



Mid-Atlantic Open Pickleball Tournament

Thomas Jefferson Community Center
3501 2nd St. S., Arlington, VA 22204
October 1-2, 2016

Welcome Players! Please read this important document.

It's easy being green! Please bring your own water bottle. Water and Gatorade powder will be available onsite.

Remember to bring a food donation (low sodium canned soups, beans, vegetables, and tomato products such as sauce, paste, diced, and low sugar cereal) and/or gently used athletic shoes for our charity partners.

You'll receive one FREE raffle ticket for EACH donated food item or pair of athletic shoes, and we have LOTS of nice prizes – paddles, bags, t-shirts, hats, even a hotel weekend! Raffle tickets will also be for sale so you can help us defray our costs. **Bring cash – support the tournament and win good stuff! Thank you and a special thanks to our sponsors and supporters.**

1 ticket - \$3; 2 tickets - \$5; 5 tickets - \$10

You do not need to be present to win, but **you must claim your prize by 2 pm Sunday. Check the Raffle Board for your name and ticket number and claim your prize. No prizes will be mailed or held for later pick up. Prize limit – one prize per person per day.**

Lodging

Our two tournament hotels are offering reduced rates that include breakfast and parking. Both properties are about one mile from our venue. Reduced rates are available after September 1 on a space available basis.

To reserve your room, call the hotel number and identify yourself as being with the Mid-Atlantic Open Pickleball Tournament.

Arlington Hilton (703 528-6000): The group code is PIC. To make your reservation online, go to

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCAVAHF-PIC-20160930/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Arlington Westin (703 717-6200): To book, modify or cancel a reservation online, click on [Mid Atlantic Open Pickleball Tournament \(MAOPT\)](#)

Registration

Register by September 15 at <http://tinyurl.com/2016MAOPT> or until an event is filled.

Skill Rating – If you have a USAPA skill rating, use that when you register. If not, go to <http://ipickleball.org/ifp-ratings-descriptions/> and select a rating that best matches your skill level.

If you still need a partner, please check the Players needing Partners page on pickleballtournaments.com

Facility and Courts

Parking – There are four onsite lots plus on-street parking. Follow signs to lots.

Locker Rooms and Showers – The locker rooms and showers are available for your use at no charge. Lockers are available for a small fee. **Bring your own towel and soap.**

Surface – The court surface is polyurethane, a soft urethane poured about an inch thick over a concrete base, and has just been resurfaced. The ball bounces evenly (does not skid like on a wood floor) and accepts spin. The floor is easy on your joints and is a fun surface for pickleball.

Ball - We are using the optic yellow ball by RiverStyks. This ball is approved for tournament play by USAPA/IFP after September 30.

The Thomas Jefferson Community Center – This is a mixed-use facility containing a middle school and spacious gymnasium used by the community. It is air-conditioned. It is a smoke-free (vape included), drug-free, and alcohol-free environment, so please honor this policy in the facility.

Food – No food is allowed in the gym. Please enjoy your food in the Community Room adjacent to the gym.

Fitness Equipment - On Saturday, October 1, the fitness equipment will be available for use by Thomas Jefferson Community Center members only. On Sunday, October 2, the center is closed to members. Please do not use the fitness equipment at any time during the tournament.

Schedule of Play for both Saturday and Sunday

7:45am: Player check-in begins

8-8:45am: All courts available for warming up

8:50-9:00am: Welcome and Announcements

9:00am: First matches are announced

Estimated start times for specific events will be posted online after the September 15 registration deadline. Please arrive and check-in at least 30 minutes before the announced start time for your event.

Tournament Guidelines

Tournament Check in You must check in EACH DAY you are playing. Check in opens at 7:45am on Saturday and Sunday at the venue. You will receive your tournament t-shirt when you check in.

Tournament Format This is a combined skill and age-based tournament.

- Winner's bracket – best 2 of 3 games to 11 points, win by 2
- Survival bracket – one game to 15, win by 2

The Tournament Co-Directors reserve the right to make any format changes they deem necessary based on participation. This is a non-sanctioned tournament.

