



**East Naples
Skill Level Pickleball
Tournament**

March 21, 22, 23, 2014

East Naples Community Park

3500 Thomasson Dr.

Naples, Florida

SKILL Level /With a New Age Breakdown!

Welcome, to all Pickleball players that are interested in playing in the East Naples Skill Level Pickleball Tournament. This year the format will be Skill with an Age Breakdown, however if you read on we will be trying a new type of age breakdown after listening to many of you and your thoughts on it.

Because of the Skill/Age breakdown we will be using, this will be a non-sanctioned tournament. What does that mean exactly to you? You will not be asked to referee games, and you can play and enjoy three days of Pickleball, with not having to worry about being called to referee. However, if you come in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, Place and you are a USAPA member you would not receive any points on your tournament record.

- South Florida will have hosted five Skill Level and four Age Level Tournaments
- Six of them being Sanctioned for the 2013-2014 season.
- The player participation and level of play has greatly increased over the past three years in this area. The number of hard working volunteers has helped to make it all happen. We have had many players come to the area to participate and have seen some great Pickleball!
- We are trying this New Skill/ Age Format to see how everyone responds to it
- We would like you to fill out a post tournament survey at the conclusion of your last event before you leave.

NEW FORMAT

- It is now breaking down the age levels further within the skill level.
- We feel this is a much better format to use, to help encourage players of all ages to stay involved with the skill level tournaments
- It allows for the competition between teams that are not only close in skill but now closer in age
- An excellent venue for those that are starting out for the first time playing in tournaments
- The venue is an excellent one to use with 25 courts, and lighted for any evening play if necessary.
- You do not have to be a USAPA member to participate, but must be at least 19 years or older by December 31, 2014.
- The yellow Dura Ball will be used.

The New Skill Level Categories and New Age Format we will be using are as follows:

- **2.5/3.0** - 19-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+
- **3.5** - 19-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+
- **4.0** - 19-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+
- **4.5** - 19-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+
- **5.0** - 19+ 50+

******You will be **circling** not only your **Skill Level** but also your **Age Group** when signing up. You may always play down to the **lower age group within your Skill Level**. (Example: Age 57, if you are 4.0 you could sign up for 4.0 - (19-49) but you cannot sign up for 4.0 - (60-69) or higher.

- You must play **down to the youngest age** group of the partners
- You must play **up to the highest skill level** of the partners
- IF you have won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any skill level tournaments more than once this season, it is highly recommended that you move to the next level.
- Tournament Directors reserve the discretion to move anyone into the correct skill level if necessary, or to combine an age level within the skill level if needed, to ensure adequate playing time.

TOURNAMENT DATES

- **Friday, March 21** - **Singles** - (all starting times to be announced) Play will begin by 4:00pm
- **Saturday, March 22** - **Men's and Women's Doubles** - (all starting times to be announced)
- **Sunday, March 23**- **Mixed Doubles** - (all starting times to be announced)

SCORING

- Matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11pts, win by 2pts. for all upper bracket matches
- Back Draw will be one game to 15pts. win by 2 pts.
- All finals matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11pts win by 2pts. If the back draw player(s) win, then a second game to 15pts. win by 2pts. will be played to determine the first place team.
- This is a double elimination tournament.
- If there are fewer than 4 teams then a Round Robin Format will be used. One game to 21 pts. win by one pt. Total Points won will determine the winner, if there is a tie, then head to head competition will determine the winners.

Hotels

We are working with area hotels for some off season pricing, to help with any of those that are travelling via air. An updated hotel list will be available this week.

March is a great time and a busy time in South Florida, with beautiful weather. There is plenty to do and see, shopping, great restaurants, and beautiful beaches. Come and take advantage in what South Florida has to offer!

Entry Fees

\$ 35.00 Base Fee, includes Up to Three Events, Player Bag, and Tournament Shirt, with Lunch one day
\$ _____ TOTAL

Registration

- **Mail in Registration Must be Postmarked by: Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

Or register on-line at www.active.com Here is your direct link for registration:

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2126178

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Entry forms can be printed from:

- www.Pickleballspecialties.com or at
- www.USAPA.org under the heading Tournament Schedule.

Mailed Registrations must be:

- **Postmarked by Tuesday, March 11th, 2014** and
- **On-line registration** will close **Monday, March 17th, 2014 at 11:58pm**
- **Make Checks payable to: Pickleball Tournaments**
(In the memo portion at the bottom of check please write: **East Naples Tourney**)

Please mail all entries to:

East Naples Pickleball Tournament

P.O. Box 3440

Ft. Myers, FL 33918

We look forward to seeing all of you, and appreciate your taking the time to enjoy some great pickleball!
Any Questions Please call: **419-320-3655 / 954-309-5882** or email: pickleballtournaments@gmail.com

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