



2024 PLAYER GUIDE

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DATES

Friday, December 13th thru Sunday, December 15th

LOCATION

Missouri Pickleball Club ~ 747 Gravois Bluffs Blvd, Fenton, MO 63026

MPC will have Anheuser-Busch beer, water, and additional beverages available for purchase. No outside tables or chairs are allowed into MPC.

ACTION REQUIRED!

>>**TEAM CAPTAINS**<< Email caroline@mydupr.com and name your Team Captain. Tournament weekend communications from MiLP will be sent directly to the Team Captains.

PLAYER WAIVERS

Players will receive via DocuSign an email to review, fill out, and sign their player waiver. By digitally signing the document you will save time at check-in!

OFFICIAL BALL: Gamma Chuck Ball

[Order your Gamma Chuck pickleballs](#) and use code DUPR 15

TEAM CAPTAINS

Every team will name a Team Captain. The team captain may be a team player or the team coach. Team Captains are responsible for:

1. Ensuring they read all email communication and checking the Official Minor Pickleball Facebook Group (the FB Group will announce bracket playoffs, start times, etc.)
2. All player communications with event staff, including in-tournament substitutions due to injury.
3. Referee communications and tournament desk communications.
4. Coin Toss: The Team Captains will meet for the coin toss immediately upon both teams arriving at their assigned court.

FANSPLAY:

The MiLP National Championship will feature the Fansplay app where players/fans/spectators/friends/family can create their own fantasy teams in the app in each division. Fansplay also captures every player's games and has its own ranking system for individual players. *Who will be the top players in each division at Nationals? Download the app today!* Follow @fansplay.global on Instagram.

EVENT DETAILS

Friday, December 13th:

1:30 pm Check-In Starts for DUPR 14 & 14 50+ ONLY

2:00 pm Courts Open for DUPR 14 & 14 50+ ONLY

2:45 pm DUPR 14 and 14 50+ Team Meeting

3:00 pm DUPR 14 & 14 50+ Start Round Robin

4:00-9:00 pm All other Divisions: Swag Bag Pick Up/Check-In/Open Play, Vendors Open

Saturday, December 14th:

7:00 AM Doors Open

Check-In/Swag Bag Pick Up for Players/Teams unable to check-in on Friday. Players do not need to check-in twice.

8:00 AM Vendors Open

Full Schedule see [Pools/Swish Codes Spreadsheet](#)

****DUE TO CHANGES IN CERTAIN DIVISIONS, START TIMES HAVE SHIFTED. ENSURE TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE. POOLS OF 5: TEAMS WILL PLAY ALL 4 OPPONENTS IN THEIR POOL.**

Sunday, December 15th:

7:30 am Bracket Playoffs Start

Full Schedule see [Pools/Swish Codes Spreadsheet](#)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY CHECK-IN:

Plan to arrive at least an hour early as **each player must check in**, sign release forms; and, we HIGHLY encourage everyone to take team photos PRIOR to playing!!! If you check-in on Friday, you do NOT need to check-in Saturday.

Spectators are encouraged. There is no spectator fee.

Warm Up Courts

Players can warm up before play starts. Courts open at 7:00am on Saturday and 7:00am on Sunday. Team Captains can refer to the tournament desk for available warm-up courts. Due to limited courts, teams will share the courts. For match and game warm-ups, refer to Rules Guide for further explanation.

Event Staff

Director of Minor League Pickleball/Tournament Director: Caroline Luelf
MiLP/DUPR Tournament Staff:

Cesar Clemente
Adhemar Rodriguez
Emma Kowalkowski
Dave McCune
Ryan Maher

The Dink Staff:

Thomas Shields
Alina Leontarakis
Jason Flamm
Luke Burton

Head Ref: Ron Ponder

Head of Swish/Technology: Mark Tenney

Fansplay: Aman Grover

Teams to be Profiled on Social Media

Last year MiLP had fun on social media featuring teams competing at the National Championship! Click on the survey below, upload photos and/or videos, and let us feature YOUR team on social!

