

DOUBLES DINK FOR CANCER



EVENT DIRECTOR TOOLKIT

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About Doubles Dink for Cancer

The American Cancer Society, The Association of Pickleball Players, and UTR Sports have joined forces to create Doubles Dink for Cancer – a first-of-its-kind community-based fundraising program designed to spark healthier living and raise crucial funds for the fight against cancer.

These volunteer-led, round robin doubles tournaments can happen anytime, anywhere – from a local pickleball or tennis club, to community courts, or even homemade, temporary courts lined with chalk. Events are designed to be fun, supportive, and welcoming and are open to anyone – from the most experienced pickleball players, right through to someone picking up a paddle for the first time!

Doubles Dink for Cancer is far more than a pickleball tournament – it unites communities around a beloved sport and towards a single mission: to end cancer as we know it, for everyone! The majority of the proceeds go directly to support the ACS mission – and, by participating and staying physically active, players are taking steps towards cancer prevention.

Doubles Dink for Cancer will be introduced as a pilot in the state of Florida – where pickleball participation is skyrocketing! – and will be rolled out nationally later this year.





About Doubles Dink for Cancer Tournaments

Doubles Dink for Cancer tournaments are 100% doubles play – the preferred format for the majority of pickleball players! Why? Because it's the most fun! Doubles matches are accessible and enjoyable for all, regardless of age or skill level.

Tournaments follow a round robin format with pool play followed by a single elimination playoff. Play can be organized by gender, age or skill level or you can keep it simple with co-ed open play. All games are rally scoring to 15, win by 1 – simple and easy for all!

The registration fee is \$75 per player, similar to what you'd pay to compete in other local tournaments – only this time, your money supports* the fight against cancer.

The length of tournaments will vary depending on how many people participate and the number of courts available.

While the format is consistent across events, event organizers have ultimate flexibility on when, where, and how often events are held and how they come to life creatively. Whether a Mother-Child event around Mother's Day, a Date Night on the first Friday of the month, or a World Cancer Day tournament in February, all Doubles Dink for Cancer events will be focused on fun, living an active lifestyle, and supporting a great cause!

*70% of player registration fees goes directly to the American Cancer Society





The Role of an Event Director

Doubles Dink for Cancer would not be possible without Event Directors – captains of compassion that unite their community around pickleball and towards a single mission: to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. Thank you in advance for donating your time to this important initiative. You will make a huge difference – and have a lot of fun while you’re at it!

Whether to celebrate a cancer survivor or a loved one lost, Doubles Dink for Cancer is a fun, easy way to do good and feel good.

Not only will you be raising money for the American Cancer society and running an exciting community event, you’ll also be a catalyst to cancer prevention by encouraging people to live an active lifestyle by playing pickleball!

Your main responsibilities as Event Director include:

- Finding and reserving (or creating!) pickleball courts
- Recruiting friends to participate
- Finding a few volunteers to help on event day
- Organizing and running the tournament
- Infusing fun and celebration into the event in your own creative ways!



Your Tournament, Your Choice!

There are two ways to manage a Doubles Dink for Cancer event – all based on your level of experience organizing and managing pickleball tournaments. As the event organizer, you can select whichever method you're most comfortable with! You can keep it simple and run the tournament by hand using materials we supply, or you can use UTR Sports' innovative tournament management system to run the tournament digitally. Your tournament, your choice!

Is this your first organized pickleball event? Are you new to running pickleball tournaments?

You create your event and manage registration, payments, and player communication using the UTR Sports platform, but when it comes to event day, we arm you with all the materials you need! It's simple – you simply print the player roster, pool play scoresheets, and playoff bracket and run the tournament on-the-go!

Are you an experienced tournament manager? Do you operate a venue or run a pickleball club?

You can run your entire event on the UTR Sports Platform and utilize their pickleball Tournament Management System (TMS) including creating draws, setting the event schedule, recording results, and communicating with players. For event organizers not familiar with the UTR Sports Pickleball platform, you can schedule a demo with a member of the UTR Sports team directly through [Calendly](#).



