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MINI OWNERS + FRIENDS OPEN PLAY



TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Event Name	MINI Owners + Friends Pickleball Open Play
Date	11 th July 2026 (Saturday)
Time	9.30AM – 7.30PM (0930 – 1930)
Venue	First Shot Pickleball @ Factory 19
Registration Deadline	4 th July 2026 (Saturday) or until slots are filled.
Who can Participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Open to Men's & Women's Double teams.- Every team must feature the ultimate duo: A MINI Owner teamed up with a friend. (Non MINI Owner)
Total Cash Prize Pool	RM7,000
Organizers	MINI Malaysia
Tournament Director	Benjamin Lim & Kay Yam

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND REGISTRATION FEE

Category	DUPR Rate	No. of Team	No. of Pool
Women's Doubles Open	Open	40	8
Men's Doubles Open	Open	40	8
REGISTRATION DEADLINE 4 TH JULY 2026 (SATURDAY) OR UNTIL SLOTS ARE FULL			

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE*

Date / Day	Categories	Time
11 th July 2026 (Saturday)	Women's Doubles Open	9.30AM - 2.30PM
	Men's Doubles Open	2.30PM - 7.30PM

**The schedule is subject to minor adjustments.*

CASH PRIZE POOL

Category	Champion	1 st Runner Up	2 nd Runner Up
Women's Doubles Open	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500
Men's Doubles Open	RM 2,000	RM 1,000	RM 500

TOURNAMENT SCORING FORMAT

RALLY SCORING

	Group Stage to Round of 16	Quarter Final to Semi-Final	3 rd & 4 th Place	Final
Format	15 points	15 points	15 points	
Deuce	14 – 14 (Win by Two) Maximum points cap at 20 points	14-14 (Win by Two) Maximum points cap at 20 points	14 – 14 (Win By Two) Maximum points cap at 20 points	
Set	1 set		Best of 3 sets	
Switch side	8 points	8 points	After each set; 8 points in deciding set (set 3)	
Time-out	No time-out	1 min time out / team	1 min time out / team / set	
Medical time-out	Accumulated 15 mins medical time out / team			

- **Registration:** Teams (both players) must complete registration at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time. Identification documents are required during the registration.
- **Walkover:** Any team failing to appear on court within 10 minutes of its scheduled match time will have their match forfeited/walkover with the score recorded as 0-1 to their opponents.
- **Group Stage:** Each category will begin with a round-robin format within assigned groups.
- **Knockout Stage:** The top two (2) teams from each group will progress to a single-elimination knockout round.
- **Format Adjustments:** The Organizer reserves the right to modify the tournament format based on the final number of participants.
- **Tie-Breaking Criteria (Group Stage):** If two or more teams finish with identical win-loss records, group standings will be determined in the following order:
 - Head-to-head result (only if exactly two teams are tied)
 - Total point differential (points scored minus points conceded across all group matches)
- **Refereeing:**
 - Matches will be officiated by an official/referee

**Organizer reserves the right to amend*

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Categories	Eligibility Requirements
Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Players must be at least 18 years old and aboveii. There is no DUPR Restriction on this division. All players, regardless of DUPR rating and DUPR reliability are eligible to participate.iii. This is an open category, self-assessment on player level is to be madeiv. Player with DUPR reliability score below 10% will be treated as No Rating (NR)v. Player with NR is ELIGIBLE. However, their participation is subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- **Each team must feature: A MINI Owner (MINI vehicle purchased from an authorized MINI dealer in Malaysia) teamed up with a friend (Non MINI Owner).**
- Employees of **BMW Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.**, its affiliated and related companies, its **authorized dealership network**, and their **immediate family members** are not eligible to participate in the tournament

PLAYER AGE RESTRICTION

- Players aged 17 and below may participate only with prior approval from the Tournament Director and submission of a signed parental consent or waiver form.

RULES OF CONDUCT, OFFICIATING RULES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- All rules and procedures outlined in this Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations shall take precedence for the duration of the event. For any matters not explicitly covered herein, the tournament will refer to the [USA Pickleball Official Rulebook](#) as the guiding authority.

PLAYER CONDUCT

- Players are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and respect toward:
 - Tournament officials/referees
 - Event crew
 - Spectators
 - Fellow players
- The following behaviours are strictly prohibited:
 - Use of profanity, taunting, racist remarks, or trash talk
 - Throwing, slamming, or otherwise abusing paddles or balls in frustration or anger
 - Persistent arguing with referees, officials, or other players
 - Deliberate delays or any unsporting tactics intended to disrupt play
- Violations may result in penalties, including point deductions, forfeiture of matches, or disqualification from the tournament.

ROLE OF TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS/REFEREES

- Each court will have an assigned official/referee throughout the match.
 - They are not referees and cannot make or overrule line calls, but they play a key role in ensuring matches run fairly and smoothly
- Official/Referee Responsibilities:
 - Ensure matches start on time
 - Report scores and outcomes to the Tournament Desk
 - Monitor player conducts and resolves procedural issues
 - Note disputes and alert the Tournament Desk when needed
 - Inform players of the rules and scoring format
 - Remind players about serving order and player positions
- Please treat every official/referee with respect at all times. They are there to keep the tournament running smoothly. Any disrespectful behaviour may result in a warning or disciplinary action.