Practice Courts

- Friday, Sept. 30 – Four courts are available from 3:30 to 8pm.
- Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2 – All courts are available from 8 to 8:45am for warming up. There may be one dedicated practice court available during the tournament.

Please leave the balls on the court in the red Solo cup attached to the net. Limit your warm-up when others are waiting. Do not use tournament courts for practice during on Saturday and Sunday so that we may schedule matches as efficiently as possible.

Bracket Posting The Men's and Women's Doubles Brackets will be posted at 12:01am on October 1. The Mixed Doubles bracket will be posted at 12:01am on

October 2. Brackets will be accessible by cell phone via pickleballtournaments.com and will also be posted at the venue.

Court Assignments will be displayed on TV monitors in the Community Center and in the gym. They will also be available via your cell phone at <http://pickleballtournaments.com>.

Referees will be assigned to all medal round matches. Players are responsible for calling the score and their own lines in all other matches.

Play Schedule

Before

- You and your partner's name will be called via a public address system.
- All four players report to the Court Assignment table.
- Pick up your clipboard and score sheet. Go to your assigned court.
- For safety reasons, do not bring your personal items to your court. You may bring a water bottle and a towel.

During

- A red plastic Solo cup on the net post will contain a ball, two server bands, and a coin.
- Flip the coin to decide service/side. First servers wear the server bands.
- Limit your warm-up to 3 minutes.
- After the first game, circle the score for both teams on the scoresheet.

After

- A member of the winning team writes and circles the winning score on the score sheet. One player from each team signs the score sheet.
- Return coin, server bands, and ball to Solo cup
- A member of the winning team gives your score sheet and clipboard to a volunteer Court Monitor or returns them to the Tournament Operations table.

Please vacate the court quickly so that we may more efficiently schedule matches.

Food and Beverages – no food is allowed in the gym. Please consume your food in the Community Room adjacent to the gym.

Snacks – Healthy snacks (e.g., bananas and energy bars) will be available in the Community Room for participants. There are also vending machines offering healthy snacks and beverages.

Lunch - For lunch, check outside our venue for food trucks that will offer a variety of food, including vegetarian options from 11am-3pm both days.

Dinner - Pick up a list of local restaurants when you check in. There are lots of good restaurants nearby.

Other Information

Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each event at the conclusion of each event. If events are combined, the top three teams in each event will receive a medal.

Sponsors and Exhibitors - Please support our Sponsors and Exhibitors. Need a new paddle? Get a 15% off discount from Pro-Lite Sports when you use the special MAOPT tournament code **MAOPT15** on their website at www.prolitepaddles.com

Traveling from the Airport, to the MAOPT, and around the DC Area

UBER and LYFT are recommended for getting around the DC Metro Area. If you are a first time user, you will receive at minimum a \$20 free ride credit to use on your first ride! Breakthrough Community Sports, Inc will receive a referral reward that will help support the event.

Download the app, register, and use the promo codes before taking your first ride

UBER Promo Code: KOWLQ

LYFT Promo Code: TANIA621316

First Aid – Emergency medical personnel are scheduled to be present at all times during the tournament. The local fire department has a four-minute response time to our venue.

Event Photographer – TBA

Lost and Found – Items will be brought to the check in table.

Seating – Bleacher seating is available; folding chairs are also permitted.

Spectators – Spectators get in free, so encourage your friends and relatives to join us!

USAPA Ambassadors – Meet your Ambassador and learn more about the USA Pickleball Association. Ambassadors are hard-working volunteers who love to promote pickleball. We are fortunate to have Ambassadors from CT, FL, MD, NC, NY, PA, SC, VA, and WV participating in our tournament.

Need Assistance? Have a Question or Suggestion?

See us or one of our tournament volunteers. We want this to be among your BEST tournament experiences and will do everything possible to make that happen! THANK YOU for joining us – have a great tournament!

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