Player/Team Survey: <https://forms.gle/s4tsx3Nk9wPqKnYQ8>

(for ideas, [click here for a featured video](#) *we prefer short video clips; The Dink will then merge/create a video for social)

Join the Minor League Pickleball DUPR Digital Club

All players must join the [DUPR Digital Club](#)

SWISH

The tournament will run via the Swish app. Swish automates the scoring, court assignments, and will upload scores to DUPR upon completion of Nationals. ***Download the Swish app and link your DUPR account to Swish BEFORE checking in.***

- All teams must have ***at least*** one player using the app, preferably all four.
- Even when a match is fully officiated by a ref, the teams are still responsible for inputting all scores into the app.
- Join codes to link to your DUPR DIVISION will be available prior to the tournament.
- Spectator View will be live for the entire tournament so everyone can view all divisions and respective matches.

Referees

FRIDAY/SATURDAY: Referees will monitor all matches throughout the Friday & Saturday Round Robins. If any questions arise, ***the Team Captain*** shall communicate with their assigned referee monitor. If a match is tied with 2 wins each after the 4 games the Team Captains will flag their assigned referee. The referee will oversee the DreamBreaker™ lineup and officiate the game in full.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: Referees will monitor matches during the bracket playoffs.

DUPR 22: All bracket playoff matches will be officiated in full.

DUPR 12 thru 20: Semifinal matches may be officiated. All Gold Medal and Bronze Medal matches will be officiated.

Streaming

All 18 courts will be streamed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Championship Court will boast enhanced streaming and scoring. Gold Medal matches on Championship Court will enjoy commentators.

Social Media:

[Official Minor League Facebook Group Page](#)

Follow & Tag [The Dink Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

Follow & Tag DUPR on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Follow & Tag the [Official Minor League on Instagram](#)

Follow & Tag [The Dink on Instagram](#)

We highly encourage tagging us on all social media platforms. Special incentives will be announced throughout the tournament!

Site Map:



A & B: DUPR/MiLP
> Tournament Desk
> MiLP/DUPR Merchandise

J: Fansplay
L: Pick'd (No Apologies Nutrition)
M: MLP St. Louis Shock/MLP Texas Ranchers

D: The Dink Table
E: Check in/Swish Table

K: Bleachers at Championship Court

UNIFORM CONTEST:

Throughout Friday and Saturday, there will be judges present who will pick the top teams for their uniform creativity, matching, and team cohesiveness.

Contest Rules:

- To be eligible for the uniform contest, teams must check in at The Dink table in full uniform (and accessories, if applicable) to take photos with our photographer. Photos will be taken from 3pm to 7pm on Friday and between 7am to 5pm on Saturday.
- No yellow or colors that are in likeness to the ball.
- The main part of the team uniform is to be worn during play or the “uniform” will not be considered for the contest.
- At 6:00pm CST, we will post the top teams on DUPR, The Dink, and the Official Minor League Pickleball Instagram accounts, and voting will begin via social media!
- To Vote: go to the Instagram post and COMMENT with the Team Name of your favorite team uniform!
 - Only one vote per account counts. You can tag others to vote, but ONLY a comment with the favorite team name will count as a vote.
 - Voting ends Sunday at 2pm CST and we will announce the winners at MPC!
 - Be sure to tell all your friends and family to follow us on social media!

Visit the Vendors during the tournament weekend!

Pick'd (No Apologies Nutrition)

DUPR

The Dink

Swish

Fansplay

MLP: St. Louis Shock

MLP: Texas Ranchers

Special Rules

1. Teams move with teams at the end-change. (just like the Pros!)
2. Line calling: as in all MiLP events, line calls can only be made by playing players and cannot be influenced by teammates or fans.
3. All Dreambreakers will be refereed.

Friday/Saturday Round Robin Pool Play

All round-robin pool play matches **will play ALL 4 GAMES**, regardless of outcome. A tiebreaker, DreamBreaker™, will be played in the event the match games go 2-2. Refer to the Rules Guide for further explanation. Courts will be assigned via the Swish App.

Saturday/Sunday Bracket Playoffs

All teams are guaranteed to play in the Bracket Playoffs. Brackets will be available prior to the tournament. If a match is decided after 3 games (one team wins the first 3 games in the match), the 4th game shall not be played. Team Captains will receive emails once your division bracket playoffs are set after pool play is complete for your entire division.

