

## **GRISS Indoor Pickleball Competition Terms and Conditions - Winter Season 2025**

### **Our Aim**

- To ensure that the competition is conducted in accordance with the rules of the sport, based on principles of fairness for all participants and teams for every match and for the entire competition.
- To promote a happy and healthy environment on and off the court in which all players and spectators can share their appreciation of Pickleball
- To promote an honest and open environment in which all participants and spectators voice any queries or concerns they have with respect to the competition to the appropriate person and at the appropriate time (Leisure staff).

### **Captain and Player Responsibilities**

- Captains are responsible for registering their Team online
- Captains must inform their team of these terms and conditions and all players, including fill ins, must agree to the terms and conditions before taking the court in this competition.

### **Grading Rounds**

- First three rounds are grading rounds with a fixture compiled accordingly.
- Grading decisions made by the competition organisers are final and are established to ensure fair and balanced gameplay.

### **Player Registration and Fees**

- Player registration and insurance fee of \$25 is due 16 June 2025 (or prior to taking the court for that player's first game) which covers that player for the duration of this competition (16 June – 15 September 2025)
- The player insurance fee for a fill in player is \$5 per player per game.

### **Fill-In Players**

- All fill ins must be 15 years of age and must complete the score sheet with their full name, email address and contact number at reception once payment is received. Competition organiser's reserve the right to request identification for proof of age. All fill ins agree to and accept these terms and conditions prior to taking the court.
- Players may fill in for other teams but cannot play in a section lower than their registered team
- A player may act as a fill-in for a maximum of three (3) games in this competition before they are required to pay the full registration and insurance fee of \$25 prior to taking the court for the 4<sup>th</sup> time.

### **Rules / Scoring**

- The official rulebook as listed on the Pickleball Victoria website will be followed
- This competition is doubles format; first to 11 with two games played for each number combination, with a swap of ends for each game.

Player 1v2 and 3v4

Player 1v3 and 2v4

Player 1v4 and 2v3



- Scores (points obtained) must be recorded (i.e., actual score rather than 'win' / 'loss' only)
- It is requested that when registering that there is consideration for an even balance of ability and experience across teams for a fairer competition, wherever possible
- Score sheet is collected from reception prior to game. Teams are responsible for checking and/or adding each player's name to the score sheet.
- Score sheets must be returned to reception at the completion of the game by a representative from each team and accurately reflect the players who played
- Any concerns or issues with the scoresheet (i.e., player's names or scores) must be communicated on the night to staff.

## **Uniforms and Equipment**

- Players are not permitted to wear orange tops (pickleballs are orange) as this may impact ball visibility
- Paddles are available for use on the night and must be returned after the game
- Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own paddles

## **Finals**

- To participate in the finals, players must have played a minimum of 4 games for that team (i.e., not 4 fill-in games across multiple teams)
- Competition organisers decision is final regarding player finals eligibility

## **Forfeits**

- Forfeits must be communicated in writing to [griss@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:griss@latrobe.vic.gov.au) with as much notice as possible
- Three (3) or more forfeits in the season may result in the team being removed from the competition – should this occur, no refunds will be applied on registration or entry fees

## **Withdrawal from the Season**

- Teams withdrawing before the final game must pay a \$150 team withdrawal fee

## **Code of Conduct**

- This is a social competition, and all players must adhere to the principles of fair play and good sportsperson-ship, particularly when calling line calls and faults
- Disrespectful behaviour towards players, spectators or staff will not be tolerated
- Swearing, foul language, or inappropriate conduct may result in warnings, player removal, or, in severe cases, team suspension.

## **Contact Information**

- For all enquiries, contact [griss@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:griss@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

