

## **1. What is the ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (APO)?**

The ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN Championship is the Asia tier 4 stop of the WPC Series (World Pickleball Championship Series).

Together with other stops **2024 EUROPEAN PICKLEBALL OPEN** and **2024 OCEANIA PICKLEBALL OPEN**, **2024 ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN** leads to the **2024 WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** 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 **APO is a tier 4 tournament** offering the players the second most ranking points.

The ASIA PICKLEBALL OPEN Championship is a **20,000 USD** Pickleball Tournament. The ASIA 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 DEADLINE**

The deadline to REGISTER is **January 20, 2024**.

## **4. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE**

Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59 pm Thailand time on January 20, 2024

## **5. WHO CAN PLAY AT THIS EVENT?**

**ASIA 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 Asia countries.

## **6. TRAVELING TO THAILAND**

There is no need to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to travel to and from Thailand. Mask wearing on international flights to Thailand 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**

120, 1 Thepkasattri Road, Tambon Thep Krasatti, Thalang District, Phuket 83110, Thailand

## **8. Dates:**

February 13-19,2024

## **9. Schedule (subject to possible minor changes depending on the number of the players):**

Tuesday, Feb 13 – Men's Singles & Women's Singles (HALF DAY only – starting in the afternoon)

Wednesday, Feb 14 - Men's & Women's Singles

Thursday, Feb 15 - Men's & Women's Doubles,

Friday, Feb 16 - Men's & Women's Doubles,

Saturday, Feb 17 - Mixed Doubles,

Sunday, Feb 18 - Mixed Doubles,

Monday, Feb 19 - 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 50+ 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+

- 60 USD per each event\*

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

- 45 USD per each event

Junior divisions

- 20 USD 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+”.

MORNING SESSION								AFTERNOON SESSION							
TOURNAMENT DATES	SKILL LEVEL AGE LEVEL	OPEN 19+	OPEN 50+	ADVANCED 35+	ADVANCED 60+	ADVANCED 18U	INTERMEDIATE 19+	OPEN 35+	ADVANCED 19+	ADVANCED 50+	INTERMEDIATE 18U	INTERMEDIATE 35+	INTERMEDIATE 50+	INTERMEDIATE 60+	
13-Feb	MEN'S SINGLES					Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	
	WOMEN'S SINGLES					Y	Y					Y	Y	Y	
14-Feb	MEN'S SINGLES	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y				
	WOMEN'S SINGLES	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y				
15-Feb	MEN'S DOUBLES		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
16-Feb	MEN'S DOUBLES	Y		Y			Y		Y		Y		Y		
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES	Y		Y			Y		Y		Y		Y		
17-Feb	MIXED DOUBLES		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
18-Feb	MIXED DOUBLES	Y		Y			Y		Y		Y		Y		
19-Feb	TEAM EVENT														

**Rain delay:**

This is an INDOOR event and there will not be any rain delays.

### **13. Prize Money - 19+ DIVISIONS**

Men's Singles 19+

1st place \$ 1,000

2nd place \$600

3rd place \$400

Men's Doubles 19+

1st place \$ 1,000

2nd place \$600

3rd place \$400

Women's Singles 19+

1st place \$ 1,000

2nd place \$600

3rd place \$400

Women's Doubles 19+

1st place \$ 1,000

2nd place \$600

3rd place \$400

Mixed Doubles 19+

1st place \$ 1,000

2nd place \$600

3rd place \$400

### **14. Prize Money - 35+ DIVISIONS**

Men's Singles 35+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Men's Doubles 35+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Women's Singles 35+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Women's Doubles 35+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Mixed Doubles 35+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

### **15. Prize Money - 50+ DIVISIONS**

Men's Singles 50+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$300

Men's Doubles 50+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Women's Singles 50+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Women's Doubles 50+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

Mixed Doubles 50+

1st place \$ 500

2nd place \$300

3rd place \$200

**\*Minimum 16 players/teams in Open Prize Money Divisions is needed to get the full prize.**

**Example: If 8 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.**