SUBSTITUTES/INJURY:

In case of injury or illness, a player can be substituted in between games at Nationals. Teams will be able to substitute a player after initial registration as long as the player has a DUPR rating and their rating does not move the team to a higher DUPR aggregate. If a Substitution is made for an injured player during the event, the sub must remain in for the duration of the event. A player that is subbed out cannot be subbed back into play later in the day (nor on the second day of play). ***All substitutions must be approved by the Tournament Director before playing.***

Special substitution consideration for Nationals:

As explained in the Nationals FAQ, for 2024 there were three ways to make a team for Nationals. Due to this special consideration, some teams were over the DUPR aggregate at registration. The general rule: To figure out your substitute options, the team takes the remaining players' DUPR at registration then, minus out your DUPR event maximum aggregate and the difference is what you can use to replace a sub with. HOWEVER, because of the special Nationals team aggregate rules, if you do need a sub, the rating of the player has to be the same OR lower than the player being subbed out if the total original team aggregate was over the divisions' .90.

We are sharing the substitution rules as a courtesy to all. Please note, the Tournament Director will make the final decision on a substitution approval to play. Any substitutions **MUST BE REPORTED** by the Team Captain to the Monitoring Referee **PRIOR** to substitute playing. Also, DUPR ratings are based on registration, not a player's current rating, but the sub's rating is taken on the day of substitution.

REVIEW OF GENERAL RULES:

Review of Coin Toss:

1. Whoever wins the coin toss, there are three options to choose from. Once the winner of the coin toss makes a choice, the other team captain will make their choice and then back to the winner of the coin toss, etc. until all choices have been made.
 - a. Choose Home (home team reacts to visitor team's mixed lineup)
 - b. Choose Away (away team reacts to home team's singles Dreambreaker lineup)
 - c. Choose Serve, End (aka which end of the court to start on) or Receive

Scoring: all games are to 21

2 Rules to Win:

1. You must have SERVED to win the game.
2. You must win by two.

*The only time a team does not score is if the receiving team wins the rally and it would give them the point to win the game.

Review of Rules:

1. This is TEAM Pickleball! It's time to have fun, cheer, high five, and engage with your team. However . . . read rules 2-4.
2. Only players on the court may have player communication, call faults, and in/out calls. No teammate, coach, or spectator may influence line or fault calls or any actions of a rally.
3. Coaching and cheering are allowed only IN BETWEEN rallies. Coaching is not allowed while the ball is live and in play. Coaching may not delay the game, otherwise, a time-out shall be called.
4. If a player, coach, or fan influences a rally by coaching, yelling in or out, or influencing a playing player while the ball is live and in play, that team will lose said rally.

Format Review:

1. Regardless of outcome, all 4 games in a match are played in Round Robin. (both gender doubles and both mixed games). If there is a tie and the teams go 2-2 in the match, then a Dreambreaker is played to determine the match winner. Remember, each team only has ONE minute to determine their singles lineup and only TWO minutes of warm-up time.
2. Once BRACKET PLAYOFFS starts, if a team wins the first 3 games, that match is completed. A team that wins 3-0 shall not play the 4th game.
3. All games are played sequentially: women's, then men's, then 1st mixed, then 2nd mixed all on ONE court.
4. 1 timeout per game, per team, in addition to the end change timeout. Timeouts are ONLY ONE MINUTE LONG.
5. Once a match starts, there is ONLY TWO minutes in between all games. No additional warm-up times are allotted.
6. Stay on TIME. Move games along.

DIVISION POOLS

DUPR 12	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Great Minds Dink Alike	Kaye Hansen
Cranky Pickles	Brandon Lamb

Kitchen Nightmares	Theresa Prince
Dinkin it Up	Cheryl Turnbull
POOL B	
T-Town Picklers	Brandy Isbell
Pickleball Posse	Jodi Clairday
Wishful Dinking	?
Designated Dinkers	Brandon Lamb
DUPR 14	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Swamp Doggies	?
North Pole Pickleball Club	Brandon Jones
KC Wolf Pack	Sara Maguire
KiDchen Dink	Tiffany Milner
POOL B	
Sideline Sneakers	?
Sweet Smashers	Jesse Stephens
In a Pickle	?
Volley Llamas	?
POOL C	
KC Paddles Amped	?
St LOKC	?
Faulty Serve Society	Ryan Lavender
St. Louis Shock	Andrew Haines
POOL D	

