

## WELCOME TO THE 8th MINTO US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS Powered by Margaritaville April 13 - 20, 2024

#### EAST NAPLES COMMUNITY PARK

3500 Thomasson Dr. Naples, FL 34112

We realize this is a lot of information. We strongly encourage you to print this out and read it fully before you arrive at the US OPEN. Bring it on the plane, place it in your bathroom, put it by your bedside.... Whatever it takes, give it a read!

On behalf of the entire US OPEN staff and volunteers, we welcome you to the Minto US OPEN Pickleball Championships! This is arguably the most prestigious event in the sport of Pickleball. You are a part of pickleball history, and we are honored to have you as our guests in beautiful Naples, Florida!

We have a lot of great features this year to help you find a player, follow a player, and get live tournament updates. QR codes will be provided at the park.

## \*For LIVE tournament updates go to:

www.usopenpickleball.com/onsite (or scan an onsite QR code at the park)

#### **UPDATED INFO WHILE AT THE PARK!**

If you would like to receive information while at the park, text 'START' to 857-392-2471. You will receive text messages with updates on Featured Matches on The Zing Zang Championship Court, weather delays and more.

#### INTERNATIONAL PLAYER TEXTS

For International phone numbers and for any player having trouble receiving texts while at the event, you can use this number on WhatsApp. 1-857-382-3340. Simply type in 'Join', and hit the send button.



#### FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE PLAYERS

You will be able to follow your favorite players all week long and receive messages on all future court assignments. Using WhatsApp, send the following message "Follow John Doe" replacing John Doe with the players first and last name to 1-857-382-3340.

#### **EVENT CHECK-IN**

ALL players must go to the Check-In area in the Expo Tents to receive your US OPEN credential and gifts. (You may check-in as early as Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.)

VERY IMPORTANT! ALL PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN EACH DAY AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR FIRST MATCH!

#### Check in opens at 7am each day.

Your event may start early! There will be **QR CODES** provided to help you find brackets, where people are playing and how to reach out to us with questions.

## SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE AROUND THE PARK WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVE

#### PARKING – CASH ONLY!

We encourage you to carpool or UBER as much as possible.

KIWANIS will be once again supporting our parking needs. They will charge \$5/car each day, or \$30 for a week pass. There will be parking at East Naples Community Park, and across the street at Sugden Park. MORE Shuttles will be provided!



#### **JOOLA PARTY IN THE PARK**

Saturday, April 13th. 9am -3pm. FREE Parking!

**EARLY BIRD CHECK IN** will be available **9am – 2pm.** As soon as you arrive, head to the check in area in the US OPEN EXPO Tent. It will be hard to miss! There will be practice courts available, food, beverages, music! A fun day at the park!

**Pro Qualifying matches**, will be going on for Pro Singles events at the Margaritaville pod (courts 40 - 59). Come see some of the best aspiring pros vying for a spot in Sunday's main draw.

### Featured on the Zing Zang Championship Court: FREE!

11:30 - 12:15: Wheelchair/Hybrid Exhibition

12:30 – 1:30: Court Construction seminar hosted by Mor-Sports

1:45 – 2:45: Clinic with Simone Jardim

#### NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN GUEST SERVICES

The Naples Botanical Garden Guest Services will be located close to the US OPEN Expo tents. Stop by if you have any questions, lost and found, and suggestions on what to do in Naples! Be sure to put the Naples Botanical Garden on your list of things to do while you are in Naples. They are located just 2 miles from the park.

#### LOST AND FOUND

During the day, lost and found will be at Guest Services at the front of the park. PLEASE put your name on ALL valuables, water bottles. That way our team can find their home quickly!

Once Guest Services closes, Lost and Found will be at the Medal Stand.

#### **BALL**

The OFFICIAL BALL of the US OPEN is the **Franklin X-40**. All matches will be played with this ball.

#### **SITE MAP**

Please pick up a **SITE MAP** when you check in at the Naples Botanical Garden Guest Services, or through a QR code.



#### **BATHROOMS**

THE US OPEN WELCOME CENTER AND FAN ZONE is a great place to chill out, watch matches under the shade on the US OPEN LED VIDEO WALL. Bathrooms and showers are there for your convenience.

#### **US OPEN VOLUNTEERS**

This event wouldn't be possible without the almost 500 volunteers who donate their time and are passionate about making sure you have the best experience possible. Please stop one or two of them and give them a BIG thanks. It goes a long way. They will have bright orange shirts.

#### **US OPEN EXPO TENTS**

When you arrive at the park, you will see two large tents. This is where you will find: Player registration and check in, The FAT TIRE Beer Garden, Ticket Center, lunch, and dinner selections provided by St. Matthews House, US OPEN vendors, and entry to watch top players and the pros on the Zing Zang Championship Court (tickets required.) We encourage you to visit our vendors and support their business. Without them, tournaments like the US OPEN would not happen. Let them know you appreciate their support of pickleball!

# AMATEUR AND SENIOR PRO EVENT FORMATS (NOT QUALIFIERS)

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW THE FORMAT FOR YOUR SPECIFIC EVENT.