Step-by-Step Guides



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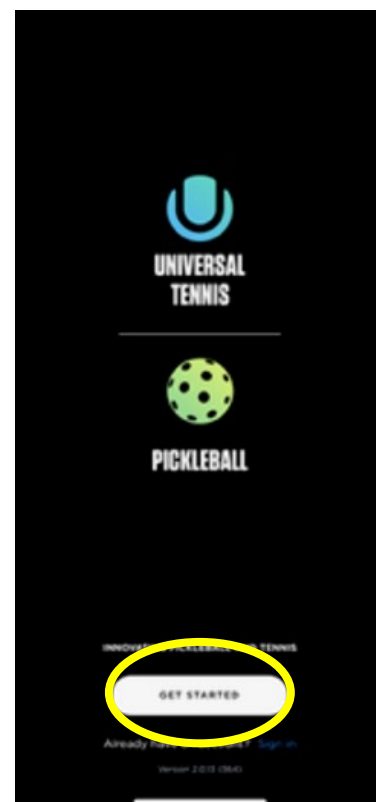
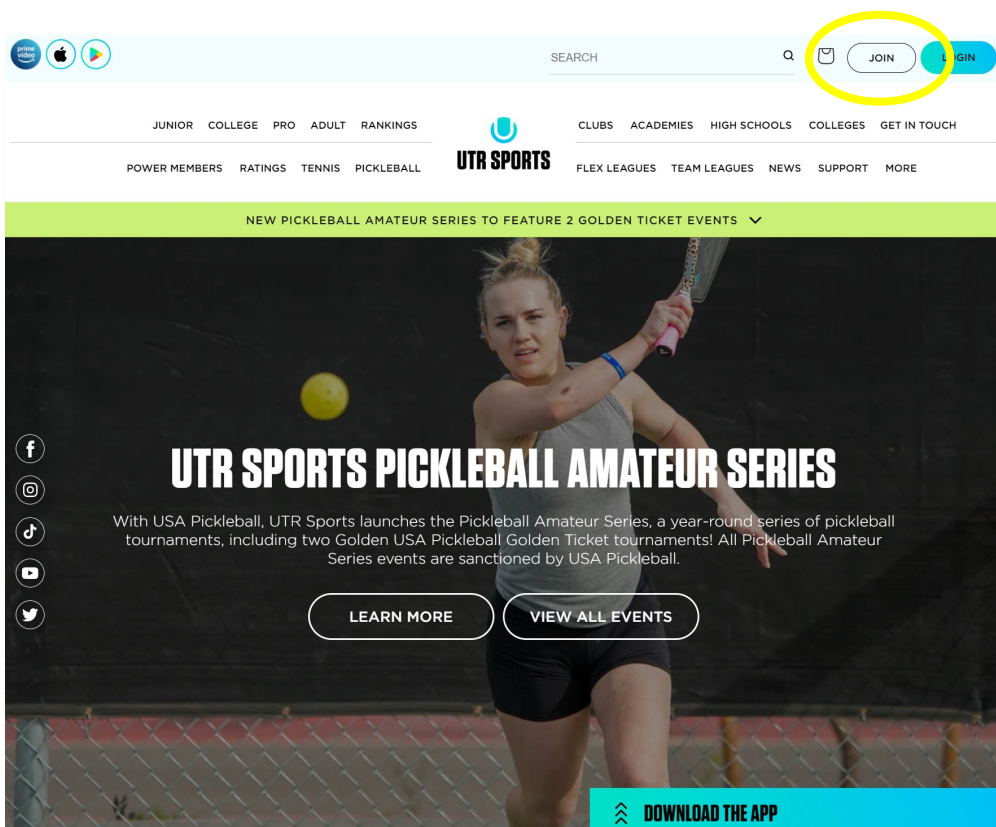
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Before Creating an Event

CREATE A UTR PROFILE

Step 1. Go to UTRSports.net or download the [mobile app](#) and click Join or Get Started.

Step 2. Follow the instructions consistent with creating a profile. This process can be completed in a few minutes.





Plan Your Doubles Dink for Cancer Event

- ❑ Determine what size tournament you want to organize (i.e. How many people do you think you can get to sign up?)
- ❑ Determine how many courts and how many hours you need to complete your event. The chart below should give you a general sense of your court needs.

ASSISTANCE WITH COURT NEEDS

One pool of five teams using two courts will take approximately 90 minutes to complete. With transition time and Playoffs, the event would last roughly two hours. The chart below shows the maximum event size given different numbers of courts and event lengths. If you need further assistance determining court needs, reach out to information@doublesdink.com.

