

Olympic Pickleball Rules 2025

Section 1 - General Provisions

Article 1.1 - Nature of the Game

Pickleball is a paddle sport played on a tennis-style hard court with a special no-volley zone.

Article 1.2 - Authority

These rules govern all official Olympic Pickleball matches and shall be interpreted and enforced by consensus among participating players. All participants are responsible for fair play and using competitive integrity to resolve disputes.

Section 2 - Rules

Section 2.1 - Baseline Rules

All rules in the USA Pickleball 2025 Official Rulebook

(<https://usapickleball.org/docs/2025-USA-Pickleball-Rulebook.pdf>) shall apply unless otherwise superseded by this document.

Section 2.2 - Match Format

Article 2.2.1 - Match Series

Each match shall be played as a best of 3 game series.

Section 3 - Event Format

Section 3.2 - Double Elimination Bracket

Article 3.2.1 - First Round

Players shall be randomly assigned an opponent in the first round such that no players from the same delegation are paired together.

Article 3.2.2 - Second Round Winners' Bracket Seeds

The winning players in the first round shall play each other in the second round winners' bracket.

Article 3.2.3 - Second Round Losers' Bracket Seeds

The losing players in the first round shall play each other in the second round losers' bracket.

Article 3.2.4 - Third Round Losers' Bracket Seeds

The loser from the second round winners' bracket shall play the winner from the second round losers' bracket

Article 3.2.5 - Grand Final Contestants

The winner from the third round losers' bracket shall play the winner from the second round winners' bracket.

Article 3.2.6 - Bracket Reset

The grand final shall be played over two (2) rounds with the following win conditions:

- a. The winner from the second round winners' bracket must win one (1) round to claim victory.
- b. The winner from the third round losers' bracket must win two (2) rounds to claim victory.

Article 3.3 - Medal Scoring

Medals shall be awarded according to the following hierarchy:

- a. The gold medal shall be awarded to the winner of the grand final match.
- b. The silver medal shall be awarded to the loser of the grand final match.
- c. The bronze medal shall be awarded to the loser of the third round losers' bracket match.
- d. The finalist medal shall be awarded to the loser of the second round losers' bracket match.