

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Summer Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY – DOUBLES

Division	Age Category	Number of Participants
Women	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age group
Men	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age group
Mixed	55+, 65+	Two (2) per age group
Participants may compete in only one division at Ontario 55+ Summer Games		

Any persons not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition are in default and are automatically disqualified from the competition. Competitors are obligated to complete the event regardless of their record in the competition. If a team defaults part way through the competition, the results of that team will be removed from the standings. The organizers shall have an extra team available to play as a “floater” team in case there is an uneven number of teams or in case a team defaults. This team’s results will not count in the final standings

If there are any questions regarding rulings, the OSGA Summer Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.

B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Summer Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition
NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Summer Games level.	

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. **Teams will be placed in pools if numbers warrant.**
2. **Pool play will be Round Robin format, followed by a playoff.**
3. **If possible, playoffs will consist of a Medal Round and a Consolation Round. The split will be determined by the number of teams participating. No more than 8 teams will qualify for the Medal Rounds.**
4. Games will be played to a score of eleven (11) **with a maximum of 13 in event of a tie.**
5. A match in **Round Robin** will consist of **2 games with a time limit of 45 minutes for a match.**
6. **A match in Play-offs will consist of best 2 out of 3 games.**
7. The number of courts available and the number of teams entered will determine the number of pools used so that the round robin and playoffs can be completed in the allotted time.

Determining the Winners

1. In the Round Robin, the winning team in any match will be awarded **two (2)** tournament points. The losing team will receive **zero (0)**.
2. Placings in the Round Robin will determine seeding for the playoff format.
3. If at the conclusion of the Round Robin, there is a tie for placings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
 - a. Results of head to head games;
 - b. If necessary, the points scored for divided by the points scored against with the highest quotient winning;
 - c. If necessary, then an extra game should be played between the teams that are tied

D) AWARDS

Gold (12)	Men's Doubles 55+	Women's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Men's Doubles 65+	Women's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+
Silver (12)	Men's Doubles 55+	Women's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Men's Doubles 65+	Women's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+
Bronze (12)	Men's Doubles 55+	Women's Doubles 55+	Mixed Doubles 55+
	Men's Doubles 65+	Women's Doubles 65+	Mixed Doubles 65+

E) RULE SOURCE

Pickleball Canada rules will apply, with the exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up" and "Pickleball Rules Summary."

Websites

www.okpickleball.ca
www.pickleball.com

F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- Equipment**
1. Regulation nets are required (minimum of four)
 2. Regulation pickleball balls (adequate supply).
 3. For indoor play, Jugs (or equivalent) ball shall be used.
 4. Participants are responsible for providing their own pickleball rackets.
 5. Players must use paddles recommended by PAO (Ontario). Homemade paddles will not be allowed.
 6. It is recommended that participants wear protective eyewear while playing.
- Facilities**
1. The facility **must** have well marked, regulation size **badminton courts, unless regulation pickleball courts are available**, sufficient for each division.
 2. The facility should be wheel chair accessible

G) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires, at minimum, the following major officials for Ontario 55+ Summer Games:

For District Games, the following are only a suggestion. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

- A) One (1) Convenor
- B) One (1) Referee/Scorer per court
- C) One (1) Master Scorer

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA at least one (1) year prior to Ontario 55+ Summer Games. The host is also responsible for any other officials required to run this event.

Pickleball Rules Summary

1. A medical examination two months prior to the event is strongly recommended.

Basic Rules

Court

The court dimensions are identical to a doubles badminton court. The court dimensions are 6.09 m by 13.4 m (20' by 44')

The net is hung at 91.4 cm (36``) at each end and 86.3 cm (34``)

A non-volley line will be placed at 1.98m (6'6") (same as badminton) rather than 2.14m (7') on each side of the net..

Serve

1. At the start of the game, the 1st serving team is allowed only one fault before giving up the ball to the opponents. Thereafter both members of each team will serve and fault before the ball is turned over to the opposing team.
2. Serves must be underhand without bouncing the ball before you hit it.
3. The paddle must pass below the waist. **A legal serve must be below the waist, with the top of the paddle head below the wrist.**
4. Both feet have to be behind the baseline during the serve.
5. The serve is made diagonally cross court and must clear the non-volley zone.
6. Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the event of a let (the ball touches the net on the serve, and lands on the proper service court). Then the serve is taken over.
7. Double bounce rule: Each team must play their **first** shot off the bounce. After the ball has bounced once on each side, then both teams can either volley the ball in the air or play it off the bounce. The ball **MUST** bounce once on each side before volleying the ball in the air otherwise it is a fault.
8. If the serve hits any lines except the front service line the ball is considered in play.
9. If the ball hits the front service line on the serve, it is considered a fault.
10. After a point is earned, the player will move to the opposite serving square.
11. The player on the right side always serves first and then it goes in a clockwise rotation.

Scoring

1. Games are normally played to 11 (win by two).
2. A team shall score points only when serving.
3. If the opposing player or team makes a winning shot then it is either considered a side-out or the next persons serve. There are no points awarded.

Play

1. If a player volleys a ball in the air without letting it bounce, their momentum cannot carry them into the NON-VOLLEY ZONE or it is considered a fault.
2. If the ball hits the top of the net and bounces in, then the ball is fair play.

Court Diagram

