# WPC VIETNAM HANDBOOK April 3-9, 2024

#### 1. WHAT IS WPC VIETNAM?

WPC Vietnam is the second Asia stop of the WPC SERIES - ASIA PACIFIC with 8 stops in Asia and 4 stops in Australia, all leading to the WPC FINALS to be held at Carmelina Beach Resort in Vietnam.

For more information about the WPC SERIES - ASIA PACIFIC, please read the information at the bottom of this handbook.

#### 2. REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline to REGISTER for WPC Vietnam is March 17, 2024.

#### 3. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59pm Vietnam time on March 17, 2024. There will be a 5% administration fee for any cancellations.

#### 4. SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

A special 10% Early Bird registration discount code COME TO VIETNAM will expire on February 15, 2024.

A special Carmelina accommodation discount code WPC VIETNAM will expire on March 17, 2024.

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

#### WPC VIETNAM is open to players from all around the world.

You do not need to be a citizen or a resident in any of the Asian countries.

#### 6. TRAVELING TO VIETNAM

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

## 7. TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Carmelina Beach Resort, Ho Tram–Vung Tau, Vietnam Website: https://carmelinaresort.com/ YouTube: https://youtu.be/J4mX\_JayzuE WhatsApp: +84 938 966 692 Zalo: +84 938 966 692 Viber: +84 938 966 692 Hotline: +84 254 377 9977 Messenger: https://m.me/carmelinaresort Email: booking@carmelinaresort.com

Mention WPC VIETNAM discount code when booking. Carmelina staff can assist with transportation needs from airport.

PLEASE NOTE: Resort amenities reserved for resort guests only.

#### 8. <u>DATES</u>

### April 3-9, 2024 - WPC VIETNAM TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, April 3 – Meet & Greet. More info will be emailed to registrants.

**9.** <u>SCHEDULE</u>, subject to minor adjustments depending on actual number of registered players.

Wednesday, April 3 – Men's & Women's Singles Thursday, April 4 – Men's & Women's Singles Friday, April 5 – Men's & Women's Doubles Saturday, April 6 – Men's & Women's Doubles Sunday, April 7 – Mixed Doubles Monday, April 8 – Mixed Doubles Tuesday, April 9 – Team Competition

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

Saturday, March 30 - Newbie & Ladies Round Robin Sunday, March 31 - Family & Kids Round Robin Monday & Tuesday, April 1 & 2 – Bobbie Phoumy Pickleball Camp Wednesday, April 10 & 11 – IPTPA Level I Workshop and Level II Certification

For more information or to register for any events, please email coachcoollien@gmail.com.

#### 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:

ONLY 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's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles

#### 11. <u>REGISTRATION PRICES</u>

Open Divisions 19+, 35+ and 50+

- 60 USD per each event

Elite and Intermediate Divisions 19+, 35+, 50+ and 60+

- 45 USD per each event

Junior Divisions

- 20 USD per each event

12. <u>DAILY SCHEDULES</u> – There will be TWO sessions every day – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. **Players can ONLY register to the divisions that would not conflict in that time**. Usually, you will be able to register to "two neighboring skill divisions" such as "Open and Advanced" or "Advanced and Intermediate" OR "neighboring age divisions" such as 35+ and 50+ or 50+ and 60+.

#### MORNING SESSION

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

TOURNAMENT	SKILL LEVEL	OPEN	OPEN	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	OPEN	ELITE	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE
DATES	AGELEVEL	1 <del>9+</del>	35+	18U	35+	50+	60+	19+	50+	60+	19+	50+	35+	60+
	MEN'S SINGLES													
	WOMEN'S SINGLES													
	MEN'S SINGLES													
	WOMEN'S SINGLES													
5-Apr	MEN'S DOUBLES													
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES													
6-Apr	MEN'S DOUBLES													
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES													
7-Apr	MIXED DOUBLES													
8-Apr	MIXED DOUBLES													
9-Apr	TEAM COMPETITION													

Rain delay: This is an INDOORS/COVERED event so there will not be any rain delays.