Courts	Hours	Total Players
2 courts	2 hours	5 teams / 10 players
4 courts	4 hours	20 teams / 40 players
6 courts	6 hours	45 teams / 90 players
8 courts	8 hours	80 teams / 160 players

- ❑ Find a host location – local pickleball or tennis club, community courts, indoor basketball courts, a homemade court, etc. – and secure courts for the date/time of your event.
- ❑ If there is a fee for court time, get it donated! Talk to the facility and let them know your event is for charity and if they donate court time, a larger majority of the funds can be used to support or improve the lives of those with cancer.



Create & Manage Your Event

1

Visit the [Doubles Dink for Cancer website](#)
Click on “Create an Event”

2

Fill out event form with details about your tournament
(event name, date, time, location, capacity, etc.)

3

Invite your friends to participate!

4

Track and manage registrations, answer player
questions, and send out event updates – all through
your UTR Sports event page

5

Registration closes. Get ready for Event Day!

Event Day Prep



IDENTIFY VOLUNTEERS

- > Welcome Committee
- > Pool Play Coordinators
- > Bracket Manager
- > Awards Presenter

Your volunteer needs may vary based on the size of the event. See Page 15 for responsibilities of each volunteer position.



PRINT EVENT MATERIALS

- > UTR Registration Report with t-shirt sizes listed
- > Blank Player Roster Sheet for Check-in
- > Pool Play Scoresheets
- > Playoff Bracket
- > Award Certificates



GATHER SUPPLIES

- > One 6' table for check-in area
- > One 6' table for t-shirts
- > 6-pack pencils
- > Coins for coin toss
- > T-shirts*
- > Award certificates*
- > Balls for tournament play

*provided by the APP



KEEP YOUR FRIENDS SAFE!

- > Bring tents for players and volunteers, if possible
- > Bring extra sunscreen for player use
- > Advise players to wear sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, and protective clothing
- > See Page 30 for more information on sun safety

Event Day Schedule

90

MINUTES

EVENT TEAM ARRIVAL

- Set up check-in table (materials: check-in sheet, t-shirts, etc.)
- Make sure court numbers are posted/visible
- Hold volunteer orientation – explain event, assign tasks, and walk site

45

MINUTES

START CHECK-IN

- Check-in Sheet: Place a check next to player's name as they check in
- Ask if they have a preferred partner. If yes, list partner name on the check-in list; if not, leave blank
- Distribute t-shirt
- Thank them for participating!

15

MINUTES

PREPARE POOLS

- Group doubles teams into pools (ideally, five teams per pool)
- Fill out the pool sheets
- Give pool score sheets to pool play coordinators

5

MINUTES

KICK OFF EVENT

- Welcome address by Event Director or guest speaker
- Announcement of pool assignments
- Introduce Pool Play Coordinators
- Pool Play Coordinators guide players to their assigned courts

SAMPLE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

A 20-team event at a venue with four courts should follow the below schedule.

10:00AM	Event Starts
10:00AM – 11:30AM	Pool Play I
11:30AM – 1:00PM	Pool Play II
1:00PM – 2:00PM	Playoffs / Awards
2:00PM	Event Ends



Official Competition Rules

- Doubles Dink for Cancer tournaments are **DOUBLES PLAY ONLY**.
- The first phase of the competition is Pool Play. The number of pools and pool assignments will be determined by the Event Organizer.
- Pool Play matches are **rally scoring, win by one, one game to 15**. Rally scoring means that every rally ends in a point, regardless of what team serves.
- Line calls are made by players, unless the Event Organizer assigns volunteers to referee matches.
- There will be a coin toss at the beginning of each match. Coin toss choices: Serve, Receive, (Court) End, Defer.
- Each team is allowed one one-minute timeout per game.
- During Pool Play and Playoffs, there can be a break of up to 5 minutes between each game.
- The top teams will emerge from Pool Play and advance to a **single-elimination Playoff**. The size of the Playoff Bracket is at the Event Director's discretion, but we recommend a four to eight team Playoff. Tie breaker is determined in this order:
 - > Head-to-Head
 - > Total Points Scored
 - > Total Points Scored Against
 - > Flip a Coin



Volunteer Overview



Volunteer Needs

Your volunteer needs will vary based on the size of your event. To give you an idea of how many people you'll need for your event, below is a sample of what is needed for a 20-team (40 person) event.

For a 20-team event, you will need at least four volunteers to handle check-in and keep play running smoothly during round robin pool play and playoffs.



