Saturday, August 13th through Monday, August 15th, 2016
Odell Weeks Recreation Center
Aiken, South Carolina
Indoor Tournament
Skill Level / Age Combination
Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Doubles

To mark the 4th year of the Palmetto Doubles Invitational, we have made a number of significant changes, all focused on making the experience even better for our participants. We are excited to announce that PickleballTournaments.com will be our new tournament management partner. Our tournament has been extended to a third day to handle the increase in participation with improved scheduling on our 8 indoor courts. Your continued participation is important to us.

Skill Level / Age Combination will be used at the “Palmetto Pickleball Doubles Invitational” to be held at the Odell Weeks Recreation Center, located at 1700 Whiskey Road, in the beautiful City of Aiken, South Carolina.

Courts will be available on Friday, August 12th to warm up for the event. Lunch will be served each day for players participating. To allow everyone to relax and get to know each other, we will have a Gathering with Dinner for players and guests.

Format This Year –

- You will play against others in your skill level and in your age group.
- The Skill Level / Age Categories to be used are: 2.5 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 3.0 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 3.5 (19+, 50+, 60+ and 70+) 4.0 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 4.5 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 5.0 (19+ 50+)
- You must be 19 years of age by December 31, 2016 to participate.
- Awards will be made to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. There must be at least 3 teams in an age group, even if combined, to receive medals.
- Referees will be used for all semifinal and final matches
- Tournament Directors reserve the right to combine age groups within the skill level; to ensure adequate playing time; or to adjust players into the correct skill level. We will not combine the skill levels. We may also close registration of an event, if the size of that event becomes too large to complete within a reasonable time frame.

Scoring

- Upper Bracket matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11 points, win by two points. Back Draw matches will be one game to 15 points, win by 2 points.
- If Back Draw players defeat the Upper Bracket players in the finals, then an additional game to 15 points, win by 2 points, will be played to determine 1st place.
- In the event that there are fewer than 5 teams, a Round Robin may be played in which each team will play each other (one game to 21 points or 15 points, win by one point). At the end, the total points scored will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd, place. In the event of a tie head to head competition scores will be used.
- This is a Double Elimination Tournament.
- Jugs Ball will be used.
Tournament Fee

- $30.00 Fee Includes Registration, Player Bag, Dri Fit Tournament Shirt, and lunch provided day of your event
- $5.00 per event, maximum of two, one gender and one mixed.
- ______ Number of events
- $10.00 “Gathering with Dinner” on Saturday, August 13th, from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm
- ______ Number of players and guest attending the “Gathering with Dinner”
- ______ TOTAL FEE

Partners

- You may register for our tournament even if you do not have a partner. You will then be listed on the PickleballTournament.com website under “Player Needing Partner”, for our tournament, which will hopefully cause another player to contact you through the website to partner. You may also enter the “Player Needing Partner” section of the website to contact a player, agree to play together, and then register with that individual as your partner.

Hotels / Lodging

You may either go to www.visitaikensc.com to help you with reservations.

Event Times - This Is an Indoor Tournament

- Friday, August 12 - Open Practice Time 3:00 – 5:30pm
- Saturday, August 13 – Women’s Doubles (all categories) and Men’s Doubles (19+ and 50+) - (Starting times to be announced)
- Sunday, August 14 - Mixed Doubles (all categories) – (Starting times to be announced)
- Monday, August 15 – Men’s Doubles (60+ and 70+) – (Starting time to be announced)

Registration


On-Line Registration Closes SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 at 11:58pm

No Refunds after August 7

Any questions please contact: Keith Shaver at (803) 270-6300, kashaver755@yahoo.com or Amy Swarthout (803) 642-7761, aswarthout@cityofaikensc.gov or email in the support section of pickleballtournaments.com

We hope you will come and participate in this great tournament in the beautiful and quaint city of Aiken! There is plenty to see and do, Aiken is the home of the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum located in the beautiful Hopelands Gardens, Farmers Market, Living History Park, Aiken Center for the Arts, Hitchcock Woods, (the largest urban forest in the US – yes, larger than New York’s Central Park!), Aiken County Historical Museum, Equestrian Center, or visit chic shops, and enjoy wonderful dining. Experience all of Aiken’s charm and elegance with a guided tour on a climate-controlled trolley!

Your Tournament Directors,