



2024 BioFreeze USA Pickleball National Championships

ENTRY, REGISTRATION, ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

UTR Sports Registration Process

Process for UTR Sports Pro Registration PRIOR to Close of Registration:

When you enter a PRO event, it will slot you into a bracket titled **[Event - Mixed Pro Doubles]**
Pending Acceptance.

Mixed PRO Doubles - PENDING									
ACCEPTANCE - \$130									
Single Elimination, 2 of 3 games to 11 win by 2	Oct 11, 2024	Doubles	All	All	Mixed	\$5 / Free		REGISTER	
Officials									

ALL players will be placed into this bucket when they register, and the Pro player will need to pay the Event Entry Fee but not any Bracket/Division Fees at the time of registration. Pro players should then watch the Acceptance List (which can be accessed via this link(Acceptance link) That Acceptance List informs pros of key information including deadlines, days of play, formats, bracket sizes, etc.

USA PICKLEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
ACCEPTANCE LIST STATUS = TENTATIVE	
Registration Status	OPEN
Registration Deadline	M/D/Y
Final Acceptance List M/D/Y (tentative)	
ENTRANTS	
Total Players	0
with Points	0
w/o Points	0
Last Entry Update	mm/dd
Next Entry Update	mm/dd

BRACKET - MIXED PRO DOUBLES		
Day of Event	Format	Maximum Draw Size
MXD PD PREQF Qualifier Weds 8.28**	1 game 15 sideout scoring	32 MAY BE OFFSITE
MXD PREQF Bonus Draw	1 game 15 sideout scoring	16 - 1st MATCH losers only (CONFIRMED)
MXD PD Qualifier Thurs 8.29	1 game 15 sideout scoring	32
MXD QFPts Draw Thurs 8.29**	1 game 15 sideout scoring	16 - 1st MATCH losers only (CONFIRMED)
MXD Main Draw Fri 8.30	2/3 to 11 sideout scoring	24 - 16 direct, 4WC, 4QF
MXD 9th Playoff Fri 8.30	1 game 15 sideout scoring	16 - RD32 + R16 losers

This Acceptance List is updated every few days/ Players/teams move up and down the list as others enter, pair, and withdraw. Players may not be accepted and take that risk when applying for a pro event. This is what the Acceptance List looks like BEFORE registration closes:

MAIN DRAW					
No	No	Player	Points	#	Status
1	MD1	Fudge,Megan	6,180	10	pending close of registration
2	MD2	Hendry,Amanda	2,100	10	pending close of registration
3	MD3	Hessert,Jenna	1,680	5	pending close of registration
4	MD4	Newell,Yana	1,530	4	pending close of registration
5	MD5	Gecheva,Christa	1,430	10	pending close of registration
6	MD6	Jardim,Simone	1,360	7	pending close of registration

QUALIFIER CUTOFF PLAYERS BELOW THIS LINE NEED TO MONITOR FOR STATUS IN PREQUALIFIER

PRE-QUALIFIER - THESE ARE PREQUALIFIERS WITH POINTS											
	49	PQF1	Ferris,Anri	Bass,Stephen	8	2	12	4	20	6	pending close of registration
	50	PQF2	Ruhl,Tatiana	Quinones Garcia,Claudio	19	5	0	1	19	6	pending close of registration
	51	PQF3	Allan,Katherine	Alexander,Bryson	19	6	0	0	19	6	pending close of registration
	52	PQF4	Chan,Alex	Funemizu,Yuta	8	3	5	3	13	6	pending close of registration
	53	PQF5	Hatton,Abbigal	Anthony Davis, Frank	0	0	8	1	8	1	pending close of registration
	54	PQF6	Courter,Sheri	Whittaker,Ross	0	0	7	2	7	2	pending close of registration
	55	PQF7	Donahue,Shea	Gonnering,Zach	5	2	2	4	7	6	pending close of registration

Once registration deadline has closed, the Acceptance List is finalized and players/teams can see whether they have been accepted into a PreQualifier, Qualifier, Main Draw, or not at all due to lack of open spots (see more info below). **The Final Acceptance List is typically posted 2 days after the close of registration**, and typically looks like this:

MAIN DRAW					
No	No	Player	Points	#	Status
1	MD1	Fudge,Megan	6,180	10	Accepted Main Draw
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MAIN DRAW CUTOFF PLAYERS BELOW THIS LINE NEED TO MONITOR FOR STATUS IN QUALIFIER OR PREQUALIFIER

No	No	No	Player1	Player2	P1Pts	P1#	P2Pts	P2#	Team	#	Status	Notes
	21	QF1	Bertram,Elijah	Irizarry,Eduardo	206	10	329	10	535	20	Accepted Qualifier	Qualifier is on WEDS
	22	QF2	Delgado,James	Luhring,Cameron	214	3	289	8	503	11	Accepted Qualifier	Qualifier is on WEDS
	23	QF3	Ford,Zane	Taylor,Zack	22	8	448	9	470	17	Accepted Qualifier	Qualifier is on WEDS
	24	QF4	Quinones Garcia,Claudio	Seward,Kaden	38	3	327	10	365	13	Accepted Qualifier	Qualifier is on WEDS

PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE ACCEPTANCE LIST AND THE NOTES THAT ARE PLACED THERE TO INFORM PLAYERS OF IMPORTANT CHANGES/UPDATES.

