



**December 12 - 15, 2019 (Port St. Lucie, FL)**  
**Hosted by PGA Village Verano by Kolter Holmes**

**All Participants Receive a Goody Bag, T-shirt & a Complimentary Ticket to the  
 2020 Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com (Session 2; \$40+ Value)\***

**PROS DIVISIONS – PRIZE \$\***

**Up to \$15,000+ (dependent upon number of teams per division)**  
 Men's & Women's Pro (Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles)  
 Men's & Women's Senior Pro (Doubles & Mixed Doubles)  
*\*Min. 2 participants (Singles) & 2 teams (Doubles) per division for prize money to be distributed.*

**SKILLS/AGE DIVISIONS – No Prize \$**

Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0  
 (19 – 49, 50 - 59, 60 – 69, 70+)

**[WorldPickleballOpen.com](http://WorldPickleballOpen.com)**

**Register on [PickleBallTournaments.com](http://PickleBallTournaments.com); Entries Open: Sat., July 11, 2019 Entry Deadline: Thurs., November 21, 2019**

Players International Management, Inc. (PIM), organizers of the [YellowTennisBall.com Series](http://YellowTennisBall.com) of over 30 state, national and international USTA and ITF events, is excited to host the **WORLD PICKLEBALL OPEN (WPO)**, a USAPA MMO-Tier 4 Event held December 12 - 15, 2019 at [PGA Village Verano by Kolter Homes](http://PGA Village Verano by Kolter Homes) (17127 SW Ambrose Way, Port St. Lucie, FL) featuring **26 brand new dedicated Pickleball courts, and one Championship Court!**

The event plans to create a memorable experience for its sponsors, and participants, and will be creating a 30-minute Televised highlight show! Event information is listed below and please call (561.330.6003) or email ([ibaron@YellowTennisBall.com](mailto:ibaron@YellowTennisBall.com)) if you have any questions. We look forward to hosting you in December 2019 and please remember to **register early!**





## TOURNAMENT GUIDE

**PLAYER GIFT (1 per person)\*:** All participants will receive a T-shirt, and if participants register **before** Thursday, October 31, 2019, they will also receive one complimentary Stadium Court ticket to the 2020 [Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com](http://Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com) ATP Champions Tour Legends event (Sat., Feb. 15, Day Session) featuring former ATP Stars (**\$40+ Value**). Tickets may be picked up at the Box Office (30 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Delray Beach, FL, 33444) on Sat., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Must present a valid photo ID.

### **ENTRY FEE INFO.:**

- **Pros:** \$55pp Event Registration Fee + \$75pp Entry Fee for each Pro or Senior Pro division entered (includes Referee Fees).
- **Skills:** \$55pp Event Registration Fee + \$15pp Per Event entered (includes Referee Fees for 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> place medal matches).

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Saturday, August 3:** Registration opens
- **Tuesday, October 1:** Volunteer Deadline
- **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Early Registration. Last day to register to receive complimentary **Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com** ATP Ticket (Session 2: Saturday, Feb. 15 Day Session)
- **Thursday, November 21 (11:59pm EST)\*:** Entry Deadline. Late Registrants do not receive a T-Shirt. Event has the right to add participants if draws are not full.
- **Thursday, November 28:** Last day to withdraw and receive a full refund.

