



**JCC Association
of North America**



JCC Maccabi Games Pickleball Rules and Regulations

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1

The JCC Maccabi Games Pickleball competition shall be conducted under the following rules and regulations except as they may be modified by the Sports Advisory Committee (SAC).

1.2

Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the current USA Pickleball Official Rulebook in force at the time of competition. In the event of any conflict between USA Pickleball rules and the rules below, the JCC Maccabi Games rules shall govern and be binding.

1.3

The Organizing Committee of the Host Community shall appoint a Pickleball Committee, including an overall Pickleball Commissioner, to oversee the competition and resolve any disputes. Decisions of the Pickleball Committee and/or Commissioner regarding protests, disputes, and appeals shall be final.

Protests must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) minutes following the completion of the match and shall relate solely to the interpretation of the rules.

1.4

Prior to the start of the Games, all rules questions shall be resolved by the Pickleball Committee, in consultation with the SAC, in accordance with the current USA Pickleball rules.

1.5 – Rachmanus Rule

Rachmanus (compassion and respect) plays a central role in JCC Maccabi athletics. Athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators are expected to demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship and respect at all times, both on and off the court.

2. VENUE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

2.1

The Host Community shall provide competition-quality pickleball courts meeting USA Pickleball specifications.

2.2

Indoor or Outdoor competition is permitted.

2.3

All nets, court dimensions, and non-volley zones ("kitchens") shall conform to USA Pickleball standards.

2.4

Official USA Pickleball-approved balls shall be supplied by the Host Committee and used throughout the tournament.

2.5

Players shall furnish their own paddles. Paddles must be approved for USA Pickleball sanctioned competition.

3. COMPETITION FORMAT

3.1 Events

Competition may include:

- Boys Singles
- Girls Singles
- Boys Doubles
- Girls Doubles
- Mixed Doubles (optional)

Age divisions shall be established by the Sports Advisory Committee.

3.2 Tournament Format

Monday and Tuesday format: Rotating partner format where each player plays one match with each of the other players over two days. One game to 15 for each match with each player accumulating their own points based on the outcome of their matches.

On Tuesday, this format would conclude with medal and consolation matches as follows (to be modified if participant numbers require). All matches are best two out three with games played to 11 points.

The player with the most points and the player with the 4th most points playing the second and third ranked players for the gold; 5th and 8th ranked players playing the 6th and 7th ranked players for the bronze; the 10th and 13th ranked players playing the 12th and 14th ranked players with the winner playing 9th and 11th ranked players, all for consolation matches.

Wednesday format: Doubles tournament with partners assigned based upon the standings from the preliminary round matches played on Monday and Tuesday. The top seed paired with the bottom seed, etc. Teams will play a round robin format playing one game to 15 against each team.

The top two teams based upon game record will play for the gold; the 3rd and 4th ranked teams will play for the bronze. Teams ranked 5th-7th and so on will play a consolation round robin. Medal matches will be best two out of three games played to 11 points each while the consolation matches will be single games played to 15. Head to head results followed by point totals in head to head matches will be used to break ties.

Thursday format: Round Robin; players to play with partners from their own delegation / chosen partner if desired otherwise picked randomly/blind draw in advance.

Each match is one game to 15.

At the end of pool play, all teams are ranked by wins and losses with point totals used for tie breaker purposes.

Once the teams are ranked, the 1st seed plays the 4th seed and 2nd seed plays the 3rd seed with the winners playing for the gold and the losers playing for bronze. The gold medal match shall be best two out of three with all games played to 11.

The tournament may utilize round robin, pool play, single elimination, double elimination, or a combination thereof, depending upon the number of entries.

The tournament format shall be announced prior to the first day of competition.

3.3 Warm-Up

Players shall receive up to five (5) minutes of warm-up before each match.

4. MATCH PROCEDURES

4.1

All matches shall be officiated by certified referees whenever available. If no referee is assigned, players are expected to officiate fairly and in accordance with USA Pickleball rules.

4.2

Players are responsible for reporting to their assigned court promptly. Failure to appear within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled match time may result in default.

4.3

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust match schedules due to weather, facility constraints, or unforeseen circumstances.

5. COACHING

5.1

Coaching shall be permitted only during authorized time-outs and between games.

5.2

Coaches shall not communicate with players during live play.

6. PLAYER CONDUCT

6.1

Players shall demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

6.2

Abusive language, unsportsmanlike conduct, equipment abuse, or intentional delay of play may result in warnings, point penalties, game forfeiture, or disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

7. UNIFORMS

7.1

Players shall wear appropriate athletic attire.

7.2

Matching team shirts are encouraged for doubles competition.

7.3

Non-marking court shoes are required.

8. MEDALS

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded in each event.

9. SPECIAL RULES**9.1**

The Tournament Committee may shorten match formats because of inclement weather, facility limitations, or scheduling requirements.

9.2

Any situation not specifically covered by these regulations shall be decided by the Pickleball Committee in consultation with the Sports Advisory Committee.

9.3

The decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final.