**13. PRIZE MONEY\*** 

#### **19+ OPEN DIVISIONS**

Men's Singles 19+ 1st place \$ 800 2nd place \$ 500 3rd place \$ 200 Men's Doubles 19+ 1st place \$800 2nd place \$ 500 3rd place \$ 200 Women's Singles 19+ 1st place \$ 800 2nd place \$ 500 3rd place \$ 200 Women's Doubles 19+ 1st place \$ 800 2nd place \$ 500 3rd place \$ 200 Mixed Doubles 19+ 1st place \$ 800 2nd place \$ 500 3rd place \$ 200

#### 35+ OPEN DIVISIONS

Men's Singles 35+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Men's Doubles 35+ 1st place \$ 400

2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Women's Singles 35+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Women's Doubles 35+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 **Mixed Doubles 35+** 1st place \$400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 **50+ OPEN DIVISIONS** Men's Singles 50+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Men's Doubles 50+ 1st place \$400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Women's Singles 50+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Women's Doubles 50+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100 Mixed Doubles 50+ 1st place \$ 400 2nd place \$ 250 3rd place \$ 100

\*Minimum 16 players or teams in Open Prize Money Divisions to get the full prize. Example: If 8 players or 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.

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## WPC SERIES – Asia Pacific Circuit "RACE TO CARMELINA"

# WPC SERIES – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT "RACE TO CARMELINA"



#### 1. What is WPC SERIES – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT?

The players in Asia and Australia are offered more and more tournaments to compete in, but most of these tournaments are only isolated events with no "roadmap" to the year-end finals. WPC SERIES – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT is our answer to the need of having a meaningful international competition that would lead to one final tournament.

#### 2. What is Carmelina Beach Resort?

Carmelina Beach Resort is the first ever world-class beach resort that fully understands the importance and the opportunity of adding dedicated pickleball courts to their sporting amenities. Carmelina Beach Resort located on the coast of Vietnam in Ho Tram-Vung Tau, just less than 120 km from Saigon, will be the host of WPC FINALS in January 2025. Thus, the "RACE TO CARMELINA".

#### 3. Who can compete at the WPC SERIES – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT?

The short answer is – EVERYONE. We will not exclude any player from the competition as we want to offer everyone as many match options as possible. That also means that the players do not need to be residents of Asia or Oceania (Pacific region).

# 4. Is WPC SERIES – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT only available to the best players of 19+ age?

The answer is – no. The "Race to Carmelina" is open to everyone, regardless of nationality or age.

All race stages will offer players to compete in 19+, 35+, 50+ and 60+ age brackets.

There will also be three skill levels – Intermediate Plus (3.5), Advanced Plus (4.5) and Open/Elite (50+).

#### 5. How will the ranking points be calculated?

First, WPC Series – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT will include only selected number of tournaments held in various countries as we want to offer the players an easy-to-compare-platform that would be open to all international players.

We call this competition platform <u>RACE to CARMELINA</u> where the players will be able to get the RACE ranking points based on:

- The tournament tier levels (only tier 3, 4 and 5) and ONLY points received for competing in ELITE/OPEN skill level will count towards RACE TO CARMELINA, ultimately leading to the WPC FINALS to determine the best players of the Asia Pacific region, based on their whole year tournament results, and not based on one event only.
- BUT the players are still welcome to compete in all other skill levels (Intermediate Plus [3.5], Advanced Plus [4.5] to enjoy pickleball competition in a friendly environment.)

#### 6. Who will qualify for the WPC FINALS?

Compared to any other circuits (tours), WPC SERIES – ASIA PACIFIC CIRCUIT is open to players of various ages.

The CARMELINA WPC FINALS will get together the best **19+**, **35+**, **50+** and **60+** players in Men Singles, Men Doubles, Women Singles, Women Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Only the top 16 players or teams from each of these age groups and divisions will have a chance to play at the CARMELINA WPC FINALS in the Open/Elite skill level.

In each division, there will be 4 wild cards given to the players selected by the CARMELINA WPC FINALS committee. This means that in each Open/Elite division, we will have 20 players or teams.

The winners of the Open skill level divisions will receive the title of the 2024 Asia Pacific Pickleball Champions.

The players that will qualify to the Open divisions of the CARMELINA WPC FINALS will forever be put into the history of pickleball as the faces of Asia Pacific Pickleball in our era.

The CARMELINA WPC Finals will also be open to the lower skill levels (Advanced plus and Intermediate Plus) and there will be no restrictions for the players to register in these divisions.

## **CARMELINA CALLS YOU!**

Let us all become apart of this unique race!