**EVENT SCHEDULE** (Facility address: 17127 SW Ambrose Way, Port St. Lucie, FL, 34986). ([Click](#) for Details.).

- **Wednesday, December 11:**
  - 9 – 10:30am: Engage Pickleball Strategy Clinic. \$55pp. Limited Availability!
  - 11am – 12:30pm: Engage Pickleball Strategy Clinic. \$55pp. Limited Availability!
  - 1:30 – 3:00pm: Engage Pickleball Strategy Clinic. \$55pp. Limited Availability!
  - 3 – 5:00pm: Player Check-in/Registration
  - 5 – 6:00pm: Engage Pickleball Exhibition
- **Thursday, Dec. 12:** Mixed Doubles Skills (60 – 69, 70+)
- **Friday, Dec. 13:**
  - Men's & Women's Doubles Skills (60-69, 70+)(3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0)
  - Men's & Women's Singles Pro (19+, 50+)
- **Saturday, Dec. 14:**
  - Men's & Women's Doubles Skills (19 – 49, 50-59) (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0)
  - Men's & Women's Doubles Pros (19+, 50+, 65+)
- **Sunday, Dec. 15:**
  - Mixed Doubles Skills (19-49, 50-59) (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0)
  - Mixed Doubles Pro (19+, 50+, 65+)

**Courts & Balls:** 27 brand new dedicated Pickleball courts. DURA Fast 40. [Facility info.](#)

**Sanctioned Event:** USAPA MMO-Tier 4 Event. All participants must be a member of the USAPA. [Click](#) for info.

**Pros Divisions/Prize Money (Pros Only):** Up to \$15,000 in Total Prize Money\*

- **IMPORTANT.** Min. 2 participants (singles) or 2 teams (doubles) for Prize Money to be distributed per Divisional Event.
- Men's & Women's Singles Pro (19+, 50+)
- Men's & Women's Doubles Pros (19+, 50+, 65+)
- Mixed Doubles Pro (19+, 50+, 65+)

**Skills Divisions:** No Prize Money, medals awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers.

**Minimum # of participants/teams.** There must be a minimum of 2 players (Singles)/2 teams (Doubles) for a Division to take place. If the minimum is not met, the event has the right to cancel the division and refunds will be distributed.\*

**Hotel & Travel Info:** Palm Beach International Airport is 55 miles away. [Click for hotel & rental car discounts.](#)

**Match Format:**

- Double Elimination with a Come Around (ie a team can lose a match and still come around and win the bracket).
- **Main Draw:** Matches consist of a best of 3 game format with each game to 11, win by 2 points.
- **Consolation:** Each match consists of one game to 15, win by two points except for the final match which determines 3<sup>rd</sup> place...with the winning team to go on to compete for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place. The final Consolation match consists of a best of 3 game format with each game to 11, win by two points.
- The event has the right to shorten match formats if weather poses scheduling delays.



**Practice Courts (weather pending):**

- Tues., Dec. 10 – Wed., Dec. 11. 1st-come, 1st Serve; 4 players per court, one-hour increments.  
Thurs., Dec. 12 – Sun., Dec. 15: 15+ courts available before matches begin (8am). Thereafter, a minimum of 2 courts are available for warm-up. Please be considerate and allow 4 players per court, 30 min maximum warm-up.

**Referee Info.:** Referees will be supplied for all medal matches.

**Forms:** All players will be asked to sign a Release form before competing. If not filled out and signed, players may not participate in the event. [Click](#) for event website + to view and download forms.

**Refund Policy/Weather:**

- No refunds after Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 unless: 1) Entries received after the maximum number of individuals or teams are bracketed or if not enough teams/individuals enter a division. 2) Entries of non-qualified participants.
- Competitions will be conducted unless the event staff determines the weather conditions to be potentially dangerous, life threatening or if the facility would incur significant damage. There will be no refunds or credits due to inclement weather. All efforts will be made to play matches, but in the event of inclement weather, a full day of matches might have to be cancelled with no make-up (no refunds if event is impacted by weather).

**Volunteers.** Volunteering is an invitation to link with great people and oversee the day-to-day operation. This is your chance to “work behind the scenes” and make an epic difference and contribution to the betterment of a world-class event. All Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, Lunch and one complimentary ticket to the **Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com** ATP Men’s Tennis Event (Sat., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Day Session: \$40+ Value). To Volunteer, please email Marlena Hall [MHall@YellowTennisBall.com](mailto:MHall@YellowTennisBall.com) or Ivan Baron [ibaron@YellowTennisBall.com](mailto:ibaron@YellowTennisBall.com) – THANK YOU!

