

## **GRISS Indoor Pickleball Competition Terms and Conditions**

### **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 and adhere to the terms and conditions before taking the court in this competition.

### **Divisions and Team Make-up:**

- All players must be 15 year or older
- Teams will be placed into **divisions** based on previous competition results, player ability, number of registrations and will be at the discretion of the competition organisers.
- It is requested that when registering that there is consideration for an even balance of ability and experience across teams for a fairer competition. Players may be moved from teams to ensure more even spread of player ability across teams. If this was to be proposed, this will be discussed with relevant Team/s prior.

### **Player Registration and Fees**

- Player registration and insurance fee of \$25 is due prior to taking the court for that player's first game which covers that player for the duration of that competition. If players have pickleball Victoria or Australia active membership, the \$25 registration fee is not required.
- The player insurance fee for a fill in player is \$5 per player per game.
- Weekly entry competition fee to be paid at door on arrival by each player.

### **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.

### **Match Format / 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
- Time limits apply. Match in 6pm timeslot - 7:30pm. Match in 7:30pm timeslot - 2 9:15pm. Matches still being played at the time limit are to be ceased, and current scores stand.
- Scores (points obtained) must be recorded (i.e., actual score rather than 'win' / 'loss' only)
- 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**

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