March 13, 14, 15, 2015
East Naples Community Park
3500 Thomasson Dr.
Naples, Florida

Skill Level / Age Breakdown
Welcome, to all Pickleball Players that are interested in playing in the East Naples Skill Level Pickleball Tournament, which is part of the “Circuit of Tournaments”. Pickleball Tournaments Inc. has partnered up with another non-profit Susan G. Komen, for the Circuit of Tournaments.

Each participant receives 20pts for participation and additional points for coming in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, in each Division. This year we will be using the format, Skill with/Age Breakdown, however if you read on we will be trying a new type of age breakdown after listening to many of you and your thoughts on it. 70+ and 80+ have been added, and 5.0 will be 19+, and 50+.

At the end of the 2015 season and at the Atlantic South Region Championships, February 5, 6, 7, 2016, the Top Ten Point Winners will be awarded some great prizes. You can go at any time to Pickeland29Specialties.com to see your total points you have earned to date.

- The player participation and level of play has greatly increased over the past three years in this region. The number of hard working volunteers has helped to make it all happen. We have had many players come to the area to participate and have seen some great Pickleball!
- We are using the Skill/ Age Format because of the overwhelming support of it, and players liking it better that just an age breakdown, thus resulting in you possibly playing someone much higher in skill level than you.
- We would like you to fill out a post tournament survey at the conclusion of your last event before you leave.

FORMAT (SKILL WITH AGE)
- We feel this is a much better format to use, to help encourage players of all ages to stay involved with the skill level tournaments
- It allows for the competition between teams that are not only close in skill but now closer in age
- An excellent venue for those that are starting out for the first time playing in tournaments
The venue is an excellent one to use with 25 courts, and lighted for any evening play if necessary.
You do not have to be a USAPA member to participate, but must be at least 19 years or older by December 31, 2015.
The yellow Dura Ball will be used.

**The Skill Level Categories /Age Format** we will be using the following:

- **2.5/3.0** - 19 - 49  50 - 59  60 - 69  70 - 79  80+
- **3.5** - 19 - 49  50 - 59  60 - 69  70 - 79  80+
- **4.0** - 19 - 49  50 - 59  60 - 69  70 - 79  80+
- **4.5** - 19 - 49  50 - 59  60 - 69  70 - 79  80+
- **5.0** - 19+  50+

**You will be using** not only your **Skill Level** but also your **Age Group** when signing up. You may always play down to the lower age group within your Skill Level. (Example: Age 57, if you are 4.0 you could sign up for 4.0 - (19-49) but you cannot sign up for 4.0 - (60-69) or higher.

- You must play down to the youngest age group of the partners
- You must play up to the highest skill level of the partners
- IF you have won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any skill level tournaments more than twice this season, it is highly recommended that you move to the next level.
- Tournament Directors reserve the discretion to move anyone into the correct skill level if necessary, or to combined an age level within the skill level if needed.

**TOURNAMENT DATES- “Circuit of Tournaments”**

- Thursday, March 12 – Clinics will be offered, 12:00 – 5:00pm
- Thursday, March 12 - Open play from 12:00pm – 5:00pm
- **Friday, March 13** - **Singles** - (all starting times to be announced)
- **Saturday, March 14** - **Men’s and Women’s Doubles** - (all starting times to be announced)
- **Sunday, March 15** - **Mixed Doubles** - (all starting times to be announced)

**SCORING**

- Matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11pts, win by 2pts. for all upper bracket matches
- Back Draw will be one game to 15pts. win by 2pts.
- All finals matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11pts win by 2pts. If the back draw player(s) win, then a second game to 15pts. win by 2pts. will be played to determine the first place team.
- This is a double elimination tournament.
- If there are 5 or fewer teams then a Round Robin Format may be used. One game to 21 pts. win by one pt. Total Points won will determine the winner, if there is a tie then head to head competition will determine the winners.
- Referees will be used for only Semi and Final Match unless otherwise requested, or the tournaments Directors feel it is necessary.

**Hotels/Rental Cars**

Quality Inn, Comfort Inn, Best Western, La Quinta, are about the only ones with the best season pricing. You should try using Hotels.com or Trip Advisor, AAA to see if you can get better rates.
March is prime time and a busy time in South Florida, with beautiful weather. There is plenty to do and see, shopping, great restaurants, and beautiful beaches. Come and stay a few extra day and enjoy the same rates as you would being a tournament player.

**Entry Fees**
$35.00 Base Fee, includes Up to Three Events, Player Bag, and Tournament Shirt, with Lunch one day

**Registration**
- Mail in Registration Must be Postmarked by: Thursday, February 26, 2015
- Or register on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

Entry forms can be printed from:
- [www.Pickleballspecialties.com](http://www.Pickleballspecialties.com) (“Register Now” Button Available at site) or at
- [www.USAPA.org](http://www.USAPA.org) under the heading Tournament Schedule.

**Mailed Registrations must be:**
- [Postmarked by Thursday, February 26, 2015](http://www.active.com) and
- [On-line registration](http://www.active.com) will close [Monday, March 2, 2015 at 11:58pm](http://www.active.com)
- Make Checks payable to: Pickleball Tournaments
  (In the memo portion at the bottom of check please write: East Naples Tourney)

**Please mail all entries to:**

Pickleball Tournaments  
P.O. Box 383  
Oxford, FL 34484

We look forward to seeing all of you, and appreciate your taking the time to enjoy some great Pickleball! Any Questions Please call: **419-320-3655 / 954-309-5882** or email: pickleballtournaments@gmail.com

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