Virginia Pickleball’s 3rd Annual Pickleball Tournament at the Center of the Universe

At Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Virginia February 13th – 14th

Sponsored by Hanover Parks and Recreation, Pickleball Maniac, and more

Announcements for USAPA Ambassadors:

- USAPA Ambassadors play for free
- Ambassadors will be given a free table to sell pickleball tee shirts and other items.
- A meet and greet is planned for the evening on Friday the 12th at Bass Pro Shop Restaurant for Ambassadors and guests at 7pm.

Saturday the 13th Format:

- Check-in starts at 8am with 9am start.
- Mixed doubles skill play begin at 9am.
- Mixed doubles 70+ will begin around 1pm.
- Open m/w singles play will begin toward the end of the day. Limit to first 10 registered.
- Singles play for 70+ will be after 1pm Sunday Limit to first 10 registered players.
- Winner’s bracket games will be best 2 out of 3 games.
- Looser bracket will be games to 15 win by 2.
- Ages 10 to 69 for skills. Players under 18 must have a parent with them.
- Format can be changed by tournament director if necessary.
- Check-in by 8:30am with a 9am start.
- This is a non-sanction tournament. You “do not” have to be a USAPA member to play.
- Green Jug balls will be used for play
- Lunch will be provided for players and volunteers. Play will not be stopped for lunch.
- Water and snacks will be provided.
- Players and guests will be participating in drawings during the day for special prizes. Each player will receive 1 raffle ticket. More can be purchased for $1 each. 50/50 Tickets will be $1 each. Play will not be stopped for drawings. Winning tickets will be posted.
- Metals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd. And 3rd.
- Metal rounds will be officiated.
- Tutor ball machines will be available in the racquet ball courts for warm ups between games
- All players will be required to sign a waiver before matches begin.

Sunday the 14th Format:

- Check-in starts at 8am with 9am start.
- Men’s & Women’s doubles skill play begin at 9am. Men’s and women’s 70+ doubles will start at 1pm.
- Men’s, Women’s singles will start sometime after 1pm. Limit to first 10 registered players.
- 70+ men’s and women’s singles play will be after 1pm. Limit to first 10 registered players.
- Winner’s bracket games will be best 2 out of 3 games.
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- Ages 10 to 69 for skills. Players under 18 must have a parent with them.
- Format can be changed by tournament director if necessary.
- This is a non-sanction tournament. You “do not” have to be a USAPA member to play.
- The indoor Jugs balls will be used for play.
- Lunch will be provided for players and volunteers. Play will not be stopped for lunch.
- Water and snacks will be provided.
- Players and guests will be participating in drawings during the day for special prizes. Each player will receive 1 raffle ticket.
- Metals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd. And 3rd.
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9 Courts at the Best Indoor Pickleball Tournament Facility in the State

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Registration Deadline is 2/6/16 - Late fee $10 - Open to first 175 registered players

Please print clearly

Name: __________________________________________________________________________ Age: ______

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _________________________________________________________ State: _________ Zip: ___________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________ Cell: _________________________________

USAPA Ambassador: _________ Where: __________________________________________________________

This is a skills tournament for beginners to advanced players and a 70+ division.

NOTE: You must play in partners’ highest ability level

Ability Level: (circle one) 1.0 - 2.0 - 3.0 - 3.5 - 4.0 - 4.5 - 5.0 or 70+

If you are 70+ you can choose to play age or skill

See self-rating chart below to determine your skill level.

Division: (please circle): Men’s Dbl’s Women’s Dbl’s Mixed Dbl’s

Name of Partner: Doubles________________________________________________________________

Mixed Dbl’s____________________________________________________________________________

Play Times:

Saturday: 8am check in. 9am Mixed Doubles for skill. 70+ starts at 1pm. Open singles will start sometime after 1pm.

Sunday: 8am check in. 9am Men’s and Women’s doubles for skill. 70+ starts at 1pm. Open singles will continue sometime after 1pm. 70+ singles will start sometime after 1pm.

Entry Fees:

$35.00 Base tournament fee $10.00 Late registration fee after 2/6/16 All players will get a sponsor grab bag and other gifts.