VOLUNTEER 1

- Check-in Desk (player check-in)
- Pool Play Coordinator – Pool 1



VOLUNTEER 2

- Check-in Desk (t-shirt distribution)
- Pool Play Coordinator – Pool 2



VOLUNTEER 3

- Pool Play Coordinator – Pool 3
- Playoff Bracket Manager



VOLUNTEER 4

- Pool Play Coordinator – Pool 4
- Playoff Bracket Manager Assistant

Check-in Manager

PRINT THIS SHEET FOR YOUR CHECK-IN MANAGER

Event Day Step-by-Step

1. Be ready to start check-in 45-60 minutes prior to event start. Players may arrive early and want to stretch and warm-up.
2. Set-up a 6' table for check-in and another table for t-shirt distribution.
3. At the check-in table, have the following materials printed:
 - Player Registration List from UTR Sports (with t-shirt sizes) – When t-shirts are distributed, highlight the player's name.
 - Blank Roster Sheet – When players check-in, enter their name and their partner's name on the roster. The Event Director will assign Pools after all teams are checked in.
4. Have folders ready for Pool Play Coordinators that include:
 - Pool Play Scoresheets
 - Official Rules

SAMPLE: PLAYER CHECK-IN SHEET

Completed by Welcome Committee						Event Director	
Team #	Present	Player 1		Player 2		Round Robin Info	
		First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	Pool #	Team #
1	X	Barry	Cade	Amber	Waves	1	1
2	X	Lou	Natic	Brock	Lee	1	2
3	X	Amber	Waves	-----			
4	X	Brock	Lee	-----			
5	X	Chris	Cross	Barb	Dwyer	1	3
6	X	Barb	Dwyer	-----			
7	X	Candice	Fureal	Bea	Lane	1	4
8	X	Cliff	Hanger	Artie	Choke	1	5
9	X	Cole	Slaw	Drew	Peacock	2	1
10	X	Bea	Lane	-----			
11	X	Colin	Allcars	-----			
12	X	Drew	Peacock	-----			
13	X	Earl	Riser	Colin	Allcars	2	2
14	X	Chip	Munk	Earl	Bird	2	3
15	X	Artie	Choke	-----			

Pool Play Coordinator

PRINT THIS SHEET FOR YOUR
POOL PLAY COORDINATOR

Event Day Step-by-Step

1. After announcements, proceed to the courts assigned to your pool.
2. As teams report to the court, check pool play sheet to ensure the correct teams are present.
3. Each team will play each other in one game to 15, win by 1. All matches are rally scoring. Teams switch sides at 8.
4. Gather teams for the coin toss. Winning team chooses serve, receive, (court) end, defer.
5. Record the scores after each match. Once a team has completed all games, record their total points scored and total wins scored.
6. Submit score sheets to the Playoff Bracket Manager or Event Director, who will determine which teams advance to the Playoffs.

SAMPLE: POOL PLAY SCORESHEET

Team #	Player #1		Player #2		Points Scored by Team Each Round						
	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Total Points	Total Wins
1	Barry Cade		Amber Waves		1 vs 2	1 vs 3	1 vs 4	1 vs 5	Bye	Team #1	
					15	9	15	6		45	2
2	Chip Munk		Brock Lee		2 vs 1	2 vs 5	Bye	2 vs 4	2 vs 3	Team #2	
					12	15		5	7	39	1
3	Chris Cross		Barb Dwyer		3 vs 4	3 vs 1	3 vs 5	Bye	3 vs 2	Team #3	
					15	15	8		15	53	3
4	Candice Fureal		Bea Lane		4 vs 3	Bye	4 vs 1	4 vs 2	4 vs 5	Team #4	
					9		10	15	15	49	2
5	Cliff Hanger		Artie Choke		Bye	5 vs 2	5 vs 3	5 vs 1	5 vs 4	Team #5	
						7	15	15	8	45	2
WINNING TEAM					Team with the most wins advances to the Playoffs Tie breakers: head to head, total points scored, total points of the teams tied						
	Chris Cross		Barb Dwyer								

Playoff Bracket Manager

Event Day Step-by-Step

PRINT THIS SHEET FOR YOUR PLAYOFF BRACKET MANAGER

1. Review pool play scoresheets.
2. Determine the teams to advance to the Playoffs.
3. Place winning team names in the Playoff Bracket.
4. Once all playoff teams have been identified, start the playoff bracket.
5. Coin toss to determine serve, receive, (court) end, defer for each game.
6. Each team will play 1 game to 15 win by 1. Switch sides at 8.
7. Each team will get one one-minute timeout per game.
8. Complete the Playoff Bracket
9. Award Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates

