**Yukon’s Smash and Serve Pickleball Tournament 2025**

**Tournament Overview:**

* **Event Name**: **2025 Smash and Serve Tournament**
* **Host**: Yukon Pickleball Association
* **Location**: Elijah Smith Elementary School (Friday Night), Takhini Elementary School (Saturday) and Takhini Elementary School (Sunday)
* **Dates**: Friday May30th, Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st (Times will be confirmed after registration closes)
* **Format**: Round Robin with playoffs for Gold/Silver/Bronze
* **Skill Levels**: 2.5-2.99, 3.0-3.49, and 3.5+
* **3 Divisions:** Up to 12 teams per division
* **Bracket Composition**: Brackets may be combined based on registration numbers
* **Who can participate**: Any 2025 YPA members, limited of course, by space and time constraints.

**Registration Details**

* **Registration Type**: Players may register for only **one event**.
* **Partner Requirements**:
  + **Choose Your Partner:** In this tournament, you have the flexibility to **pick your own partner.**
  + Partners **do not** need to be registered at the time of your registration.
  + Players will be moved to the **waitlist** if their partner does not register within **3 days** of their initial registration.
  + **Self-rating**: Players will self-rate and must register within **.5 level** of their self-rating.
* **Skill Rating Restrictions**:
  + Players can only play **up to .5** higher than their self-rated skill level.
  + If a player is rated higher than the bracket they've registered for, they will be moved to the appropriate higher skill level.
* **Waitlist**: If a bracket is full, sign up for the waitlist.
* **Partner Changes**: Players can change their partner **up to 3 days before the start** of the tournament by contacting the Tournament Director, **Jayme Curtis**.

**Skill Levels**

**2.5: Advanced Beginner**

* Can sustain short rallies and understands scoring.
* Can serve and return moderately well.
* Learning basic positioning (especially in doubles).
* Working on consistency with forehands and backhands.
* Beginning to understand the concept of the non-volley zone (kitchen).

**3.0: Intermediate**

* Consistently gets serves and returns in play.
* Can control forehand and backhand shots with moderate consistency.
* Uses dinks and volleys with growing confidence.
* Understands court positioning and doubles strategies.
* Beginning to use the third shot drop and transitioning to the net.

**3.5: Upper Intermediate**

* Strong understanding of game strategy.
* More consistent with shot placement, including dinks, drives, and drops.
* Controls depth and direction on serves and returns.
* Effectively uses the third shot drop or drive.
* Moves well as a team in doubles and covers the court effectively.

**Tournament Structure**

* **Round Robin Play**:
  + All teams will play multiple matches in a **Round Robin** format.
  + Round Robin matches are scheduled based on skill level and bracket size.
  + Every team will play matches with all teams in your pool, with ranking based on wins and point differentials.
* **Playoffs**:
  + **Gold, Silver, and Bronze Brackets**: The top finishers from each division will compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals.
* **Skill Level Adjustment**:
  + If necessary, **brackets may be combined** for a more streamlined tournament, Partners must meet the skill level requirements: One partner should meet the required skill level, and the second partner may be **no more than .5 skill levels** lower.
  + Partners may adjust their skill levels, but it is important to keep within the registration rules.
* **Tournament Director's Authority**:
  + The Tournament Director, **Jayme Curtis**, has the authority to **adjust player ratings** if a player is found to be underrated.
  + If a player's rating is too high for their bracket, they will be moved to the appropriate bracket.
* **Match Timing**:
  + Match times will be finalized once registration is complete, but matches are expected to take place on **Friday night**, **Saturday and Sunday**.

**Important Deadlines**

1. **Registration Closes**: May 23rd.
2. **Partner Registration Deadline**: Within **3 days** of initial registration.
3. **Partner Change Deadline**: Up to **3 days before** the tournament starts.
4. **Waitlist**: If a division fills up, sign up for the waitlist, and you will be contacted if space becomes available.
5. **Cost will be $25 per player**

**Contact Information**

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