
GREAT LAKES REGION 2009 SHOWCASE EVENT

Let the Games Begin!

The 2009 MSO Summer Pickleball Games are right around the corner, with competitors ranging in age from 50-89. This year's tournament is the largest and most competitive Pickleball Tournament ever held in the Great Lakes Region. In addition, for the first time ever, the games will be offered at two different venues, providing both indoor and outdoor play. With the growth of Pickleball in Michigan, we are thrilled to be able to continue the tradition of MSO and wish all of the athletes the best of luck in this year's Pickleball Games!

Tournament Venues

<i>Auburn Hills Community Center 1827 N. Squirrel Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326</i>	<i>Older Persons' Commission 650 Letica Drive Rochester, MI 48307</i>
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Schedule of Events

Date	Event (Division)	Location	Time
Tuesday, July 7	Women's Doubles (50-59)	Auburn Hills	7:30am – Noon
Tuesday, July 7	Women's Doubles (60-74)	Auburn Hills	12:30pm – 5pm
Wednesday, July 8	Men's Doubles (50-64)	Auburn Hills	7:30am – Noon
Wednesday, July 8	Men's Doubles (65-74)	Auburn Hills	12:30pm – 5pm
Thursday, July 9	Mixed Doubles (50-64)	Rochester	7:30am – Noon
Thursday, July 9	Mixed Doubles (65-84)	Rochester	12:30pm – 5pm
Friday, July 10	Men's Singles (All)	Rochester	7:30am – Noon
Friday, July 10	Women's Singles (All)	Rochester	12:30pm – 5pm

Morning: 7:30am --- Check-In
7:45am --- Players Meeting
8:00am --- Games Begin

Afternoon: 12:30pm --- Check-In
12:45pm --- Players Meeting
1:00pm --- Games Begin

Venue Information

Auburn Hills Community Center - The Auburn Hills Community Center is equipped with 3 indoor courts and 3 outdoor courts. All games will be played outdoors unless the weather is not cooperating. A decision will be made the morning of regarding where the games will be held (indoors or outdoors), so please bring clothing and equipment for both scenarios. If games are played outdoors, you may bring a lawn chair to sit in. However, the building will be available for players to rest and cool off if necessary. In addition, shower facilities are available as well.

Water will be provided for all athletes. Although vending machines will also be available, we recommend that you bring your own snacks. In addition, if you would like to reserve a lunch for \$3.00, please call 248-370-9353 by 12:00pm the day before you are scheduled to play. The lunch will be served at 12:00pm in our banquet room. There will also be a soup and salad bar available, on Wednesday only, for the same price.

For those of you who would like to practice playing outdoors, the following practice times are available at the Auburn Hills Community Center:

Mondays/Wednesdays

9:30am-12:30pm --- \$3 for non-residents

Sundays

2:00pm-6:00pm --- \$1 for residents/non-residents

Rochester OPC - The Rochester OPC is equipped with 4 indoor courts. Please bring court shoes to change into prior to entering the gymnasium. Lockers will be available to all athletes on a first come first serve basis. In order to check out a locker, your driver's license and \$1 is needed. This fee can be paid at the Aquatics Desk on the lower level. Seating will be available for spectators to enjoy the games. Water will be provided for all athletes. Although vending machines will also be available, we recommend that you bring your own snacks.

Please park in the upper parking lot on the north side of the building. There is no parking allowed on Letica Drive. However, public parking is available in downtown Rochester. Carpooling with other athletes is highly recommended due to the limited amount of parking space available.

Tournament Format

The MSO Pickleball Games will follow a standard double-elimination format. A double-elimination tournament is broken into two sets of brackets, the Winners Bracket and Losers Bracket. After the first round, the winners advance to the Winners Bracket and the losers of each round "drop down" to the Losers Bracket. This format ensures that all participants are guaranteed at least 2 matches. Upon a second loss, the team/individual will be eliminated. All matches will be played to a score of 11 win by 2. If you are scheduled to participate in a doubles event and your partner does not show up, your matches will be forfeited. Trained referees will oversee all matches and USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) rules will apply. To access a copy of the Official USAPA Rulebook, visit <http://www.usapa.org/officialrules/>.

Sanctioning

The USAPA has recognized the significance of this event by granting MSO Tier 3 sanctioning. This means that the top 3 teams/individuals in each age group category will receive USAPA national ranking points if they are USAPA members. The ranking points are awarded as follows:

- 1st Place – 600 points
- 2nd Place – 300 points
- 3rd Place – 150 points

To learn more about USAPA or to become a member, please visit www.usapa.org.

Things to Remember

- ✓ Warm-up and stretch prior to your matches. Keep in mind that there will be situations in which you will play back-to-back games, so it's important to stay loose and ready to play.
- ✓ Stay hydrated and nourished. Water will be provided at both venues. However, you may choose to bring in your own water or sports drink. In addition, please remember to bring snacks to keep your energy up between matches.
- ✓ Show good sportsmanship by playing fair, following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of the referees, and treating opponents with respect.

Save – The – Dates

- ✓ **Pickleball Referee Training**
Auburn Hills Community Center
Saturday, June 13, 2009 @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
Contact: Don Ritter, 248-652-6643, donritter72@gmail.com

- ✓ **MSO Social**
Rochester Mills Beer Company
Sunday, July 5, 2009 @ 6:00pm
Contact: Mary Boes, 248-608-0250, mary_boes@opcseniorcenter.org

- ✓ **Celebration of Athletes Dinner**
Rochester OPC
Monday, July 6, 2009 @ 5:00pm
Contact: Mary Boes, 248-608-0250, mary_boes@opcseniorcenter.org



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