



OIPC - Orcas Island Pickleball Tournament Policies

Participants are required to adhere to the policies adopted for the tournament. Failure to comply with these policies may result in exclusion from this and subsequent events.

1. **Code of Conduct Policy:** All players, spectators, and tournament staff are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, respect, and fair play at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior, including but not limited to profanity, verbal abuse, excessive arguing, or physical altercations, will not be tolerated. The tournament director has the authority to issue warnings, penalize points, or disqualify players based on the severity of the offense.
2. **Equipment & Attire Policy:** All players must use USA Pickleball-approved paddles and balls. Players are required to wear non-marking court shoes and appropriate athletic attire. Any clothing deemed inappropriate or unsafe by tournament officials must be changed before the player is allowed to compete.
3. **Registration & Refund Policy:** All participants must complete registration and submit payment by the stated deadline. Refunds will be granted only if a player withdraws at least 48 hours before the event start time. No refunds will be issued for withdrawals after this deadline unless due to medical emergencies, in which case documentation may be required.
4. **Match Result Challenge Policy:** Players may challenge a match result if they believe an error has occurred in scoring or rule enforcement. Challenges must be submitted to the tournament director within 30 minutes of the match's conclusion. The challenge will be reviewed based on official scorecards, referee input (if applicable), and tournament rules. All decisions made by the tournament director are final.
5. **Substitution Policy:** Substitutions are allowed with approval by the tournament director. The substitute player must not create an unfair competitive advantage and must be within the same skill level and age category as the original player. Once a match has started, substitutions are not permitted. The original player may not compete for the remainder of the event.
6. **Forfeiture & No-Show Policy:** Players or teams must be present on their assigned court not more than 5 minutes from the announcement of the match. If a player or team is not present within 5 minutes, they will forfeit the match. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the tournament director. The challenge must be submitted for consideration within 30 minutes of the forfeiture.



7. **Medical & Injury Policy:** Players who experience an injury during a match must notify tournament officials immediately. A medical timeout of up to 20 minutes may be granted. If a player is unable to continue, they must forfeit the match. The tournament assumes no liability for injuries, and players participate at their own risk.
8. **Spectator & Coaching Policy:** Spectators are encouraged to cheer positively but may not interfere with gameplay, argue with officials, or disrupt matches. Coaching is only permitted between games and during timeouts, not during active play. Violations may result in penalties or removal from the venue.
9. **Format Modification Policy:** In the event of unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to inclement weather, facility issues, or other force majeure situations, the tournament organizers reserve the right to modify the format of any event as necessary. Adjustments may include changes to match length, scoring format, elimination style, or scheduling. All decisions will be made with fairness and feasibility in mind, and affected players will be notified as soon as possible. The tournament director's decision in such cases is final.
10. **Event Adjustment Policy:** In the interest of maintaining balanced competition across all categories, the tournament organizers reserve the right to adjust a player's registered event if necessary. If such changes are required, affected players will be notified at least 24 hours in advance. Players will have the option to accept the change or withdraw from the tournament without penalty.
11. **Inclement Weather Policy:** In the event of bad weather, the tournament organizers will assess conditions and determine whether play can continue safely. If delays or cancellations are necessary, participants will be notified as soon as possible. Matches may be rescheduled, relocated, or adjusted at the discretion of the organizers. If the tournament cannot be completed due to weather, refund or rescheduling policies will be communicated to all players. The safety of participants and fairness of play will be the top priorities in all weather-related decisions.



I acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies listed above and agree to adhere to them for the duration of the event.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____