**Tournament Committee /Contact Info.** 561.330.6003

- Tournament Director: Ivan Baron, [ibaron@YellowTennisBall.com](mailto:ibaron@YellowTennisBall.com)
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- Director of Operations & Media: John Butler, [jbutler@YellowTennisBall.com](mailto:jbutler@YellowTennisBall.com)
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- Chief Referee: Jeff Shank, [jshank@hotmail.com](mailto:jshank@hotmail.com)

As of 9.10.19

***WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU AT THE WORLD PICKLEBALL OPEN!***



## EVENT SPONSORS

**PGA Village Verano (Host-Site).** PGA Village Verano in Port St. Lucie, Florida, is an award-winning, gated new home community by KOLTER HOMES. Less than an hour north of the Palm Beaches and approximately 90 minutes south of Orlando, PGA Village Verano’s ideal location on the Treasure Coast allows for convenient access to 21-miles of white sand beaches and a fine selection of shopping, dining and recreational activities. In addition to the community’s new 27-court Pickleball Center, residents have exclusive access to PGA Village Verano’s 27,000-square-foot social clubhouse and 13,000-square-foot fitness center. These fitness and social centers offer a wide array of social and wellness programs, full-time lifestyle and activities directors, and state-of-the-art facilities including a resort-style pool; tennis, basketball and bocce ball courts and indoor Junior Olympic pool. To-Build and Move-In Ready Homes priced from the mid \$200s to \$500s are available in both PGA Village Verano and Kolter’s new 55+ active adult neighborhood, Cresswind at PGA Village Verano.

- [Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com](#). The world’s only combined ATP World Tour Event (featuring today’s ATP stars) and ATP Champions Tour Legends Event . The 28th anniversary takes place Feb. 14 – 23, 2020, is televised nationally and internationally, and is host to 60,000+ spectators and over a dozen special events and amateur tennis events.
- The [Treasure Coast Sports Commission](#) (TCSC) (Host-County) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit Florida corporation focusing on sports development throughout Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties. Partially funded by tourist tax revenue, the Sports Commission seeks out possible events and tournaments that have the potential to bring traveling visitors and athletes to the area for extended stays while competing in our local venues and sports facilities. The Treasure Coast Sports Commission is the region’s ambassador to regional, national and international events
- [Engage Pickleball](#) is US-based and one of the leading and largest Pickleball paddle manufacturers in the world and one of the only paddle manufacturers that does not outsource any of their paddle manufacturing. Engage performs all their design, engineering and manufacturing in-house in Florida. Beyond our ‘vision’ of creating the best Pickleball paddles in the world, our ‘mission’ is to grow the sport by giving back to the community and growing the sport with the youth.
- [Athletic DNA](#) is a high-performance apparel brand designed to help both youth and adult athletes compete against and outperform their opponents. Athletic DNA is known for its bright colors and bold designs, with the latest fabric technologies including moisture wicking, UV protection and an athletic cut fit to help separate yourself from your competitors.
- [Head Pickleball](#) is proud to be the Official Footwear Sponsor of the World Pickleball Open
- [Selkirk Sport](#) is a family owned company based in the USA whose sole focus is to build the best performance pickleball paddles in the market. 1-800-759-4326.
- [Pickleball Central](#) is the world’s largest pickleball super store with the widest selection of paddles, nets, balls, accessories, apparel and pickleball equipment. They carry over 200 paddle models, deliver extremely fast shipping and excellent customer service. Their expert advice, low-cost guarantee and no risk paddle test-drive make Pickleball Central the best place to shop for all your pickleball gear.
- [Court Reserve](#). Club management, simplified. We help you become more efficient and profitable by providing you with a robust, easy-to-use platform.
- [Event Partners](#). [HiDow](#), [Sam Snead’s Oak Grill and Tavern](#)

