



Sign Up Now
for the
CAPA Cup Pickleball Tournament
of, by, and for **CAPA members only!**



August 18 (Friday), 19 (Saturday), and 20 (Sunday)
McGaw Park • 5236 Lacy Road in Fitchburg



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This will be an unsanctioned recreational tournament. The idea is to give as many CAPA members as possible a chance to play in a friendly, low-stakes, low-stress tournament to see what it's like — just to gain some experience!

The tournament will have multiple brackets for the sorts of skill levels that CAPA members play at. Don't be bashful or modest about your own abilities; there are plenty of other people who haven't (yet) become superstars. Everybody will be local, so you'll probably already know a lot of the players in your own bracket.

The games will all be regulation doubles (2 vs. 2), except win by 1 instead of 2. You'll sign up as a team and can even do so (with a different partner) in the Mixed division as well as either Men's or Women's. Each event will have 8 teams, and they'll all play each other — 7 games in round-robin format — all in a single session of about 3 hours. Franklin X-40 yellow balls will be provided. Winners in each group will get medals, and everybody will get a T-shirt!

So ... some details.

Where Do You Fit?

Teams will be assigned to brackets based on gender, age range, and skill level.

<i>Division</i>	
men	2 men
women	2 women
mixed	1 man + 1 woman

Age Range

general	18-54
senior	55 & up

Skill Level (self-rated; see descriptions at bottom)

basic	3.0-3.49
intermediate	3.5-3.99
advanced	4.0-4.49

Mismatches

Ah, but these are 2-person teams. What if the 2 players don't match in one of those areas? Well, gender is pretty straightforward and unambiguous (and in any event, we aren't going to argue with you about it), so no problem there. But how about the other two? If there's a mismatch, we expect you to sign up based on who is (presumably) the stronger player:

<i>Factor</i>	<i>Player 1</i>	<i>Player 2</i>	<i>Play As</i>
Age	18-54	55 & up	18-54
Skill Level	3.0-3.49	3.5-3.99	3.5-3.99
Skill Level	3.5-3.99	4.0-4.49	4.0-4.49
Skill Level	3.0-3.49	4.0-4.49	not at all*

*Yeah, we're serious. This is supposed to be fun, not a massacre. That's the same reason we cap skill levels at 4.49. We don't want anybody more advanced than that sandbagging. If you normally play at 4.5+ and are wondering what you could do at the tournament, we could always use volunteers. At the very least, be an enthusiastic spectator!

Brackets and Medals

Now, if you multiply 3 genders x 2 age ranges x 3 skill levels, you'll arrive at 18 possible brackets. We're looking to fill each of those brackets with 8 teams (a total of 144 teams or 288 players). Those 8 teams will play on 4 adjacent courts, and the top 3 teams in each bracket (as determined by the USA Pickleball placement system; see below) will be awarded medals at the conclusion of each session.

Schedule

This is subject to revision, depending on how many people sign up for which events, but right now we're planning on 3 sessions a day — morning, midday, and afternoon — with 2 brackets per session, to accommodate each of our 18 brackets, as follows:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Checkin</i>	<i>Play</i>	<i>Courts 1-4</i>	<i>Courts 5-8</i>
Fri.	8:00	9:00	men • 55 & up • 3.0-3.49	women • 55 & up • 3.0-3.49
	11:30	12:30	men • 55 & up • 3.5-3.99	women • 55 & up • 3.5-3.99
	3:00	4:00	men • 55 & up • 4.0-4.49	women • 55 & up • 4.0-4.49

Sat.	8:00	9:00	men • 18-54 • 3.0-3.49	women • 18-54 • 3.0-3.49
	11:30	12:30	men • 18-54 • 3.5-3.99	women • 18-54 • 3.5-3.99
	3:00	4:00	men • 18-54 • 4.0-4.49	women • 18-54 • 4.0-4.49
Sun.	8:00	9:00	mixed • 55 & up • 3.0-3.49	mixed • 18-54 • 3.0-3.49
	11:30	12:30	mixed • 55 & up • 3.5-3.99	mixed • 18-54 • 3.5-3.99
	3:00	4:00	mixed • 55 & up • 4.0-4.49	mixed • 18-54 • 4.0-4.49

As of Sun. July 23: **already full** • **close to full**

Cost

It'll cost you \$25 per person to register at all (which entitles you to participate in one 7-game flight and get a T-shirt) plus \$15 for each additional event you participate in.

