



We are thrilled to welcome you to another year of exciting pickleball, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories. The 2026 Macdonald Classic is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever, and we can't wait to see everyone out on the courts pretending they "definitely meant to do that."

Oh, how time flies! Only 8 days remain until registration closes. This is your friendly reminder that there are **no refunds after May 28**. If you're planning to withdraw, switch events, change partners, or suddenly remember you committed to a family reunion that weekend... now is the time.

NEW FOR 2026

We've rolled out some exciting changes this year, including:

- Most medal rounds will now be **best 2 out of 3 matches** (not guaranteed, time permitting)
- Most games will include at least **one timeout**
- In line with Pickleball Canada standards, senior categories are now **50+**

The 50+ events have absolutely exploded with registrations —Because of this, we're seeing lower-than-usual registration in the "any age" events. To help maximize court time and accommodate waitlists, there may be some tournament adjustments including:

- moving events to different days
- merging events
- format changes
- possible emotional support snacks (unconfirmed)

Stay tuned for updates on your event. We're working hard behind the scenes fueled almost entirely by caffeine and pickle-related spreadsheets.

If you're on the waitlist — don't lose hope! There's still a solid chance you'll get in, so keep refreshing that inbox.

Please note: when moving players from the waitlist, fully registered teams will be prioritized over individuals who "need partner" or teams with incomplete registration. Translation: if your partner still hasn't registered, now would be an excellent time to send them a mildly passive-aggressive message.

DUPR

We've received many questions about the new DUPR age-specific ratings and how they'll impact the tournament. At this time, these features are not yet integrated into pickleballtournaments.com, so we will continue using the classic DUPR ratings.

Volunteers

This event is entirely volunteer-run, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has already stepped up to help.

If you can volunteer, please leave your name in the link below:

<https://forms.gle/mBR7W83Vyw9wHMcd9>

All Volunteers will receive:

- our eternal gratitude
- good karma
- entry into a prize draw

Sponsors

This event is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Huge shout out to:

- Macdonald Realty – Title Sponsor
- One Woman Nails
- Mark Anthony Brand
- ELXR Power
- Becca Stuve
- Peninsula Pickleball Club

Officiators

A huge thank you to Tessa Graham & Ray Cyr , who will both serve as Head Referees for the 2026 Macdonald Classic.

A message from our Head Referees:

Only USAP-approved paddles will be allowed for tournament play. Players should check the USAP database to confirm their paddle is approved. We recommend taking a screenshot of the confirmation, as a referee may ask for it.

And while we're on the topic of paddles...

This year, all paddles will be tested for delamination and crushed cores. Any paddles that do not pass inspection will not be permitted for tournament play. We have not yet

ironed out all of the details surrounding this, more information on this to come. However, we strongly recommend bringing a spare paddle —especially if your current one sounds suspiciously like a can of Pringles being hit with a flip flop.

Paddle Tap,

Krista
Tournament Director