

# WPC KOREA

June 6-9, 2024

## 1. WHAT IS WPC KOREA?

WPC Korea is **the third 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 Korea is **May 22, 2024**.

## 3. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59 pm Korea time on May 22, 2024. There will be a 5% administration fee for any cancellation.

## 4. SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

A special 10% Early Bird registration discount "COME TO KOREA" will expire on May 11, 2024.

## 5. WHO CAN PLAY AT THIS EVENT?

**WPC KOREA 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 KOREA

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

Pickleball Andong, South Korea Gyeongsangbuk-do Andong-si Gangnam-dong  
Undongjang-gil 안동 테니스장  
(copy and paste this address on the Google map)

## **8. DATES**

**June 6-9, 2024**

**9. SCHEDULE**, subject to possible minor changes depending on the number of the players.

Thursday, June 6 – Men's & Women's Singles  
Friday, June 7 – Men's & Women's Doubles  
Saturday, June 8 – Men's & Women's Doubles  
Sunday, June 9 – Mixed Doubles

## **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+, 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, Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles

## **11. REGISTRATION PRICES**

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

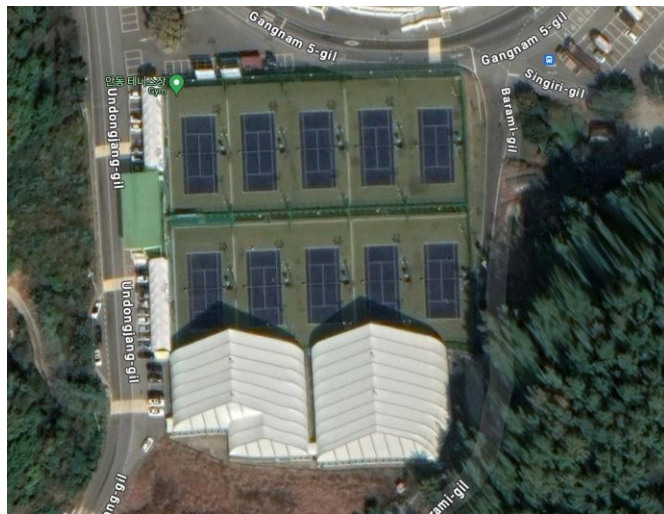
**12. DAILY SCHEDULES** – There will be TWO sessions every day – morning and afternoon.

**Players can ONLY register to the divisions that would not conflict in the time** – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. 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	INTERMEDIATE	OPEN	ELITE	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE
DATES	AGE LEVEL	19+	50+	35+	60+	50+	19+	35+	60+	19+	50+	18U	35+	60+
6-Jun	MEN'S SINGLES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	WOMEN'S SINGLES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7-Jun	MEN'S DOUBLES		Y		Y					Y			Y	Y
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES		Y		Y					Y			Y	Y
8-Jun	MEN'S DOUBLES	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y		
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y		
9-Jun	MIXED DOUBLES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Rain delay:**

This is planned to be an INDOORS event with 10 indoor courts. If needed, we reserve the right to also use the outdoor courts.



**13. NEARBY HOTELS:**

**Case Hotel Andong Branch**

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## **Andong All In**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/H7PrSPpWe6CDqWpo9>

## **Andong YAM Andong Gangnam Branch**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/aNLuvjPp33uz3QUv9>

## **14. PRIZE MONEY**

### **19+ 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+ 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+ 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

**We reserve the following right that we can use fully depending on our discretion:**

\*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.

# 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 90 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 RACE to CARMELINA 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 a part of this unique race!