The US OPEN format is double elimination including a consolation bracket. Player's dropping to the loser's bracket will compete for the bronze medal only. The Gold Medalist will be undefeated.



#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Explore all <u>brackets and players</u> to ensure that you and your partner are in the correct events.

If there are any discrepancies please contact us at: <a href="mailto:registration@usopenpickleball.com">registration@usopenpickleball.com</a>

**Bracket Start Times:** Please click here for Start Times

#### **DRAW POSTINGS**

PRO draws will be posted by 7pm before the day of play. AMATEUR draws will be posted by midnight the day of your event.

Brackets are subject to change until each event starts.

#### **PRO DRAW CHANGES**

There will be no changes to pro draws once posted. If a team or player must withdraw for any reason, they will be replaced with a 'lucky loser' from the qualifying rounds.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, April 13th - Saturday, April 20th Schedule of Events / Entertainment

#### **COURTS**

There are a total **of 60** pickleball courts on site for match play at East Naples Community Park! Limited warm up areas will be provided. You will be allowed 5 minutes from the time your match is called to arrive at the court. You will have 5 minutes to warm up and then your match will begin promptly. *Help us stay on time by being on time!* No bags will be permitted on the courts. This is for player safety. You may bring a towel, water, or sports drink on the courts.



#### WARM UP COURTS

Players will not be allowed to warm up on courts where matches are being played (unless it's the court your team was called to). You may warm up on the temporary courts by the outdoor racquetball courts.

#### REFEREES

ALL Pro matches, amateur medal matches and the lead in matches will have a referee. MATCH STARTERS will start all non-refereed matches to help keep everything on time. COURT MONITORS will be available to help answer any of your questions. A RULES COMMITTEE will help if there are any questions on rules.

#### REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

A separate email will be sent to all players with pre match instructions. You MUST read this before you start your first match. Referees will not go over these before each match. This will help keep play on schedule.

#### ARTHREX WELLNESS CENTER

**CROSSROADS SPORTS MEDICINE** will be on hand to help with injuries and injury prevention. Stop by for a pre or post match massage, first aid treatment or tips on how to fix that aching knee, back or shoulder!

Services are complimentary to all US OPEN athletes. The medical tent is located on the outdoor racquetball courts.

#### **HYDRATION**

Please make a point to start drinking water before you get to the event. There are multiple water filler stations at the park to help you stay hydrated before, during and after your matches! Bring your favorite water bottle and keep it filled! Don't forget to put your name on your water bottle so if it runs off we can find it's owner!



#### ZING ZANG CHAMPIONSHIP COURT TICKETS

Limited tickets will be available at the Ticket Center starting Saturday, April 13th at 9am at Party in the Park for each day. You must have a ticket and daily wristband to enter the Zing Zang Championship Court!

#### US OPEN LIVE - STREAMING POLICY

In an effort to protect our media partnerships, videotaping of full matches on the Zing Zang Championship Court or other back courts for live streaming purposes, will not be allowed. We appreciate your cooperation! Videotaping for personal use is allowed.

# LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE PICKLEBALL CHANNEL, PICKLETV, AND USOPEN CHANNELS youtube.com/pickleballchannel and facebook.com/pickleballchannel

#### US OPEN FAN ZONE: NEW LED WALL!

Can't get a ticket but still want to watch matches on the Zing Zang Championship Court? There will be a live feed of matches EVERY afternoon, playing in the FAT TIRE Beer Garden in the Expo Tent, AND in the US OPEN FAN ZONE in the back of the WELCOME CENTER. If you can't get a seat in the court, you may relax and enjoy the matches under the shade!

The LIVE CBSSN broadcast will also be shown in these two areas.

#### FOOD VENDORS

We will have a variety of places for you to purchase food, snacks, and beverages throughout the week.

#### **FAT TIRE BEER GARDEN**

Inside the Vendor Village and at the Fan Zone! The FAT TIRE Beer Gardens will be open for beer, wine, Zing Zang Bloody Mary's, Margarita's and more! Relax and enjoy entertainment every afternoon in the Vendor Tents! Live entertainment will be from 11-2. Livestream of select matches on the Zing Zang Championship Court will be shown in both locations. The complete entertainment schedule is on the US OPEN website at <a href="https://usopenpickleball.com">https://usopenpickleball.com</a>



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR IS ALLOWED IN THE PARK. LIQUOR MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE FAT TIRE BEER GARDENS, OR SATELLITE BARS THROUGHOUT THE PARK.

Please do not bring alcohol into the park. Thank you for your cooperation!

CBSSN SCHEDULE BROADCATING LIVE AT THE OPEN! Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: 4 – 7pm Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: 5 – 9pm

# DICK'S SPORTING GOODS CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>!

CBS Sports Network (CBSSN) will be broadcasting the finals of the PRO Women's and PRO Men's doubles finals LIVE on Saturday night. The Pro Mixed finals will be broadcasted and shown at a later day.

YOU ARE A PART OF PICKLEBALL HISTORY! THE WEEK WILL BE FULL OF GREAT PICKLEBALL, AND THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE ONLY NAPLES CAN PROVIDE!
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING YOUR HOST AT THE MINTO US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS POWERED BY MARGARITAVILLE!

Thank you for joining us!

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