

# NPL Championship Gold Coast

## Terms of Entry

### 1. What is the NPL - Gold Coast Championships?

The first NPL Championships is here!

The NPL Championships take place over a 2 day weekend. They are held in different cities throughout the year and offer the biggest prize money per player in Australia. The NPL Championships - Gold Coast has a \$12,000 purse across just 4 events.

This event is for elite and aspiring Pickleball athletes and the results from these championships impact qualification & invitations to the season ending National Championships as well as the THE National Pickleball League launching in 2024 (more details on this league to be released soon).

Entry to the tournament is open to all skill levels and ages. We encourage all competent Pickleball athletes to enter and enjoy skilled competition against other athletes with a minimum of 3 matches per event (and a minimum of 6 sets). The purpose of this event is to encourage new entrants whilst catering for high quality existing pickleball players.

The NPL Championship Gold Coast is the inaugural event in this category with the following events:

- Open Singles (Male)
- Open Singles (Female)
- 50+ Masters Singles (Mixed)
- Open Teams (2 Male, 2 Female)

### 2. What rankings system is used for the NPL GC Championships?

- The NPL Championships has no minimum required skill level rating to facilitate our aim of exposing Pickleball to as many new (and existing) participants as possible.
  - Future Championships will likely have a minimum skill rating (on DUPR; see below)
- The NPL uses DUPR for skill rating and will require all registrants to sign-up to DUPR and become a part of the NPL (Club) prior to the event.
  - There are no costs involved in this registration.
  - We will also be uploading results to Pickleball Brackets post event
- The \$12,000 Prize Pool is open to all players.
- Winners of the Singles and Teams categories will be invited to participate in our National Championship event and Season 1 of the NPL.

### **3. How to register for each event?**

- Registration for the event will be completed at:
  - <https://www.nlpickleball.com.au/npl-championships-gc>
- Players will be registered (by NPL) into Pickleball Brackets closer to the event.
  - To ensure PAA National Ranking points are received. NPL will enter singles and masters results into Pickleball Brackets.
  - No action is required from the players.
- Payment for the championships will occur via the NPL Website (link above)

### **4. Costs**

- \$100 per Singles Event
- \$50 per Masters Event
- \$50 per person (teams event) - \$200 per team

### **3. Registration Deadlines**

- Registration will close Sunday 23 July 2023 or when events are full
- Fixtures will be released by Tuesday 25th July 2023 by email and online at [www.nlpickleball.com.au](http://www.nlpickleball.com.au)

### **4. Withdrawal Deadlines**

- Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59 pm AEST on Sunday 23 July 2023.

### **5. Who can play at this event?**

- All Ages & Skill Levels
- Open to all players from around the world
- The only restriction applies to the Masters event, you must be over 50 as of 31st December in 2023.

### **6. Championship Location**

Currumbin Gold Coast Pickleball Community Centre - 164 Duringan St, Currumbin QLD 4223, Australia

### **7. Championship Dates**

July 29th-30th, 2023

## 8. Schedule

Dates		ROUND ROBIN		FINALS	
		Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Saturday 29th July</b>	Mens Singles	8am			
	Womens Singles	8am			
	Mixed Doubles		3:30pm		
	Teams		2:30pm		
<b>Sunday 30th July</b>	Mens Singles			10:45am	
	Womens Singles			10:45am	
	Mixed Doubles			11:45am	
	Teams	8:30am		11:45am	

- Day 1:
  - Round Robin
    - Open Singles (Male)
    - Open Singles (Female)
    - Masters Doubles (Mixed)
    - Teams - Game 1 & 2
- Day 2:
  - Round Robin
    - Teams - Game 3 - 6
  - Finals
    - Open Singles (Male)
      - Rd of 16, QF, SF & F
    - Open Singles (Female)
      - Rd of 16, QF, SF & F
    - Masters Doubles (Mixed)
      - QF, SF & F
    - Teams
      - QF, SF & F

We will ensure those competing in Teams Event as well as Masters/Singles do not have any clashes via scheduling

## 9 . Championship Format

- Singles/Doubles = Best of 3 games, first to 11, win by 2.
- Round Robin
  - Singles/Doubles = minimum of 3 matches against 3 different opponents in your draw = 6 games minimum (per entrant)
  - Teams = minimum of 3 matches against 3 different teams in your draw
    - Minimum 4 games per match per team (max 6 games)
    - 6 games minimum per individual
- Single Elimination
  - 16 players from singles events to reach single elimination phase
    - Note: This will be 8 players if 20 entrants or less
  - 8 teams from Mixed and Team events to reach single elimination phase
- Team Composition: 2 Male, 2 Female
  - Skill: Open
  - Total Teams: 16
  - Format: Round Robin & Single Knockout
    - Teams are separated into 4 brackets of 4 teams
    - Teams play each other team in their division (3 matches)
    - 8 Teams move through to Quarter Finals (top 2 of each bracket)
    - Single Elimination from Quarter Finals
  - Individual Match Format
    - 1st Match: Mixed Doubles (Female 1, Male 1)
    - 2nd Match: Mixed Doubles (Female 2, Male 2)
    - 3rd Match: Mens Doubles
    - 4th Match: Female Doubles
    - 5th Match - Singles Tiebreaker
      - First to 5 (win by 1) - Nominate one female player each
      - First to 5 (win by 1) - Nominate one male player each
      - If tied after those 2 games:
        - Coin toss to determine team who nominates first
        - Each team to nominate one player each
        - Final match of First to 5 (win by 1) - **winner of this game determines winner overall**

## 10. Prize Money

- Male Singles (Open)
  - \$1800 total purse
    - \$1100 – Winner
    - \$500 - 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - \$200 – 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Female Singles (Open)
  - \$1800 total purse
    - \$1100 – Winner
    - \$500 - 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - \$200 – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Mixed Doubles (Masters)
  - \$600 total purse
    - \$350 – Winner
    - \$175 - 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - \$75 – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Team Competition (Open)
  - \$7800 total purse
    - \$4700 – Winner
    - \$2350 - 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - \$750 – 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **11. Refund Policy**

- Full refunds (excluding transaction and service fees) to be provided up to close of registration.
- After registration closes - medical certificate required for full refund.
- General withdrawal after registration close will result in forfeit of registration fees.
- Once draws/times published, no refunds given without medical certificate.

### **13. Tournament Changes**

Please note the event schedule and format is subject to change, and that while competition times have been listed, tournament organisers may delay or change the event schedule and format due to extended match times, numbers, and/or potential weather delays. Please make sure to take this into consideration when planning your travel for the tournament.

### **14. Other Details**

- **Spectators: FREE**
  - We will have room to cater for approximately 100 spectators per day with Grand-stand Seating & Individual Seats available
- **Food/Drink:**
  - Weiner Haus (Breakfast & Lunch)
  - Oki Food (Lunch)
  - Coffee Truck (from 7am)
  - Note:
    - Water stations will be provided

- Drinks/Food also available from RSL across the street
- **Other Important Information:**
  - Videography/Photography for both days. All content will be shared with spectators/players prior to the event
  - There will be LIVE commentary for all Semi Finals onwards
  - There will be a local radio station activation on Sunday 30th July

## **15. All Enquiries**

Please contact [info@nlpickleball.com.au](mailto:info@nlpickleball.com.au) for any questions or queries