (flight) will qualify to the Single Elimination

Age Groups:

19+, 35+, 50+, 60+

Skill Levels:

Open 19+, 35+, and 35+ are the prize money divisions
All other 19+, 35+, 50+ and 60+ divisions are NOT prize money divisions.

Categories:

Men Singles, Women Singles, Mixed Doubles, Men Doubles, Women Doubles

11. Registration Price

Open Divisions 19+, 35+ and 50+

- 50 AUD per each event*

Advanced and Intermediate divisions 19+, 35+, 50+ and 60+

- 40 AUD per each event Junior divisions
 - 20 AUD per each event

12. Daily Schedules

There will be TWO sessions every day – Morning and Afternoon.

Players can register ONLY to the divisions that would not conflict in the time – one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Usually, they will be able to register to "two skill neighboring divisions" such as "open and advanced" or "advanced and intermediate".

Similarly, if a player wants to play in two OPEN divisions, they can do it only in "two age neighboring divisions" such as "35+ and 19+" or "50+ and 35+".

The players will not be able to play in "50+ and 19+" divisions.

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TOURNAMENT	SKILL LEVEL	OPEN	OPEN	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE
DATES	AGE LEVEL	19+	50+	18U	35+	60+	19+
1-Aug	MEN'S SINGLES	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
	WOMEN'S SINGLES	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
2-Aug	MEN'S DOUBLES						
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
3-Aug	MEN'S DOUBLES	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES						
4-Aug	MIXED DOUBLES	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
5-Aug	TEAM EVENT						

	OPEN	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE
	35+	19+	50+	18U	35+	50+	60+
	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
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	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y		Y	Υ
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AFTERNOON SESSION

Rain delay will be understood as "vis major" and may create a time conflict. If such situation happens, tournament organizer will be forced to make time adjustments that could lead to a time conflict for the players who play in two divisions per day and the tournament organizer will not be held liable for any such conflict.

13. Prize Money - 19+ DIVISIONS

Men's Singles 19+ 1st place AUD 1,000 2nd place \$600 3rd place \$400

Men's Doubles 19+ 1st place AUD 1,000 2nd place \$600 3rd place \$400

Women's Singles 19+ 1st place AUD 1,000 2nd place \$600 3rd place \$400

Women's Doubles 19+ 1st place AUD 1,000 2nd place \$600 3rd place \$400

Mixed Doubles 19+ 1st place AUD 1,000 2nd place \$600 3rd place \$400

14. Prize Money - 35+ DIVISIONS

Men's Singles 35+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$300

Men's Doubles 35+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

Women's Singles 35+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

Women's Doubles 35+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

Mixed Doubles 35+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

15. Prize Money - 50+ DIVISIONS

Men's Singles 50+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$300

Men's Doubles 50+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

Women's Singles 50+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

Women's Doubles 50+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

Mixed Doubles 50+ 1st place AUD 500 2nd place \$300 3rd place \$200

*Minimum 8 players/teams in Open Prize Money Divisions needed to get the full prize. Example: If 4 players/teams register then the prize money will be 50%.

If there will be less than 50% players, the players will be moved to the advanced division)

16. ACCOMMODATION & DINNER PARTY

Information coming soon.