4-TEAM PLAYOFF BRACKET

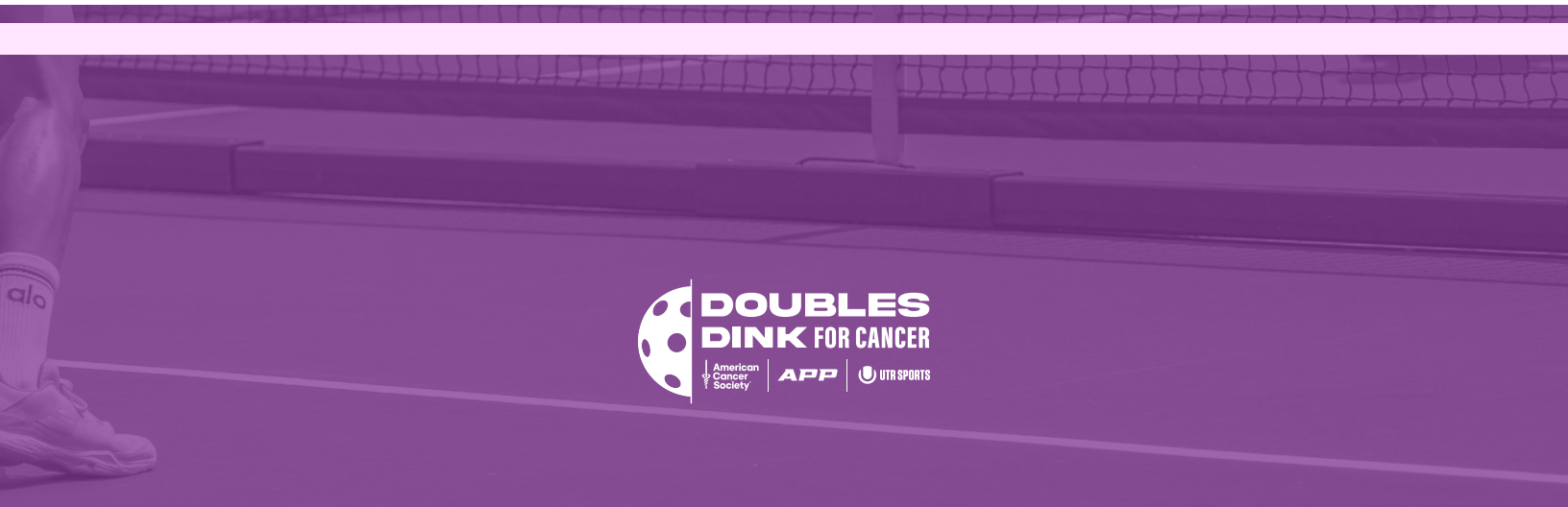


Pool #1 Winning Team - Quarterfinal							
Player #1	Player #2			Semifinals			
		Player #1	Player #2				
						Gold Winner	
						Player #1	Player #2
Pool #2 Winning Team - Quarterfinal							
Player #1	Player #2						
Pool #3 Winning Team - Quarterfinal							
Player #1	Player #2			Semifinals			
		Player #1	Player #2				
						Silver Winner	
						Player #1	Player #2
Pool #4 Winning Team - Quarterfinal							
Player #1	Player #2						
		Losing Team of Quarterfinal					
		Player #1	Player #2			Bronze Winner	
						Player #1	Player #2
		Losing Team of Quarterfinal					
		Player #1	Player #2				

- *Matches are rally scoring, to 15 win by 1
- *Switch sides at 8 points
- *Two 1-minute timeouts per game
- *Flip coin to determine side, serve, receive



Partners & Resources



Play Pickleball and Take an Active Role in Cancer Prevention



About **1 in 5 cancers** in the US are linked to excess body weight and lack of physical activity. **16 out of 100 cancer deaths** are related to those same factors.

Some of these cancers could've been prevented.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REDUCES THE RISK OF CANCER

Regular physical activity has been linked to a lower risk of several types of cancer and a physically active lifestyle may also lower a person's risk of other health problems. To adopt a physically active lifestyle, the American Cancer Society recommends people move more and sit less!

MOVE MORE

Adults should get 150-300 mins of moderate intensity or 75-150 mins of vigorous intensity activity each week. Why not fill those minutes with pickleball?