Make checks payable to Virginia Pickleball. To pay by credit card or if you have questions please call 804-641-6816. Send registration form to Virginia Pickleball, 12313 Francis Drake Drive, Henrico, VA 23233

Online registration is at http://pickleballtournaments.com

*Special Hotel Rates have been arranged. See Tournament website for info. Please contact Mike Roberts @ 804-641-6816 mailto:mroberts@virginiapickleball.org for information or visit our tournament website for updates and information, http://virginiapickleball.org/ptcu/

**All players will be required to sign a waiver before they will be allowed to play.
Note: Above the 2.0 level, all levels should be able to demonstrate most of the skills for their level plus most of the skills from preceding levels. Thus a 2.5 level player, for example, demonstrates most skills in the 2.5 level list as well as most skills in the 2.0 level list, and so on.

1.0 Skill Level
- New and have only minimal knowledge of the game and the rules.

1.5 Skill Level
- Limited to some rallies.
- Learning how to serve.
- Developing a forehand.
- Fails to return easy balls frequently and occasionally misses the ball entirely.
- Played a few games and is learning the court lines, scoring, and some basic rules of the game.

2.0 Skill Level
- Moves around court in balanced, safe manner
- Gets some serves “in”, perhaps not regularly
- Realizes aspects of score-keeping, rules and where to stand on court during serve, receipt of serve, and general play
- Has some basic stroke skills

2.5 Skill Level
- Able to serve “in” more regularly
- Knows two-bounce rule and demonstrates it most times
- Knows where to stand on the court during serve, receipt of serve and general play
- Is mastering keeping score.
- Attempts to dink but not always effective at it
- Working on their form for ground strokes, accuracy is variable
- Can keep the ball in play longer
- Sometimes lobs with forehand with varying degrees of success.

3.0 Skill Level
- Knows the fundamental rules and can keep score
- Regularly gets serves “in” to mid-court or deeper
- Dinks mostly in opp. kitchen and is dinking lower over the net
- Able to sustain dinking in the game
- Using both forehand and backhand on returns and forehands on overhead returns
- Working at keeping the serve deep and return of serve deep
- Moves quickly towards the non-volley zone when opportunity is there
- Trying to make flatter returns (where appropriate)
- Aware of partner’s position on the court & moving as a team
- Developing more power and/or softness in their shots
- Somewhat a uni-dimensional player working at broadening their playing repertoire.
3.5 Skill level

- Demonstrates a broad knowledge of the rules of the game
- Gets a high majority of serves in deep & returns serve deep
- Often hits to the weak side of opponent
- Demonstrates strategies of playing during games
- Actively works with partners in communicating, covering court, moving to net
- With varying consistency executes: lobs, forehand/backhand ground strokes, overheads, net volleys, and sustained dinking
- Some use of drop shots to get to the net
- Specifically places shots rather than just hitting shots anywhere
- Selective mixing up soft shots with power shots to create an advantage
- Hits fewer balls out of bounds or in the net
- Has a moderate # of unforced errors per game
- Demonstrates ability to intentionally play in offensive mode
- Self-correcting after play is over
- Demonstrates extended periods of multi-dimensional play

4.0 Skill Level

- Primarily plays in an offensive mode rather than reactively
- Controls and places serves and return of serves to best advantage
- Puts advanced playing strategy into the game, particularly in dinking
- **Consistently** varies shots for competitive advantage, uses power shots selectively
- Communicates and moves well with partner — easily “switches” court positions
- Very comfortable playing at the non-volley zone. Works with partner to control the line, keeping opponents back and driving them off the line.
- Can block hard volleys directed at them
- Has good footwork and moves laterally, backward and forward with ease.
- Hits overhead shots consistently, often as put-aways
- Ability to change a hard shot to a soft shot
- **Consistently** executes effective drop shots that are not easily returned for advantage
- Can effectively poach
- Hits a low # of unforced errors per game
- Regularly demonstrates “anticipation of play”
- Self-correcting during play
- **Consistently** is a multi-dimensional player and/or is exceptionally dominate in a limited playing repertoire.

4.5 – 5.0 Skill Level

- Can regularly convert a hard shot to a soft shot
- Exhibits patience in play at a superior level
- Shows noticeably increased skills, a higher level of strategy, quickness of hands and movement, judicious use of power, superior placement of shots, superb anticipation of play, sustained volleysing skills, superior put-aways — all with consistency
- Makes very few unforced errors

_Differences between 4.5 and 5.0 are subjective – but, generally, each of the four points above is even more pronounced at the 5.0 level._