

## PICKLEBALL

### Singles/Doubles/Mixed Doubles/Non-Ambulatory Singles - Age/Skill Tournament

#### QUALIFYING RULES

1. All first, second, third and fourth place winners in each age division at a 2024 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2025 National Senior Games.
2. States that use age/skill competitions may qualify up to four in each age/skill category within the division.
3. Athletes must qualify in each Pickleball event (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) in which they wish to compete at the 2025 National Senior Games except where Rule E applies.
4. The state coordinator will have the ability to divide the skills rating into **four** divisions or less (Division I, II, III, IV). You will qualify four in each age category per division. If a state does not have enough athletes in an age/skill division, the athlete would move up or down in an age group within the same division at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
5. NSGA shall use the following skill levels within each age group at Nationals: (3.0 and under, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0)

#### ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event. Under NSGA rules, doubles and mixed doubles are classified as events. Therefore, athletes may not compete in more than one age division for doubles or mixed doubles.
2. Age/Skill doubles and mixed doubles will be determined by the higher skill player and the lower aged player as of December 31, 2025.
3. Athletes must supply current USAPA rating at the time of registering for the 2025 National Senior Games. If an athlete does not have a skill rating, they will need to refer to the document posted on NSGA.com under the Pickleball sports page in order to determine their skill rating.
4. Competitors must provide their own paddles. Balls will be provided.

#### FORMAT

1. Tournament format will be double elimination play with the first person/team to win 2 out of 3 games; each game is played to 11, win by 2.
2. The NSGA and LOC reserve the right to change the tournament format depending on entry numbers, space restrictions or other circumstances.
3. Awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place for each event within each age/skill category within the division.

#### SPORT RULES

1. All Pickleball events will be conducted in accordance with the USA Pickleball Association rules, except as modified herein. For copy of the rules, please visit the USA Pickleball website [info@pickleball.org](mailto:info@pickleball.org) :

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PO Box 7354  
Surprise, AZ 85374

2. Athletes must wear proper court shoes – no black sole shoes allowed on the court area. Also, shirt color cannot be the same color as the game ball. (Optic yellow/green).

**PICKLEBALL**  
**NON-AMBULATORY - OPEN**  
**Singles**

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**QUALIFYING RULES**

1. For 2025 Non-Ambulatory Pickleball will be classified as a "NON-AMBULATORY - OPEN" sport. Athletes do not need to qualify at a 2024 state qualifier.
2. NSGA shall use the following skill levels within each age group at Nationals: (3.0 and under, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0)

**ENTRY REGULATIONS**

1. Anyone (non-ambulatory) can register for the event regardless if a state qualifier offers it or not.
2. Athletes must supply current USAPA rating at the time of registering for the 2025 National Senior Games. If an athlete does not have a skill rating, they will need to refer to the document posted on NSGA.com under the Pickleball sports page in order to determine their skill rating.
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2. Participant must be seated in their wheelchair for the entire duration of competition.
3. The playing surface for Wheelchair play shall be 44 feet wide and 74 feet long.
4. Players may allow the ball to bounce twice before returning the ball. The second bounce can be anywhere on the playing surface.
5. Shirt color cannot be the same color as the game ball. (Optic yellow/green).