How To Sign Up

First of all, line up a partner, probably somebody you already play with regularly. Or maybe even line up two, one of the same gender and one of the opposite gender for the Mixed brackets. Does nobody come immediately to mind? Well, as a CAPA member, you have access to the member directory, which lists skill ratings and contact info, and if you also belong to the Madison Pickleball Meetup Group, you can send private messages to members you know from there. Really tried, but you just can't find a partner? Go to tinyurl.com/yrkxb474, and we'll try to match you with someone in the same bracket who's also looking.

Once your team's lined up, **one** of you (not both) can go to forms.gle/k7dsRpEbKirZb7fn8 and follow the obvious instructions. Things you will need to know about both you and your partner:

- Name
- E-mail address
- Mobile phone number
- Emergency contact name and phone number
- T-shirt size (unisex) from among XS, S, M, L, XL, and XXL

After you've done that, **each** of you (not only one) will be directed to go to capareapb.com/event-5332379 and use registration code "capacup23" (all lower case) to pay your registration fees separately.

Make your reservations before the cutoff date of Tuesday, August 1. That's when we'll be nailing down who's in which bracket and sending out confirmation notices. There's no refund after that date for voluntary withdrawals.

What If Your Bracket Is Already Full?

Register anyway. We won't take your money at this time, but you may be moved up off the waitlist if somebody higher up in the priority sequence has to drop out. And, even if that doesn't happen, show up at the tournament anyway. Sometimes people don't discover until the last minute that they can't attend, and we can always plug in an emergency substitute.

Ch-ch-ch-changes

If anything about your registration changes — such as one of the teammates having to drop out or be replaced, or neither of you being able to make it at all, or you realize you signed up for the wrong bracket — immediately notify Mark Blitz at markblitz50@gmail.com.

How about Rainouts?

If it looks like rain, we'll make the go/no-go decision 3 hours before scheduled start time and post a notice on the CAPA website and send out e-mails to all affected. We also encourage everybody to get the free Rainout Line app for their cell phones. We cannot offer refunds, but we'll ship your T-shirt to you.

Volunteers

The tournament needs volunteers to help with setup and takedown and to serve as check-in tablers, court marshals, T-shirt distributors, and other roles. It's not at all a full-time responsibility. We'd be happy to just get an hour or two of your time, really. If you're willing to put in some time to make this a successful event, please contact Jill Goedjen at diannajill1010@gmail.com and, if you've got a hankering for a particular task, tell us what it is.

Sportsmanship

Pickleball has a justly deserved reputation as “the friendliest game on Earth”. Good sportsmanship is expected of all staff, volunteers, players, and spectators at all times.

Sponsorship

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Descriptions of Skill Levels

Basic (3.0 – 3.49) • You (A) can generally hit forehand drives, serves, and returns with medium pace, as well as dinks, but generally lack consistency and control (for instance, serves and returns are not consistent and lack depth) and (B) understand the basic strategy and rules of pickleball, including keeping score properly.

Intermediate (3.5 – 3.99) • You (A) can hit drives, serves, and returns with pace (including developing backhand shots), as well as dinks and drop shots, and are developing some consistency and control (including consistently hitting serves and returns in play); (B) understand the basic strategy and rules of pickleball; (C) are starting to vary your shots between the hard and soft game; and (D) are moving quickly to the Non-Volley Zone line when you have the opportunity.

Advanced (4.0 – 4.49) • You (A) can generally hit both forehand and backhand drives, serves, and returns with pace, as well as dinks, drop shots, and volleys (including block volleys) of different speeds, and have consistency and control; (B) understand the strategy and rules of pickleball (including stacking); (C) have a moderate number of unforced errors; and (D) understand how to attack your opponents' weaknesses on the pickleball court.

USA Pickleball Placement System

Factor #1: number of wins

Factor #2: head-to-head results among tied teams

Factor #3: point differential* for all matches played

Factor #4: head-to-head point differential*

Factor #5: point differential* against next highest player or team

*Point differential (PD) is the number of points a team earned in a tournament (points for, or PF) minus the points it lost (points against, or PA). Thus: $PD = PF - PA$

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