



Terms & Conditions

State Masters Pickleball

Effective Date: June 1, 2026

These Terms & Conditions (“Terms”) govern participation in, and use of the services, leagues, events, website, and programs operated by State Masters Pickleball, LLC (“SMP,” “we,” “our,” or “us”).

By registering for, participating in, attending, or using any SMP service, event, league, website, or program, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms.

1. Eligibility & Participation

Participants must:

- Meet all age and eligibility requirements established by SMP.
- Provide accurate registration information.
- Comply with all league rules, policies, and procedures.
- Maintain eligibility requirements for their designated division or bracket.

SMP reserves the right to deny, suspend, or revoke participation at its sole discretion for violations of league rules, misconduct, safety concerns, or other conduct deemed detrimental to the league or its participants.

2. DUPR Ratings & Division Placement

SMP may use DUPR ratings and/or other competitive criteria to determine division eligibility and placement.

Participants acknowledge and agree that:

- SMP reserves the right to review, adjust, or modify division placement at any time.
 - SMP may move players or teams between divisions when necessary to preserve competitive balance or league integrity.
 - SMP decisions regarding player eligibility, ratings, divisions, brackets, and playoff qualification are final.
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3. Registration & Payments

All registrations are subject to approval by SMP.

Participants agree to:

- Pay all applicable registration fees.
- Provide valid payment information.
- Comply with all payment deadlines and league requirements.
- League registration fees do not include court rental or facility usage fees, which are handled separately by participating clubs and teams.

Registration does not guarantee placement in a specific division, schedule, conference, or event. Refunds and cancellations are governed separately by SMP's Refund & Cancellation Policy.

4. Scheduling & League Operations

SMP reserves the right to:

- Modify schedules
- Change match dates or times
- Reassign divisions or conferences
- Combine divisions
- Change facilities or venues
- Adjust league formats
- Modify playoff structures
- Reschedule or cancel matches or events

when necessary for operational, competitive, safety, weather, facility, or administrative reasons.

Participants acknowledge that schedules may change throughout the season.

5. Independent Clubs & Facilities

SMP leagues are hosted at independently owned or operated clubs and facilities.

Participants understand and agree that:

- Host clubs operate independently from SMP.
 - SMP does not own, manage, or control host facilities.
 - Participants are responsible for complying with facility-specific rules and policies.
 - SMP is not responsible for lost or stolen items at any facility. SMP is not responsible for the condition, operation, staffing, or actions of independent host facilities.
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6. Player Conduct & Sportsmanship

Participants are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, professionalism, and respectful conduct at all times toward:

- Opponents
- Teammates
- Club staff
- Officials
- Volunteers
- Spectators
- SMP representatives

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Harassment
- Threatening behavior
- Abuse or intimidation
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Fighting
- Cheating
- Intentional sandbagging or manipulation of ratings
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Damage to facilities or equipment
- Disruptive or inappropriate social media conduct related to SMP

SMP reserves the right to issue warnings, suspensions, forfeitures, removals, or permanent bans at its sole discretion.

7. Team Captains & Representatives

Team captains and representatives are responsible for:

- Communicating league information to players
- Managing rosters and lineups
- Ensuring player eligibility
- Submitting accurate match information
- Coordinating scheduling communications

SMP may rely on communications and decisions made by designated captains or representatives.

8. Match Results & League Decisions

SMP reserves sole authority regarding:

- Match results
- Standings
- Rankings
- Tiebreakers
- Rule interpretations
- Eligibility determinations
- Playoff qualification
- Discipline matters
- Scheduling decisions

All SMP decisions are final.