

Gwinnett Senior Golden Games

Pickleball



Rules

PLAYERS MUST REGISTER AT REGISTRATION TABLE TO BE INCLUDED IN A BRACKET. PLAYERS WILL BE RANDOMLY DRAWN FOR TEAMS.

TEAMS WILL PLAY BEST 2 OUT OF 3 GAMES TO 15 POINTS TO ADVANCE IN BRACKET. TEAMS MUST WIN BY 2 POINTS

WINNER AND LOSER BRACKETS WILL BE AWARDED MEDALS.

SOME PLAYERS MAY PLAY MORE GAMES TO EVEN UP BRACKET PLAY.

The basic rules of the game include the following:

- The serve must be hit underhanded and each team must play their first shot off the bounce. After the ball has bounced once on each side, then both teams can volley the ball in the air or off the bounce.
- The non-volley zone is the 7-foot zone on both sides of the net. No volleying is permitted in the non-volley zone. When volleying the ball, the player must not step on or over the line.
- Both players on the serving team are allowed to serve, and a team shall score points only when serving. A game is played to eleven points and a team must win by two points.
- The server must keep both feet behind the base line. The serve is made underhanded. The paddle must contact the ball below the waist. The serve is made diagonally cross court and must clear the non-volley zone.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the event of a let. Let serves are replayed.

- At the start of each new game, only one player on the first serving team is permitted to serve and fault before giving up the ball to the opponents. Thereafter, both members of each team will serve and fault before the ball is turned over to the opposing team.
- When the receiving team wins the serve, the player in the right hand court will always serve first.
- When the serving team wins a point, the server moves to the other side of the serving team's court and continues to serve

Pickleball Event Format

- Mixed-up Doubles Format.... meaning that teams will consist of any two participants – two males or two females or mixed.
- You will have a new partner for each game so there is no need to sign up with a partner.
- Scoring will be recorded per individual within age groups.

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