

WELCOME TO THE 9th MINTO US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS Powered by Margaritaville April 26 – May 3, 2025

EAST NAPLES COMMUNITY PARK

USOP National Pickleball Center 3500 Thomasson Dr. Naples, FL 34112

We realize this is a lot of information. We strongly encourage you to print this out and read it fully before you arrive at the US Open. Bring it on the plane, place it in your bathroom, put it by your bedside.... Whatever it takes, give it a read!

On behalf of the entire US Open staff and volunteers, we welcome you to the Minto US Open Pickleball Championships! This is arguably the most prestigious event in Pickleball. You are a part of pickleball history, and we are honored to have you as our guests in beautiful Naples, Florida!

We have great features this year to help you find a player, follow a player, and get live tournament updates. QR codes will be provided at the park.

For LIVE tournament updates go to:

<u>https://live.usopenpickleball.com/</u>
(or scan an onsite QR code at the park)

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Live Updates at the Park - To receive information while at the park, text START to 857-392-2471. You'll get text messages with updates on featured matches at the Zing Zang Championship Court, weather delays, and more.

International Player Texts – Please visit the <u>US Open Pickleball</u>
<u>Championships- LIVE</u> and click "Follow Player." You can enter your name and follow yourself to receive What's App court assignments to your phone. This can be used by any player having an issue receiving text messaging.

Spectators / Family / Friends - We have great features this year to help you find a player, follow a player, and get live tournament updates. QR codes will be visible at the park. US Open Pickleball Championships- LIVE

EVENT CHECK-IN

ALL players must go to the Check-In area in the Vendor Village area to receive your US Open credential and gifts. You may check-in as early as Saturday, April 26th, 2025.

VERY IMPORTANT! ALL PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN ON <u>PICKLEBALL DEN</u> EACH DAY AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR FIRST MATCH!

- 1. Login to: https://app.pickleballden.com or use US Open Pickleball Championships LIVE
- 2. Enter the check-in code that you will see at the check-in table and on posted signs
- 3. Verify your phone number is correct. NOTE! You must have a working phone number to receive court assignment texts. This is imperative or you may not know where your match is played!

Check in opens one hour before first matches each day (6:30am-7am) Your event may start early! There will be QR CODES provided to help you find brackets, where people are playing and how to reach out to us with questions.



SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE AROUND THE PARK WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVE

PARKING - CASH ONLY!

We encourage you to carpool or UBER/LYFT as much as possible.

KIWANIS will be once again supporting our parking needs. They will charge \$5/car each day, or \$30 for a week pass. There will be parking at East Naples Community Park, and across the street at Sugden Park. PLENTY of Shuttles will be provided!

JOOLA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - Saturday - Sunday April 26th/27th

First Serve at 9am!

FREE Parking!

CHECK IN will be available

As soon as you arrive, head to the check in area by the Vendor Village. It will be hard to miss! There will be limited practice courts available, food, beverages, and more! A fun day at the park showcasing the best junior pickleball players!

Featured on the Zing Zang Championship Court: FREE!

10am – 12pm: Junior Doubles Matches 12pm – 1pm: Clinic with Simone Jardim

1:15pm: Gold Medal match for Junior Doubles

2pm: Junior Mixed Matches

GUEST SERVICES

Guest Services will be located close to the US Open Expo tents at the man entrance. Stop by if you have any questions, lost and found, and suggestions on what to do in Naples!

LOST AND FOUND

During the day, lost and found will be at Guest Services at the front of the park. PLEASE put your name on ALL valuables, water bottles, etc. to help our team find their home quickly!



BALL

The OFFICIAL BALL of the US Open is the **Franklin X-40**. All matches will be played with this ball.

SITE MAP

Scan the QR Code or head to US Open Live for a site map.

BATHROOMS

Bathroom are located throughout the USOP National Pickleball Center. The US Open Welcome Center and LightStrike Patio is a great place to chill out, watch matches under the shade on the US Open video walls (yes, plural!). Bathrooms and showers are there for your convenience.

US OPEN VOLUNTEERS

This event wouldn't be possible without the almost 600 volunteers who donate their time and are passionate about making sure you have the best experience possible. Please stop one or two of them and give them a BIG thanks. It goes a long way. They will have on blue volunteer shirts.

US OPEN VENDOR VILLAGE

When you arrive at the park, you will see two large tents. Just outside the first tent will be Player Registration. Inside the Vendor Tents you will find all the US Open vendors and entry to watch top players and the pros on the Zing Zang Championship Court (tickets required). We encourage you to visit our vendors and support their business. Without them, tournaments like the US Open would not happen. Let them know you appreciate their support of pickleball!

