

# NPL Championship Sydney

## Terms of Entry

### 1. What is the NPL Championships - Sydney?

The NPL Championship events take place over a weekend. They are held in different cities throughout the year and offer significant prize money. The NPL Championships - Sydney has a \$12,500 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 National Pickleball League launching in March 2024.

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 Sydney is the second event in this category, following the hugely successful Gold Coast event. There will be the following events:

- Mens Singles (Open & Intermediate)
- Womens Singles (Open & Intermediate)
- 45+ Masters Mixed Doubles
- Teams (Open & Intermediate)

### 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
- 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 \$12,500 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://nplsydney.paperform.co>
- 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
- \$75 per person (teams event) - \$300 per team

#### **3. Registration Deadlines**

- Registration will close Monday 2 Oct 2023 or when events are full
- Fixtures will be released by Wednesday 4 October 2023 by email and online at [www.nplpickleball.com.au](http://www.nplpickleball.com.au)

#### **4. Withdrawal Deadlines**

- Cancellation and refund requests must be made by 11:59 pm AEST on Sunday 1 October 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 45 as of 31st December 2023.

#### **6. Championship Location**

Voyager Tennis - Willoughby  
325A Eastern Valley Way, Chatswood, NSW

#### **7. Championship Dates**

October 6-8, 2023

#### **8. Schedule**

Dates		ROUND ROBIN			FINALS		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday 6 October	Masters Mixed		2:00 pm				6:00 pm
Saturday 7 October	Mens Singles - Intermediate	8:00 am					
	Mens Singles - Open	8:00 am					
	Womens Singles - Open	8:00 am					
	Team - Open		1:00 pm				
	Team - Intermediate		1:00 pm				
Sunday 8 October	Mens Singles - Intermediate				8:00 am		
	Mens Singles - Open				11:00 am		
	Womens Singles - Open				11:00 am		
	Team - Open				12:00 pm		
	Team - Intermediate				8:00 am		

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

2 pm - Masters Mixed Doubles Round Robin

6 pm - Masters Mixed Doubles Finals

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

8 am - Men's & Women's Singles Round Robin

12 pm - Team Competition Round Robin

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

8 am - Intermediate Men's Singles Semi-Finals

8 am - Intermediate Team Competition Semi-Finals

9 am - Intermediate Men's Singles Gold

9 am - Intermediate Men's Singles Bronze

9 am - Intermediate Team Competition Final

11 am - Open Men's Singles Semi-Finals

11 am - Open Women's Singles Semi-Finals

12:00 pm - Open Team Competition Semi-Finals

1:00 pm - Open Men's Singles Bronze

1:00 pm - Open Women's Singles Bronze

1:00 pm - Open Team Competition Bronze

2:00 pm - Open Men's Singles Gold

3:00 pm - Open Women's Singles Gold

4:00 pm - Open Team Competition Gold

## **IMPORTANT**

The schedule times are indicative of start times.

Players will need to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time and be mindful that based on the pace of play and other factors it may move.

### **9 . Championship Format**

#### Men's Singles

- Max Draw Size = 16
- 2 Open Bracket & 2 Intermediate Bracket
- In the round robin, each team plays every other team in the bracket once
- 4 progress to finals from each division
- Top of each bracket plus 2 next highest finishers, based on the following:
  - Matches won
  - Game % (GF/GA)
  - Points % (PF/PA)

#### Women's Singles

- Final Draw Size = 8
- 2 brackets of 4 teams
- In the round robin each team plays every other team in the bracket once
- 4 progress to finals
- Top 2 of each bracket, based on the following:
  - Matches won
  - Game % (GF/GA)
  - Points % (PF/PA)

#### Master's Mixed Doubles

- Max Draw Size = 16
- 2 brackets of 4 teams, 1 bracket of 5
- In the round robin each team plays every other team in the bracket once
- 8 progress to finals
- Top 2 of each bracket, plus 2 next highest finishers, based on the following:
  - Game % (GF/GA)
  - Points % (PF/PA)

#### Team Competition

- Max Draw Size = 16

- 2 open Brackets & 1 intermediate bracket
- In the round robin each team plays every other team in bracket once
- 8 progress to finals
- Top 2 of each bracket, plus 2 next highest finishers, based on the following:
  - Game % (GF/GA)
  - Points % (PF/PA)

## **10. Player Registration & Scorecards**

- Players must register upon arrival.
- There will be a registration desk clearly marked.
- Players are expected to remain in the general vicinity if they are due on court shortly.

## **11. Prize Money**

### Team Competition

#### Open Prize Purse

- \$3200 - Winner
- \$1600 - 2nd
- \$800 - 3rd

#### Intermediate Prize Purse

- \$1200 - Winner
- \$600 - 2nd
- \$300 - 3rd

### Male Singles

#### Open Prize Purse

- \$900 - Winner
- \$500 - 2nd
- \$200 - 3rd

#### Intermediate Prize Purse

- \$300 - Winner
- \$200 - 2nd
- \$100 - 3rd

### Female Singles

#### Open Prize Purse

- \$900 - Winner
- \$500 - 2nd
- \$200 - 3rd

#### Intermediate Prize Purse

- \$300 - Winner
- \$200 - 2nd
- \$100 - 3rd

#### Mixed Doubles (Masters)

#### \$600 Prize Purse

- \$350 - Winner
- \$175 - 2nd
- \$75 - 3rd

### **12. Refund Policy**

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

### **13. Tournament Changes**

Please note the event schedule and format are 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
- **Food/Drink:**
  - Ironbark Smokehouse - BBQ meats, but also has vegetarian options
  - Construction Coffee Trailer - Coffee, breakfast rolls, sandwiches, drinks etc.
- **Other Important Information:**
  - Videography/Photography for both days.
  - All content will be shared with spectators/players prior to the event.
  - 2 of 4 courts will be live-streamed.

### **15. All Enquiries**

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