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YMCA Mid-East Regional Pickleball Tournament FAQ June 28-30, 2024

General Details

What is the address of the event venue?

The event will be held at the Upper Main Line YMCA, 1416 Berwyn-Paoli Road, Berwyn, PA.
[Upper Main Line YMCA - Google Maps](#)

What is the nearby airport to use for getting to the tournament venue?

You may fly into the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), which is approximately 15.9 miles from the venue.

Are there recommended hotels?

Please use the link below to reserve your hotel accommodations and also find deals and activities: <https://www.brandywinevalley.com/know-before-you-go-ymca-pickleball/>

Will concessions be available?

Food trucks will be available to offer a variety of concessions.

Can I bring a cooler?

Coolers can be brought into the venue, but alcohol is prohibited.

Can I bring my own alcohol or will it be available for purchase?

Alcohol will not be available for purchase at the event, nor is it allowed on the premises.

Can I bring lawn chairs and/or a pop-up shade tent?

Lawn chairs may be brought into the venue and set up in designated areas. Pop-up shade tents will need to be kept in designated areas outside of main venue gates.

Will there be car parking at the venue?

Yes, there is parking on site for up to 200 cars on a first come-first served basis. Parking is complimentary.

Is there RV parking at the venue?

No, the venue cannot accommodate RV parking.

Where is the closest RV Park?

Click on this link for nearby options: [RV Parks in Berwyn, Pennsylvania - Top 20 Campgrounds near Berwyn, PA - Updated January 2024 \(rvlife.com\)](#)

What if it rains on the day of the event?

Rain plans include the use of indoor tennis facilities with taped courts. Refunds will not be provided in case of rain.

Are dogs or other pets allowed?

Dogs and other pets will not be allowed on the premises.

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How do I get the link to my YMCA membership discount?

YMCA members receive a \$10 discount, and your local YMCA will provide details through promotional emails. For additional information, please check with the staff member responsible for the pickleball program at your Y.

Are children welcome at the event?

The competition allows participants as young as 8 years of age to participate. Youth are also welcome to be spectators at the event. All youth, including event participants age 17 and younger, must be under the supervision of their parents or legal guardian at all times.

When does registration close?

Registration will close at midnight EST on June 10, 2024.

What are the age brackets?

There are four age brackets:

1. 08-29
2. 30-49
3. 50-69
4. 70+

What are the skill levels for this tournament?

1. 3.0
2. 3.5
3. 4.0
4. 4.5+

What if I don't know my rating?

Ratings are based on self-ratings, and you should consult the USA Pickleball ratings to help you self-rate: [Definition of Player Skill Ratings - USA Pickleball Association](#)

Will you combine age groups if there are not enough players in the bracket?

Yes, the tournament director will modify brackets as needed to create the appropriate playing combinations. All times are subject to change based on final registrations and at the full discretion of the tournament director. We also reserve the right to modify playing format.

What rating system are you using?

The tournament is not based on a specific rating system. You should self-rate. Your rating should be based on the [Definition of Player Skill Ratings - USA Pickleball Association](#) or utilize a rating such as [DUPR](#).

Can I play down?

You should play down in age if you partnered with a younger player, but you should not play down in age in skill. For example, if one partner is 42 and the other partner is 27, you should play in the bracket appropriate for the 27 year old. If one partner's skill is 3.5 and the other partner is 3.0, you should play in the bracket appropriate for the 3.5 skill player.

What ball will be used?

Franklin X-40

Will there be a referee for every match?

The matches will not have referees, but a head referee will be available in case of dispute and to verify the approved paddle of each participant prior to start.

How do you know if a player is playing with an approved paddle?

This is the list of [approved paddles](#).

When will start times be available?

Detailed start times will be available at least one week in advance of play on [Pickleball Den website](#).

Will there be practice courts at the venue?

Yes, practice courts will be available.

Will there be access to showers or fitness equipment at the venue?

YMCA access for showers will be available for Y members. Nationwide membership will be honored. A guest fee may be charged for non-members.