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PEDICON 2027 COIMBATORE

Theme: Transforming Young Lives: Digital to Bedside Pediatric Care



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DATE :
WEDNESDAY,
27th JANUARY 2027



VENUE :
PSG IMSR, COIMBATORE

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SPORTS PEDICON 2027 PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Pickleball Championship will be conducted at PSG IMSR, Coimbatore, on 27th January 2027, with matches commencing from 7:00 AM onwards.
- 1.2 Participation is restricted to IAP Life Members.
- 1.3 Fixtures, draws and schedules will be prepared by the Organizing Committee.
- 1.4 Each State IAP Branch may nominate a maximum of 8 individual players. This quota is the total number of players from that State, irrespective of the number of categories entered. Both members of a doubles team must be included within this quota.
- 1.5 Accommodation, wherever arranged, will be provided only to registered players on a sharing basis, subject to availability and applicable arrangements.

2. CATEGORIES & AGE ELIGIBILITY

- The championship will comprise:
 - 1. Men's Singles – Below 50 Years
 - 2. Men's Singles – 50 Years & Above
 - 3. Women's Singles – Open
 - 4. Men's Doubles
 - 5. Women's Doubles
- 2.1 Age eligibility for the 50 Years & Above category shall be determined as on 1st January 2027.
- 2.2 Participants must have completed 50 years as on 1st January 2027.
- 2.3 Valid Aadhaar Card/Proof of Date of Birth must be produced for age verification.
- 2.4 The Organizing Committee may modify, merge or withdraw categories depending on entries received.

3. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 Each participant shall represent only one State IAP Branch.
- 3.2 A player may participate in a maximum of two (2) categories.
- 3.3 Players must satisfy the eligibility requirements of the respective category and remain within the State quota.
- 3.4 Each doubles team shall consist of two registered players. No substitute will be permitted after commencement of the tournament.
- 3.5 The Organizing Committee may verify IAP membership, age and other eligibility details.
- 3.6 Misrepresentation or violation of eligibility rules may result in disqualification.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Every participating player must register through their respective State IAP Branch.
- 4.2 Each State IAP Branch shall compile and submit the final list of nominated players to the Organizing Committee on or before 31st October 2026.
- 4.3 Registration shall include:
 - Full Name
 - Mobile Number
 - Email Address
 - Central IAP Membership Number
 - State IAP Branch
 - Category/Categories
- 4.4 Changes after the closing date, including doubles partnership changes, require prior approval of the Organizing Committee.



5. REPORTING & WALKOVER

- 5.1 Players/teams must report at the designated court at least 30 minutes before their scheduled match.
- 5.2 Failure to report within 15 minutes of being called may result in a walkover being awarded to the opponent.

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6 TOURNAMENT FORMAT & SCORING



- 6.1 The format will depend on the number of entries. Participants/teams may be divided into groups, with the top-ranked player/team from each group qualifying for the Knockout Stage.
- 6.2 Scoring:
 - League: One game to 11 points – win by 2.
 - Semi-Finals & Finals – Best of 3 games to 11 points – win by 2.
- 6.3 The Organizing Committee may modify the format, draw or scoring system based on entries and available time.

7 MATCH RULES & OFFICIALS



- 7.1 Matches shall be conducted according to the latest applicable USA Pickleball Rules/PWR Rules, with tournament-specific modifications wherever applicable.
- 7.2 Referees, Umpires and match officials will be appointed by the Organizing Committee.
- 7.3 Players shall comply with the decisions and instructions of match officials. The decision of the Tournament Referee shall be final and binding.

8 EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE



- 8.1 Tournament-approved pickleballs will be provided by the Organizing Committee.
- 8.2 Players can bring their own pickleball paddles, complying with applicable USA Pickleball/PWR regulations.
- 8.3 Appropriate sports/pickleball attire and non-marking court shoes are compulsory.
- 8.4 Protective eyewear is recommended, particularly for doubles play.
- 8.5 Official PEDICON 2027 Tournament T-shirts will be provided to registered players.

9 PROTESTS & APPEALS



- 9.1 Any protest must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of completion of the match, along with a ₹1,000 protest fee.
- 9.2 The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld; otherwise, it will be forfeited. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT



- 10.1 All participants shall maintain discipline, courtesy and sportsmanship.
- 10.2 Abusive language, threatening behaviour, physical misconduct and unsporting conduct will not be tolerated. Serious misconduct may result in warning, penalty, suspension or disqualification.

11 INTERRUPTED MATCHES & MEDICAL SAFETY



- 11.1 In case of interruption due to technical issues, venue problems, weather, medical emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, the Organizing Committee/Tournament Referee may resume, reschedule, replay or otherwise decide the match.
- 11.2 Participation is at the participant's own risk. Basic first-aid and medical assistance will be available at the venue.

12 AWARDS



- Prizes will be awarded in each category:
 - Winner
 - Runner-up
 - Third Prize

13 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



- 13.1 Conference registration for PEDICON 2027 is mandatory for all players participating in the Pickleball Championship.
- 13.2 Registered tournament players will be eligible for the Early Bird Conference Registration Tariff, subject to the applicable terms and conditions.

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14 GENERAL PROVISIONS



- 14.1 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or modify these rules in the interest of fair play, safety and smooth conduct of the championship.
- 14.2 Any matter not covered by these rules shall be decided by the PEDICON 2027 Sports Committee/Organizing Committee.

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