Just Dink Positive	?
Team Jenga	Willy Davis
NetFlicks and Dill	?
Tropickle Dinks	Ken Tang
POOL E	
Dinking Problemz	Eric Jasman
Big Dink Energy	?
Dink, Dink, Slam!	?
Los Centellas ~ Puerto Rico	?
DUPR 14 50+	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Eat Dink and be Merry	Lora Montross
Dink Pickle	?
Four the Win	Laura Tucker
Who is John Galt?	Linda Anglo
POOL B	
Squatch Us Smash	Tim Williams
No Strings Attached	?
Team Virginia	Pedro Cujardo
Falls Fury	JJ Awtry
DUPR 16	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Dink em Down	Janine Johnson

In Our DUPR Era	Jill Clark
Sound Dinkers	Pablo Granados
DoRKS	Kim Jones
POOL B	
The Shock Effect	Danielle Roberts
Stacks Krewe	Bee Vo
Watch This	Joaquin Gonzalez
Whiffle Whackers	Ben Rasey
POOL C	
Mismatch	Aaron Soto
Double Trouble ~ Australia	?
757 Dink & Drive	Tisha Cajes
Globo Gym Purple Cobras	Chase Underwood
Ghostly Dinks	Venkatesh Naidu
POOL D	
Cajun Crashers	Robert Lorenzo Tuneke
The Cranky Picklers Jr.	Mia Huet
The Dink	Alina Leontarakis
Tickle My Pickle	Chanel Jung
Net Lickers	Sophie Tabak
DUPR 16 50+	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Mid Court Crisis	Holly Moore
Little Ranchers	?
0-0-Who?	?

Made You Dink	Kena Wolf
POOL B	
Four Way Fury	Todd Storch
Cranky Picklers	Trey Golden
Hampstead Hitters	Chris Matthews
NetFlicks	Robin Lee
POOL C	
We Hit Dinkers	Nikki Baker
Lost In The Pines	Marcus Kirk
Pickleball Omaha	Dustin Frank
Roll With It	Chris Carpenter
DUPR 18	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Let Them Cook	Gail Shriner
Just here so Devin Doesn't Win	Hayden Dillard
Dreambreakers	Cathy Din
Team SAAD	Steven Ip
POOL B	
Bob Loblaws	Eric Bunch
Big Dills	Kristin Bourg
Hard Erne'd Cash	Drew Koester
PowerHouse	Brett Warner
POOL C	
Pickleball Ranchers	Ryan Luelf

Missouri Pickleball Club	Monika Ray
Dink Smash Repeat	Ashwin Korde
Picklin Mountain Folk	Nathan Medlock
POOL D	
Cobra Kai - MO	?
Facing 16 to Life	Jordon DeGroote
La Presion ~ Puerto Rico	Carlos Rodriguez Lopez
King of Battle	Meagan Williams
Net Ninjas	Pickleball Will
POOL E	
Thrive	Wes To
Cobra Kai - Sekai Taikai	Jake Namken
The Big Bang	Genevieve Altshuler
Dink Tank	Nick Brown
The Chubby and The Skinnies ~ Puerto Rico	?
DUPR 20	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
4rth Squad	?
King Ranchers	Dallas Dunn
The BIG Dills	Sara Sowinski
Team Puerto Rico	Jorge Bauer
POOL B	
Haas Beens	?
Unfinished Business	?

Team India 20	?
The 2 Handy's	Taylor Clemen
POOL C	
Bottom of the Barrel	Maksims Kazijevs
Orlando Squeeze - 20	Matt Mauldin
City Slickers and Corn Picklers	Maxwell Balka
Wisconsin Day Dinkers	Makayla Cunningham
DUPR 22	
Team Name	Team Captain
POOL A	
Burrowhead Ballers	?
The Yards	Heather Nobler
Team Matrix	Johan Den Toom
No Apologies	?
POOL B	
Midwest Missiles	Matthew Barlow
Bodybag Baddies	Grant Bond
OOOF Pickleball	Chase Holderman
Team InPickle Nation	Kyle Goodburn