SIT LESS

Limit sedentary behavior such as sitting, lying down, watching television, or other forms of screen-based entertainment. So, get up, play pickleball!

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a great way to stay physically fit and tone muscles. **The Apple Heart and Movement Study**, published in October 2023, analyzed over 250,000 pickleball workouts that were tracked via Apple Watch technology by study participants. Researchers concluded that playing pickleball was associated with helping players reach moderate to vigorous heart rate zones that have been linked to an improvement in heart health.

Stay Safe While Playing Pickleball!

While pickleball has significant health benefits, it also means more time spent outdoors in the sun. Make sure you are taking proper precautions to protect yourself and your family from skin cancer while playing pickleball.



Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States.

More than 5 million skin cancers are diagnosed each year in the US. That is more than all other cancers COMBINED.

PREVENTION METHODS



Wear Sunglasses

Protect your eyes while playing outdoors.



Plan Off-Peak Play

Avoid playing pickleball during peak sun hours.



Wear Sunscreen

Properly apply sunscreen with SPF of 30+.



Seek Shade

Retreat to a shady spot during breaks in play.



Cover Up

Wear protective clothing to protect from exposure.

Our Partners

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

PUTTING MORE THAN A CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE TO WORK



The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision of ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. We are the only organization working to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

Learn more about who we are, what we do, and our plans for the future by exploring the areas below. To learn more, visit cancer.org or call our 24/7 helpline at 1-800-227-2345. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

THE ASSOCIATION OF PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

THE GLOBAL LEADER IN PICKLEBALL



Founded in 2019, the Association of Pickleball Players (APP) serves professionals, senior professionals and amateurs in the fastest growing sport in the USA. The first and only tour officially sanctioned by USA Pickleball, the 2024 APP Tour slate has 12 tournament stops, plus signature events (APP Women's Open, APP U.S. Collegiate Championship, APP Atlantic Cup, and APP Champions Cup) and international tournaments. All APP Tour events are nationally broadcast on CBS, ESPN, or FOX networks.

The APP also prides itself on developing the next generation of pickleball champions through its Next Gen Series, Next Gen National Team, Collegiate Series, and other youth initiatives.

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The mission of UTR Sports (formerly Universal Tennis) is to connect and grow the sports of tennis and pickleball with accurate global ratings, innovative events, and a global community centered around level-based play.

The UTR Sports Platform is anchored by our patented ratings technology. UTR Sports provides the technology tools and solutions relevant and valuable to players, coaches, and organizers. UTR Sports is creating opportunities and pathways for players from all over the world, in all stages of life, to find better matches and unlock a more fun, affordable, and flexible experience.

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Event Day Materials – FOR PRINT



The maximum size pool for Pool Play is 5 teams.
 Each pool requires two courts and should take 60-90 minutes to complete.
 All matches are rally scoring - 1 Game to 15 win by 1. Switch sides at 8.
 The top four teams overall will make the single elimination Playoff Bracket.



Pool # _____
 Court #s _____

**PRINT ONE COPY OF THIS SHEET FOR EACH POOL*

Team #	Player #1		Player #2		Points Scored by Team Each Round					Total Points	Total Wins
	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5		
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3					3 vs 4	3 vs 1	3 vs 5	Bye	3 vs 2	Team #3	
4					4 vs 3	Bye	4 vs 1	4 vs 2	4 vs 5	Team #4	
5					Bye	5 vs 2	5 vs 3	5 vs 1	5 vs 4	Team #5	
WINNING TEAM											
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4-TEAM PLAYOFF BRACKET



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Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2
Pool #2 Winning Team - Quarterfinal		Semifinals		Gold Winner	
Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2

Pool #3 Winning Team - Quarterfinal		Semifinals		Silver Winner	
Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2
Pool #4 Winning Team - Quarterfinal		Semifinals		Silver Winner	
Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2

Losing Team of Quarterfinal		Bronze Winner	
Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2
Losing Team of Quarterfinal		Bronze Winner	
Player #1	Player #2	Player #1	Player #2

*Matches are rally scoring, to 15 win by 1

*Switch sides at 8 points

*Two 1-minute timeouts per game

*Flip coin to determine side, serve, receive

*For tournament management assistance, email info@doublesdink.com

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GOLD MEDALIST

PLAYER NAME

DATE



SILVER MEDALIST

PLAYER NAME

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BRONZE MEDALIST

PLAYER NAME

DATE



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