SCORES

- Scores will be confirmed with players immediately after each match by the assigned official/referee. Any discrepancies must be raised on the spot — appeals made later may not be considered unless supported by clear and verifiable proof.

WARM-UP AND WALKOVERS

- Players are allowed 2 minutes to warm up after being instructed by the official or referee.
- Matches must begin within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time or when called.
- A 10-minute grace period applies. Failure to arrive within 10 minutes of the match start may result in a walkover and the match being recorded as a loss.

MEDICAL TIMEOUTS

- Players may request a medical timeout for injury or illness.
- The maximum accumulated duration is 15 minutes, including evaluation.
- The match may resume if the player is deemed fit to continue.
- If the player is not fit, the player/team will declare a forfeit or walkover the match.

LINE CALLS

- Line Call Rules
 - Players are responsible for making all line calls on their side of the court unless a certified referee or line judge is present and the match has been designated as officiated
 - A ball is in if it touches any part of the line
 - If there is any doubt, the benefit goes to the opponent — “When in doubt, call it in” (*Rule 6.D.3*)
 - Players must not call a ball out unless they clearly see space between the line and the ball
 - If both partners on a team disagree on whether a ball was out, the ball is considered in
 - Players may not call balls on the opponent’s side of the court. Doing so may result in an official warning

- Deferring Line Calls
 - Line calls may be deferred to the official/referee only if both teams agree to do so
 - If the official/referee is uncertain, a replay will be encouraged

- Disputes and Player Conduct
 - Players may politely and briefly question a line call made by their opponents; however, they may not demand a reversal or overrule unless a referee is present and the match is officiated
 - Persistent arguing, confrontational behaviour, or repeated disputes over opponent line calls may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in:
 - Verbal warning
 - Technical foul
 - Disqualification, at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Head Referee.
 - Intentional dishonest behaviour or a pattern of bad-faith calls will be escalated to the Head Referee or Tournament Director and may result in suspension from the tournament

SERVICE AND NON-VOLLEY ZONE (NVZ) FOOT FAULT ENFORCEMENT

- Officials/Referees are authorized to stop play and call the following clear infractions:
 - Service foot faults (e.g., stepping on or across the baseline during the serve)
 - Obvious NVZ foot faults committed during a volley
- If an official/referee calls a fault, the point is awarded to the opposing team. These calls are final and non-appealable. Persistent disputes or challenges to official/referee decisions may result in conduct warnings or penalties.

IN-GAME DISPUTES AND CHALLENGES

- If a disagreement arises during play (e.g., line call, score dispute, or procedural confusion):
 - Involvement of the official/referee
 - a. Encourage both sides to agree to replay the point, or
 - b. Escalate the matter to the Tournament Director
 - Tournament official/referee Intervention
 - a. Make a ruling and direct players to replay the point or continue from a known score
 - b. Issue verbal warnings or code of conduct penalties
 - c. Observe the remainder of the match
 - d. Assign a certified referee if the dispute escalates further
 - Avoiding Excessive Delays
 - Matches must not be delayed indefinitely
 - Repeated refusal to continue may result in default or forfeit

LINE JUDGES

- Line judges may be appointed for semi-finals, finals or other designated matches.
- They are responsible only for the lines assigned to them and may use hand signals in addition to verbal calls.
- If a player appeals a call, the referee will consult the line judge, but the referee's decision is final.

DRESS CODE

- Players must wear proper sporting attire and non-marking court shoes.
- Slippers, flip-flops, sandals or any inappropriate footwear are strictly prohibited on the courts.
- Neon-coloured attire is strictly prohibited during play.
- The Tournament Committee reserve the right to require an immediate change of attire if a player is found non-compliant.
- Failure to comply with the dress code may result in disqualification or removal from the court at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- Players are expected to dress respectfully to maintain a professional and safe environment in the spirit of the sport.

COACHING RESTRICTIONS

- Coaching is not allowed during play or between points.
- Coaching is only permitted between games (e.g., between Game 1 and Game 2 in a best-of-3 match) or during time-outs.
- Any coaching during active play may result in a verbal warning, escalating to point penalties if repeated.

WITHDRAWALS

- All registrations are final and strictly non-refundable.
- Withdrawals are not be permitted under any circumstances once registration is confirmed.
- In exceptional cases involving documented medical reasons, a partial refund or player replacement may be considered at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Players are strongly advised to register only if they are fully committed and available for the entire duration of the tournament.

PLAYER REPLACEMENTS

- If a player is unable to compete, a replacement may be permitted subject to the following conditions:
 - Player replacements are allowed only before **9th July 2026, 6.00 PM**
 - The replacement must meet all eligibility and rating requirements of the division entered
 - All changes must receive approval from the Tournament Director
 - If the change affects the seeding of top players, it may be rejected
 - In exceptional or unforeseen situations, replacements may be discussed with the Tournament Director. However, the **final decision** rests solely with the Tournament Director and Organizer, and their ruling shall be final and binding.

NO SHOW POLICY

- Players who fail to show up or withdraw without notice may be suspended from future tournaments.

MEDIA RELEASE AND CONSENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY

- By participating in the Open Play, all players and spectators' consent to being photographed or filmed. Media may be used for promotional, social media, or sponsor-related purposes.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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