PARTICIPANTS

Explore all <u>brackets and players</u> to ensure that you and your partner are in the correct events. Login, click Brackets, and you can see your brackets as well as all others and start times for all events.

If there are any discrepancies, please contact us at: registration@usopenpickleball.com



DRAW POSTINGS

PRO featured matches will be posted by 8pm before the day of play. AMATEUR draws will be posted by midnight the day of your event.

Brackets are subject to change until each event starts.

PRO DRAW CHANGES

There will be no changes to pro draws once posted. If a team or player must withdraw for any reason, their match will be forfeited, and the winner will advance.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 26th - Saturday, May 3rd
<u>US Open Pickleball Championships Live!</u>

COURTS

There is a total **of 60** pickleball courts on site for match play at the USOP National Pickleball Center! You will be allowed between 10-15 minutes from the time your match is called to arrive at the court and warmup- please refer to the Player Instructions for details. *Help us stay on time by being on time!* No bags will be permitted on the courts. This is for player safety. You may bring a towel, water, or sports drink on the courts.

WARM UP COURTS

Players will not be allowed to warm up on courts where matches are being played (unless it's the court your team was called to).

REFEREES

For the first time, it is our plan to referee all matches this year! This, of course, is subject to change due to issues such as weather. The referee and/or Head Referee will help if there are any questions on rules.

REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

A separate email will be sent to all players with pre match instructions. You MUST read this before you start your first match. Referees will not go over these before each match. This will help keep play on schedule.



WELLNESS CENTER

CROSSROADS SPORTS MEDICINE will be on hand to help with injuries and injury prevention. Stop by for a pre or post-match massage, first aid treatment or tips on how to fix that aching knee, back or shoulder!

Services are complimentary to all US Open athletes. The medical tent is located to the right before you get to the main entrance.

HYDRATION

Please make a point to start drinking water before you get to the event. There are multiple water filler stations at the park to help you stay hydrated before, during and after your matches! Bring your favorite water bottle and keep it filled! Don't forget to put your name on your water bottle so if it runs off, we can help find its owner!

ZING ZANG CHAMPIONSHIP COURT TICKETS

Limited tickets may be available at the Ticket Center each day. You must have a ticket and daily wristband to enter the Zing Zang Championship Court! The Ticket Center is located outside of Vendor Village near the main entrance, and the Ticket Center will open at 8:00 am each morning.

US OPEN LIGHTSTRIKE PATIO: TWO VIDEO WALLS!

Can't get a ticket but still want to watch matches on the Zing Zang Championship Court? There will be a live feed of matches EVERY afternoon, playing on the videowalls in the LightStrike Patio in the back of the USOP National Pickleball Center Welcome Center. If you can't get a seat in the court, you may relax and enjoy the matches under the shade!

The LIVE CBSSN broadcast will also be shown in these two areas.

FOOD VENDORS

We will have a variety of places for you to purchase food, snacks, and beverages throughout the week.



LIGHTSTRIKE PATIO

Located behind the USOP Pro Shop, the LightStrike Patio will be open for beer, wine, Zing Zang Bloody Mary's, Margarita's and more! Livestream of select matches on the Zing Zang Championship Court will be shown on the Videowalls located in the LightStrike Patio. The complete entertainment schedule is on the US Open website at https://usopenpickleball.com

PLEASE NOTE: NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL / LIQUOR IS ALLOWED IN THE PARK. LIQUOR MAY BE PURCHASED AT BARS IN THE PARK. Do not bring alcohol into the park. Thank you for your cooperation!

US OPEN LIVE - VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

To protect our media partnerships, videoing/recording of full matches on the Zing Zang Championship Court or other back courts for live streaming purposes, will not be allowed. We appreciate your cooperation! Recording for personal use is allowed.

LIVE STREAMING

Saturday 26th – Tuesday 29th: 12pm – 6pm Wednesday 30th – Friday May 2nd: 2:30pm – 6pm Championship Saturday May 3rd: 2:30pm – 4pm

PICKLEBALL CHANNEL, PICKLETV, AND USOPEN CHANNELS youtube.com/pickleballchannel and facebook.com/pickleballchannel

CBSSN BROADCATING AT THE OPEN!

Wednesday 30th – Friday May 2nd: 12pm – 2pm Championship Saturday May 3rd: 12pm – 2pm and 5 – 7pm

You're part of pickleball history! Get ready for an incredible week of competition and the one-of-a-kind experience that only Naples can offer. We're excited to host you at the Minto US Open Pickleball Championships powered by Margaritaville! Thank you for joining us!



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