

DUPR Collegiate Pickleball **2023** Rulebook

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All rules subject to change at the tournament directors discretion

2023 Structure Summary

For 2023, DUPR Collegiate Pickleball will have 14 events

- 12 Regionals (March-October)
- 1 Collegiate Individual National Championship (April 14-16th)
- 1 Collegiate National Championship (November 17-19th)

Regionals

The goal of Regionals is to act as a pipeline to the Collegiate National Championship (CNC). We want every college to be able to easily access at least one Regional, and the best performing colleges will receive a bid for the CNC. Regionals are designed to fit as much collegiate pickleball as possible in a weekend, with brackets for teams and open play.

Collegiate Individual National Championship

The Collegiate Individual National Championship (CINC) serves two main purposes: it allows us to showcase players from schools that may not have the best team, and it gives dedicated singles players a championship to vie for. There will be brackets for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Singles, and Women's Singles. Players can compete in as many brackets as they want, and the top players from each bracket will earn a bid for their school for the CNC.

Collegiate National Championship

The Collegiate National Championship (CNC) is the main event of the competitive pickleball season. In order to be one of the 36 schools to participate, a school must obtain a bid earlier in the season. Bids are given out at Regionals, the CINC, and by the DUPR Collegiate Council. A school cannot receive multiple bids.

Game Format

For 2023, each game will be played with rally scoring to 21 points (win by 2). Players will change ends when one team reaches the score of 11. Games must be won by 2 points. All Games must be won by 2 points.

During rally scoring players do not switch sides after winning points. Player A for each team serves and receives on the right side when the score is even, and Player B serves and receives on the left side when the score is odd. A team may choose to switch player sides during a time-out or end change

Each team has a single 1-minute timeout per game.

For Semifinals and Finals Only:

Rally scoring will be played until a team reaches 20, at which time the team reaching 20 is subject to a freeze on rally scoring and must score all future points while serving. If the trailing team reaches 18, that team too will be subject to a freeze on rally scoring and must score all future points while serving. If both teams are tied 19-19, then both teams are immediately frozen when it becomes 20-19.

Match Format

Each team bracket match will consist of four games to 21 (win by 2) with rally scoring (See Game Format for more information). The four games will be played in the following order: Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, two Mixed Doubles. A singles tiebreaker DreamBreaker™ will be played to determine the winner of the Match if teams are tied at 2-2 in games.

Dreambreaker™

The DreamBreaker™ will use the same rally scoring used in the doubles games. 2 male and 2 female players will rotate in 4-rally rotations until the DreamBreaker™ is concluded (Player 1 plays 4 rallies, then Player 2 plays 4 rallies, then Player 3 plays 4 rallies, then Player 4 plays 4 rallies, and then the rotation repeats in the same order).

In terms of sides, singles players will serve from the side (left/right) of the court, based on their team score, as is typical in singles. The player will serve on the right side when that player's team score is even, and when the team score is odd, the player on that team will serve from the left side of the court. Each team has a single one-minute timeout.

Regionals

Regionals will have a Team Bracket and an Open Division, and will take place across two full days. All colleges must participate in a Regional in order to go to the Collegiate National Championship. Clubs are not locked by location and can play in as many Regionals as they want.

Scholarship Money

• Semifinals loser	\$500	(x2)
• Finals loser	\$1000	(x1)
• Finals winner	\$2000	(x1)
Total	\$4000	per Regional (12)

Bid Distribution

The two teams that make the finals will receive a bid for their school. If their school has already received a bid, then the bid will be given to the next highest ranked school. A third place game may be necessary to determine this.

Entry Requirements

1. Have a fully filled out DUPR Digital club for your college
2. Any eligible college student taking a minimum of 6 college credits can participate

Team Bracket

The team bracket will consist of a group play stage, and then a single elimination playoff stage. The top 4 teams from the group play stage will advance to the single elimination playoff stage. All teams are guaranteed to play in 4 group play matches, regardless of their performance. The only exception to this is if there is an odd number of teams, in which some teams will have a bye for a round.

A team is made up of at least 2 men and 2 women players. Team games will use the Match Format listed in these rules. A school can submit multiple teams into the team bracket, although some Regionals will have a limit on how many teams. Check the description in the DUPR to see if there is a limit for that Regional.

