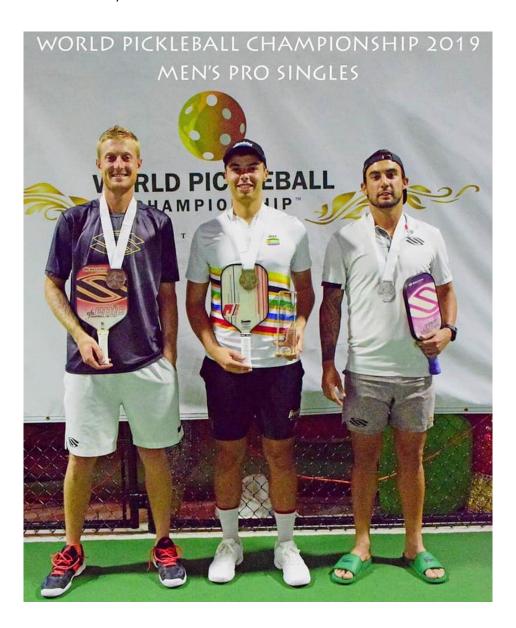
# 2024 World Pickleball Championship HANDBOOK

September 24-30, 2024

# 1. WHAT IS 2024 WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP?

2024 WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP is the **5th edition** of the original WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

This is the very same tournament that was played by the best players in the pickleball's history, including Ben Johns, Tyson McGuffin and Riley Newman.



2019 World Pickleball Championship (WPC) was the first-ever 100,000 USD prize money tournament in the pickleball history held in Punta Gorda, Florida, and playing at the 2024 WPC means being part of the history of one of the most iconic tournaments in the history of pickleball.

Based on the 2019 GPR (Global Pickleball Ranking), the 2019 WPC was the final invitational tournament of the year with only top 16 best players invited to participate.

Ben Johns, Tyson McGuffin and Riley Newman were the top 3 players of the men's singles competition.

This is the true legacy of the WPC SERIES - connecting the past world's best players, with the current best players living outside of the US.

# World Pickleball Championship previous champions and runners up:

#### Men's Singles:

- 2019 Ben Johns (USA) def. Tyson McGuffin (USA)
- 2021 Tyson McGuffin (USA) def. Jay Devilliers (France)
- 2022 Aditya Ruhela (India) def. Leander Lazaro (Philippines)
- 2023 Mitch Hargreaves (Australia) def. Deep Patil (India)

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#### Women's Singles:

- 2019 Vivienne David (Canada) def. Lucia Kovalova (Slovakia)
- 2021 Catherine Parenteau (Canada) def. Simone Jardim (Brazil)
- 2022 Sarah Burr (Australia) def. Snehal Patil (India)
- 2023 Chao Yi Wang (Taiwan) def. Pei-Chuan Kao (Taiwan)

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#### Men's Doubles:

- 2019 Ben Johns (USA) & Kyle Yates (USA) def. Tyson McGuffin (USA) & Riley Newman (USA)
- 2021 Darrian Young (USA) & Callan Dawson (USA) def. Jay Devilliers (France) & Patrick Smith (Germany)
- 2022 Dwi Mahendra (Indonesia) & Jefri Wiranda (Indonesia) def. Aditya Ruhela (India) & D. Kataria (India)
- 2023 Harsh Mehta (India) & Armaan Bahtia def. Yuvraj Ruja (India) & Louise Laville (England)

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#### Women's Doubles:

- 2019 Simone Jardim (Brazil) & Lucia Kovalova (Slovakia) def. Leigh Waters (USA) & Anna Leigh Waters (USA)
- 2021 Simone Jardim (Brazil) & Lucia Kovalova (Slovakia) def. C. Parenteau (Canada), & Callie Smith (USA)
- 2022 Sarah Burr (Australia) & Rebecca Kingsley (Australia) def. Pini Lee (Singapore), Varsha Majmudar (India)
- 2023 Chao Yi Wang (Taiwan) & Darouny B. Phoumy (USA) def. Pei-Chuan Kao (Taiwan) & Jo You Ko (Taiwan) 2024 -?

#### **Mixed Doubles:**

- 2019 Simone Jardim (Brazil) & Ben Johns (USA) def. Lucia Kovalova (Slovakia) & Matt Wright (USA)
- 2021 Lucia Kovalova (Slovakia), Matt Wright (USA) def. Catherine Parenteau (Canada) & Tyson McGuffin (USA)
- 2022 Sarah Burr (Australia) & Martin Clark (Australia) def. Aditya Ruhela (India) & Macy Guo (Singapore)
- 2023 Jo You Ko (Taiwan) & Martin Clark (Australia) def. Harsh Mehta (India) & Naimi Mehta (India

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**WORLD PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** is also the FIFTH 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 the World Pickleball Championship is August 31, 2024.

#### 3. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59pm Bali time on August 31, 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 BALI will expire on July 31, 2024.

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

#### World Pickleball Championship 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 BALI, INDONESIA

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

Studio 1, Jl. Bypass Ngurah Rai No.314, Sanur, Denpasar Selatan, Denpasar City, Bali 80228



#### 8. DATES

#### September 24-30, 2024

9. SCHEDULE, subject to minor changes depending on actual number of registered players.

Tuesday, Sept 24 – Men's & Women's Doubles Wednesday, Sept 25 – Men's & Women's Doubles Thursday, Sept 26 – Mixed Doubles Friday, Sept 27 – Mixed Doubles Saturday, Sept 28 – Men's & Women's Singles Sunday, Sept 29 – Men's & Women's Singles Monday, Sept 30 – Team Competition

#### 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'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** 

- 25 USD per each event

12. <u>DAILY SCHEDULES</u> – There will be TWO sessions every day – morning and afternoon.

MORNING SESSION

**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+.

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TOURNAMENT	SKILL LEVEL	OPEN	OPEN	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	
DATES	AGE LEVEL	19+	35+	18U	35+	50+	60+	19+	
24-Sep	MEN'S DOUBLES		YES			YES	YES		
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES		YES			YES	YES		
25-Sep	MEN'S DOUBLES	YES		YES	YES			YES	
	WOMEN'S DOUBLES	YES		YES	YES			YES	
26-Sep	MIXED DOUBLES		YES			YES	YES		
27-Sep	MIXED DOUBLES	YES		YES	YES			YES	
28-Sep	MEN'S SINGLES		YES			YES	YES		
	WOMEN'S SINGLES		YES			YES	YES		
29-Sep	MEN'S SINGLES	YES		YES	YES			YES	
	WOMEN'S SINGLES	YES		YES	YES			YES	
30-Sep	TEAM COMPETITION								

		AFTERNOON	SESSION			
OPEN	ELITE	ADVANCED	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE
50+	60+	19+	50+	35+	60+	18U
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Rain delay: This is an INDOORS/COVERED event so there will not be any rain delays.

#### **13. 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

#### The prize money conditions:

Divisions with at least 16 players/teams - 100% of the initial prize money
Divisions with 12-15 players/teams - 75% of the initial prize money
Divisions with 8-11 players/teams - 50% of the initial prize money
Divisions with less than 8 players/teams - refund of the registration for first 3 players/teams
Divisions with less than 4 players/teams - refund of the registration for first players/teams only.

While we certainly appreciate the support of all of you, we want to stay prudent in our accounting and we hope you will all understand this.

We always want to deliver a first-class product to you, create great memories with all of you and we hope you will still appreciate our efforts.

PLEASE PROCEED TO THE NEXT PAGE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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 a part of this unique race!

