

**TN Senior Olympics
Pickleball Information 2024
Chattanooga Convention Center
8/7-8/11**

Dear Pickleball Players,

We are looking forward to a fantastic time of competition August 7-11, at the Chattanooga Convention Center (1 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402).

We have 755 players registered!

Thank you in advance for reading this lengthy email, full of important information.

START TIMES

To view start times/format and player reports broken down by age group and skill division please click this link. Documents are posted at the top:

<http://www.tnseniorolympics.com/pickleball>

BRACKETS/FORMAT

Detailed brackets broken into divisions will be posted on **Global Pickleball Network starting August 2, 2024**. To view: [TSO Pickleball Brackets- Global Pickleball](#)
You will be asked to create an account if you do not have one.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, THE INDIVIDUAL RATINGS ON GLOBAL NETWORK ARE NOT WHAT WE USE- THEY ARE INACCURATE. WE USED THE RATING THAT YOU SUBMITTED WHEN REGISTERING

5 Teams and less will be Round Robin format.

6 or more Teams will be Double Elimination.

As over 150 brackets have been prepared, **switching teams into other divisions will not be allowed.**

BALL

Tournament ball: Yellow Indoor Onix (Official)

and Orange Indoor Onix (if both players/ teams agree)

*Players Must Not Wear Yellow or Orange color attire.

PLAYER CHECK-IN

Tournament check-in will be held **INSIDE** the convention center exhibit hall (A/B/C/D) at tournament desks. Signs will be posted as to age and skill group tournament desk assignments. Please check-in 30 minutes prior to play.

All players will check-in each day of play at tournament desks for court assignments and other information.

Shirt and ID check-in will be available at the convention center outside of halls A/B/C/D **from 7am to 2pm each day (exception- Wednesday 8/7 starting at 12:30 pm)**. As lines may be long, **please know that you can check-in at anytime including after play**. This is a **one-time stop** during your stay.

Please bring proof of age.

June athletes- those of you who participated in Franklin in June may skip the initial shirt check-in outside the hall and go straight to your tournament desk. **However, June athletes are welcome to come purchase a pickleball shirt to add to the state finals shirt you received in June.**

HOTELS/PARKING

If you are still in need of a hotel, please check this link although many cut-off dates have passed: [Hotel Info](#)

If staying in a downtown hotel, you may ride the electric shuttle for free. Please click this link to review the route:

[Hotel Shuttle Route](#)

If coming in from outside the area, you may park at the Chattanooga Convention Center garage. The parking garage can be accessed from Carter Street or Chestnut Street. After parking, follow signs and monitors into the Convention Center. We will be playing in Halls A/B/C/D.

Current parking rates in that garage are as follows:

0-1 Hours \$3.00

1-3 Hours \$6.00

3-5 Hours \$8.00
5-8 Hours \$15.00

Metered parking is also available on the street (free on Sunday) as well as other parking lots nearby. All have various costs. For those not parking at the garage, the best entrance to enter the Convention Center will be at Carter Street (look for TSO signs), although any door should work.

FOOD/CONCESSIONS

As **concession sales have been very low in the past** since most players are concentrating on competition, **concessions will NOT be offered**. The **TSO is responsible for any shortages** and as a non-profit we are not in a position to cover this. **In addition, the \$2500 cost of renting and filling water coolers is beyond our reach, so please bring a water bottle**. Water fountains and touchless water refill stations are available.

Players are **NOT** allowed to bring meals into the venue, per Chattanooga Convention Center rules.

Please click this link for food options close to the convention center and know that you can ride the escalator up into the hotel to eat as well. The link also contains a Chattanooga special events calendar.

[Restaurant and Other Info](#)

NATIONAL QUALIFYING

The top 4 athletes in each age group for divisions **I-IV** will qualify for the **2025 Nationals set for Des Moines, IA**.

For the 2025 Nationals, the NSGA shall use the following skill levels within each age group (3.0 and under, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0).

Our TSO 5th division, the 2.5 group will **not** advance to Nationals. However, we wanted to go the extra mile to offer this to those in that group.

SCOREKEEPING AND RULES ADVISORS

We are so fortunate that volunteers from BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and others will be coming to help with medals, scorecard running, and various tasks.

However, for simplicity we will not be providing scorekeepers for all 36 courts. Scorekeeping will be the responsibility of players.

Please call your score clearly when serving so that your opponents can hear. Players will call their own lines.

We are excited to announce that we will have a rules advisor(s) on hand during the competition so that any rule questions that might arise can be handled.

As with all TSO sports, protests are allowed for rule interpretation issues, not judgment calls. Forms and instructions (including a protest fee) will be available if needed.

OPEN PLAY

The courts (36 total) will remain extremely busy throughout the tournament, however open play will be allowed at the end of each day from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Wednesday, 8/7; Thursday 8/8; Friday 8/9 and Saturday, 8/10 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

This will be first come, first serve. If teams are waiting, we ask that after a game is complete, both teams rotate off to allow others to play. Teams can then get back in line.

Please also know that during tournament play although you might see open courts, it is not permissible to jump on to warm-up or play extra games. This makes it confusing for the tournament staff to know which courts are free.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome, free of charge. Chairs will outline the perimeter of the outside courts to be used for viewing. You may also bring your own chair.

VENDORS/BOOTHS

Do you have connections or know of a business that might want to have a vendor booth on site? Contact christine@tnseniorolympics.com for details.

We are so excited about your participation! See you in Chattanooga.

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