Open Division

Any doubles pairing from the same school can participate in the Open Division. Your school does not have to be represented in the Team Bracket for you to compete in the Open Division. There is no scholarship money for the Open Division, as well as no bids for the CNC.

The Open Division will consist of a group play stage, and then a single elimination playoff stage for the top teams. The specifics of these stages will change from Regional to Regional depending on the number of participants, the number of courts available, and the Team Bracket.

Schedule

[Georgia Regional](#) March 11-12th
6350 Courtside Dr NW, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

[Michigan Regional](#) March 18-9th
200 W Avon Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

[Arizona Regional](#) March 25-26th
1616 W Ruby Dr, Tempe, AZ 85284

[Minnesota Regional](#) April 1st-2nd
18425 Dodd Blvd, Lakeville, MN 55044

[North Carolina Regional](#) May 26-27th
11220 Golf Links Dr, Charlotte, NC 28277

[Ohio Regional](#) June 17-18th
8310 Wilkens Blvd, Mason, OH 45040

[Oklahoma Regional](#) July 15-16th
2563 West Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73134

[Colorado Regional](#) August 26-27th
5100 E Dry Creek Rd, Centennial, CO 80122

[Florida Regional](#) September 9-10th
1499 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431

[Utah Regional](#) September 9-10th
10996 S River Front Pkwy, South Jordan, UT 84095

[Texas Regional](#) September 16-17th
13600 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX 77346

[Nevada Regional](#) October 7-8th
121 Carnegie St, Henderson, NV 89052

Collegiate Individual National Championship

We want to recognize the best college players, regardless of what school they are from. The [Collegiate Individual National Championship](#) (CINC) will have a Men's & Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and a Men's & Women's Singles bracket for any college student to compete in.

Date & Location

April 14-16th, 2023

10761 Founders Wy, Fort Worth, TX 76177

Scholarship Money

• Quarterfinals loser	\$200	(x4)
• Semifinals loser	\$400	(x2)
• Finals loser	\$800	(x1)
• Finals winner	\$2000	(x1)
Total	\$5000	per Bracket (5)

Bid Distribution

The winner of each bracket will receive a bid for their school. If their school has already received a bid, then the bid will be given to the school of the next highest ranked participant. A third place game may be necessary to determine this.

Entry Requirements

1. Any eligible college student taking a minimum of 6 college credits can participate

Schedule

Friday, April 14th	Mixed Doubles
Saturday, April 15th	Men's & Women's Doubles
Sunday, April 16th	Men's & Women's Singles

Brackets

There will be up to 80 teams per event, and each team will play a minimum of 5 games. For doubles brackets, you must play with someone from your university.

All brackets will consist of a group play stage, and then a single elimination playoff stage for the top 8 teams. The specifics of group play may change depending on the number of players that sign up.

Team National Championship

To wrap up the collegiate pickleball season, we are once again having the College National Championship for the best schools in the country!

Date & Location

November 17-19th

6350 Courtside Dr NW, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

Scholarship Money

● Play-in loser	\$500	(x4)
● Quarterfinals loser	\$1000	(x4)
● Semifinals loser	\$2500	(x2)
● Finals loser	\$5000	(x1)
● Finals winner	\$15,000	(x1)
Total	\$31,000	

Entry Requirements

1. Participate in a Regional
2. Obtain a bid
3. Any eligible college student taking a minimum of 6 college credits can participate

Format

The 36 schools will be split into 6 groups of (roughly) equal DUPR. Each school will play all other schools in their group. The top 2 schools from each group will advance to the single elimination playoff stage. Of the 12 schools that advance, the top 4 will receive a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

Gameplay

For the rules governing the actual play of the sport, DUPR will use Sections 1-11 of the [USAP 2023 Official Rulebook](#) with these exceptions:

- 4.B.3-4.B.6.e
- 4.F-4.G
- 4.J
- 10.A.Standard Time-Out

These rules contradict the MLP style of play, and are replaced by our rules listed in other sections of this rulebook. If there is a contradiction between our rules and the USAP rules, use our rules.