

# PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE

## 2018 PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT MARYLAND SENIOR OLYMPICS

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SINGLES at Meadowbrook Athletic Complex 5001 Meadowbrook Lane Ellicott City, MD 21043 on Sat. Aug. 18, 2018.

8 AM to 8:50 AM check-in and practice.

9 AM. All Men's age groups begin.(But a few players will get into their matches around 10 to 10:30 AM.)

10:30 to 11:30 AM. All Women's Age Groups Begin. \* See below.

Free light snacks available in the snack room for players and volunteers. Use the "Outside Lines" of the badminton courts lines. Bring your own nutritious lunch.

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MIXED DOUBLES City of Bowie Gym 4100 Northview Drive Bowie, MD 20716 Friday Aug. 24, 2018:

8 AM to 8:50 AM check in and practice.

9 AM All groups will start, except age 80-84, which will be rotated in around 12 noon. Be prepared for considerable wait times. We only have 10 courts.

MEN'S DOUBLES City of Bowie Gym 4100 Northview Drive Bowie, MD 20716 Sat. Aug. 25, 2018

8 AM to 8:50 AM check in and practice

9 AM All age groups will start. Expect considerable wait times between your matches.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES City of Bowie Gym 4100 Northview Drive Bowie, MD 20716 Sunday Aug. 26, 2018

8: AM to 8:50 AM check in and practice

9 AM All age groups will start.

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Please check in at the Player Check-in Table at least 30 minutes prior to your announced starting time in case the tournament is running early. Thanks.

No food or beverage (except bottled water) allowed in gyms.

Snack bar ( cheeseburgers, hot dogs, etc.) available at City of Bowie Gym.

Reasonable prices. Or bring your own nutritious lunch at City of Bowie Gym.

At Players' Check-in Table, show photo ID and receive t-shirt, bottle of water and list of instructions and starting times.

Green Jugs indoor balls used at Meadowbrook; White Jugs indoor balls used at City of Bowie Gym.

Double elimination. Each match is the best two out of three 11-point games, win by two. All Loser's Bracket matches will be one 15-point game, win by two, switching sides at 8.

When the undefeated team plays the (once-beaten) winner of the Loser's Bracket at the end of the tournament, that match will be the best two out of three 11-point games.

Servers, please call out the score loudly and clearly while facing your opponents (many of whom can't hear well with the background noises) about two seconds before actually serving the ball.

Please make your own line calls and non-volley zone foot fault calls. Refer to the IFP tournament rulebook for line-calling rules and etiquette.

Referees may or may not be available for the medal matches. (Many of our referees are still novices. You may use them to give them some experience; or you may dismiss them. Either way is OK.) If you want to be put on the referee's list please sign your name on this list in the Players' check-in room. Thanks!

If you have a referee you must wait until the ref calls out the score before serving. Please remain near your tournament's scorer's table during your tournament to be ready to play when called. Your match will be forfeited if you fail to appear within ten minutes after being called over the p.a. system.

When called to play, please meet with your tournament's director at the scorer's table by YOUR age-group wall bracket to receive your clipboard and score sheet and to receive final instructions. The tournament directors will wear yellow reflector vests.

Keep your clipboard (with score sheet and pencil) in the small plastic box next to your net.

Warm up for no more than 3 minutes.

Put the extra ball back into the plastic box. Find wrist bands and a coin in each plastic box. Toss the coin to determine first serving team or which side to start on. Make sure that a wrist band is worn by the first server on each team. Whenever a team's score is an even number, the wrist band wearer will be on the right-side service court. Whenever a team's score is an odd number, the wrist band wearer will be positioned on the left-side service court. You are responsible for checking this positioning always. Wrist bands are not needed for singles matches.

After one team serves first in the first game, the teams take turns serving first in successive games.

One player, please circle the scores on the score sheet after each game.

Two minutes between games.

Each team may use two 1-minute time outs per game. Leave your paddles on the court in your proper positions to avoid being out of position after the time outs.

At the end of your match, please make sure that the winning team's names are clearly circled and that the scores of each game are circled; and that one player from each team has initialed the score sheet.

One player from the winning team will promptly take the completed score sheet to the scorer's table where your wall bracket chart is located and clearly indicate to the volunteer which team won and what the scores were.

The tournament director reserves the right to combine age-groups when necessary. Again, expect considerable wait times between your matches, especially in the mixed doubles tournament.

\* Note to Women's Singles 50-54, 55-59 and 60-64 at Meadowbrook Athletic Complex on Aug. 18: After your small tournaments end, a separate additional optional informal just-for-fun single elimination tournament will be organized around 12:30 or 1 PM to give you a few more matches, because your regular tournaments will each have had only 2, 3 or 4 participants in them. These three age groups were not combined this year.