What does this mean for you as a pro player applicant? **You need to pay attention to communications regarding the tournament that are set forth on the Acceptance List and that come from UTR Sports and USA Pickleball. Do not ignore them or you may miss important notifications regarding your bracket, days of play, your status, and your payment deadline.**

Please note that in addition to managing your own registration, you must do the following BEFORE registration closes:

- 1. Ensure that your partner has registered** - if s/he has not, your team will be removed from consideration for acceptance – monitor the Acceptance List to see if your partner has registered:
- 2. Monitor the Acceptance List** to gauge your chances for admittance in the bracket(s) you want to play and so you know what DAY you are scheduled to play. Last minute entries may bump you from the Main Draw to the Qualifier, from the Qualifier to the PreQualifier, or out of the event altogether.

3. Make any withdrawal decisions before the registration deadline - once registration closes, there are no refunds for any reason (no exceptions), and you cannot withdraw yourself from a bracket anymore as the system locks you out. So, if you need to withdraw, do so PRIOR to the registration deadline. The system will lock you out when registration closes, and you will not be able to remove yourself from one event and keep another.

4. Make sure you are familiar with all Pro Policies. All Pros are responsible for reading all Pro policies and complying with them. Pay particular attention to the paddle testing policies.

Process for Pro Acceptance:

Pro acceptance is based on merit. USA Pickleball will use all available data to include Tour points and rankings, tournaments played, and individual match results when available.

Rankings + Points

If there are open spots in a pro bracket for players without APP points, those spots will go to the player or team that registered first (earliest by date). For doubles teams, the date is determined by when the LAST team member registered.

Watch official Acceptance List accessible here (do not rely on www.utrsports.net)

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Points ties are determined in this order (only move down the list if the tie continues unresolved):

1. Singles - total points
2. Doubles - combined total points.
3. Total number of tournaments – the player or team that achieved the points with the **fewest** tournaments wins this tie.
4. For doubles, the Individual player points – the team that has the individual with the highest individual points wins this tie.
5. For singles, we will look at the most recent tournament, and see who has the most points, and then continue backward tournament by tournament until the tie is broken.
6. For doubles, we will look at the most recent tournament, and see which team has the most (combined) points from that tournament, and then continue backward tournament by tournament until the tie is broken.
7. Draw by lot.

PRO PLAYERS SHOULD NOT BOOK NON-REFUNDABLE FLIGHTS OR OTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL ACCEPTED INTO THE DRAW AND UNTIL AFTER CLOSE OF REGISTRATION TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAYER'S BRACKET AND/OR THAT THE PLAYER IS ACCEPTED IN LIMITED-ENTRY BRACKETS.

Process for UTR Sports Pro Acceptance + Payment AFTER the Close of Registration:

Once registration closes and typically within 24 hours, USAP staff note on the Acceptance List which players/team have been accepted. **A PRO PLAYER IS NOT ACCEPTED INTO THE DRAW UNTIL THE ACCEPTANCE LIST/ SPREADSHEET SAYS “ACCEPTED MAIN DRAW” OR “ACCEPTED QUALIFIER” OR “ACCEPTED PREQUALIFIER”.**

Player 1	Player 2	P1Best10	#	P2Best10	#	TeamBest10	#	Acceptance Status
Du Randt, Johan	Mitchell, Stephen	90	1	-	-	90	1	Accepted Qualifier
McCollin, Nick	Petterson, Nick	6	1	60	1	66	2	pending close of registration

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Players should monitor the Acceptance List for their status and day(s) of play and keep checking back to see if any withdrawals have affected the player’s/team’s status. The Acceptance List will provide detailed status notes for players, including payment notifications.

PRO PLAYERS SHOULD NOT RELY ON UTRSPORTS.NET FOR ACCEPTANCE STATUS - THE USAP ACCEPTANCE LIST GOVERNS PRO ACCEPTANCES. MANY PLAYERS ENTER THE EVENT IN THE FINAL FEW DAYS OF REGISTRATION, WHICH CAN BUMP A PLAYER/TEAM OUT OF THE MAIN DRAW OR QUALIFYING, OR OUT OF THE EVENT ALTOGETHER.

Once accepted, players will receive a division/bracket fee payment due notification from UTR Sports and/or USA Pickleball and **the player/team will only have 24 hours to pay the required Event/Division Fees, or risk losing the player’s/team’s spot in the draw.** If a player is not accepted into this bracket, the player’s fees relating to that event will be refunded. Please note that after the registration deadline, the only refunds given are to Pro Players who were not accepted into an event. For all other Pro Players, once past the registration deadline, no refunds will be provided - no exceptions. Player should monitor their own payment status as well as the payment status of partner(s) to ensure fully payment by the deadline, the status of which can be monitored on the Acceptance List:

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Pro players who withdraw after the close of registration will NOT receive a refund unless they were not accepted by USA Pickleball into the event, and then will only receive a refund for the event for which the player was not accepted. Pro players who need to withdraw AFTER the close

of registration should email nationalsreg@usapickleball.org - but note the player will not receive a refund. Pro players who lose a partner AFTER the close of registration are not guaranteed a replacement partner, and players finding themselves in this situation should email nationalsreg@usapickleball.org.