

GROUND ZERO 2026

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Purpose

The Ground Zero 2026 Pickleball Tournament ("Tournament") is organized by Zero Zero Two (ZZT) to promote competitive pickleball in a fair, safe, organized, and sportsmanlike environment while fostering fellowship, integrity, respect, and community among all participants.

These Official Terms & Conditions establish the legal rights, obligations, responsibilities, and expectations of every Participant and provide the legal framework governing the administration and conduct of the Tournament.

These Terms are intended to:

- Promote fair and consistent tournament administration;
 - Preserve the integrity of competition;
 - Protect the interests of Participants, Officials, Sponsors, Volunteers, Venue Partners, and the Organizer;
 - Minimize legal and operational risks; and
 - Ensure that all Participants compete under a common set of rules and standards.
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Section 2. Definitions

For purposes of these Terms & Conditions, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

2.1 Organizer

The "Organizer" refers to Zero Zero Two (ZZT), including its officers, directors, committee members, tournament management, employees, volunteers, contractors, agents, and any individual duly authorized to administer any aspect of the Tournament.

2.2 Tournament

The officially organized Ground Zero 2026 Pickleball Tournament, including all official activities conducted before, during, and after the competition.

2.3 Tournament Director

The individual appointed by the Organizer to oversee the Tournament and exercise the authority granted under these Terms & Conditions.

2.4 Tournament Officials

Individuals officially appointed by the Organizer to perform operational or officiating duties, including but not limited to:

- Referees
 - Umpires
 - Line Judges
 - Match Controllers
 - Registration Personnel
 - Runners
 - Court Marshals
 - Medical Personnel
 - Scorekeepers
 - Other authorized Tournament Personnel
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2.5 Participant

Any individual officially recognized by the Organizer as participating in the Tournament, including players, approved substitute players, team representatives, coaches, or any other authorized participant.

2.6 Team

A registered doubles partnership officially approved by the Organizer for participation in a Tournament division.

2.7 Official Tournament Documents

Collectively refers to:

- Official Terms & Conditions
 - Official Waiver and Release
 - Official Player Guide
 - Official Rules of Play
 - Official Tournament Schedule
 - Official Draw Results
 - Official Announcements
 - Supplemental Regulations issued by the Organizer
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2.8 Official Announcement

Any communication officially issued by the Organizer through designated channels, including but not limited to:

- Official Facebook Page
 - Registration Platform
 - Official Website
 - Email
 - Messaging Applications
 - Venue Announcements
 - Official Briefings
 - Other communication channels designated by the Organizer
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2.9 Force Majeure Event

Any event beyond the reasonable control of the Organizer, including but not limited to:

- Natural disasters
- Severe weather
- Fire
- Flood

- Earthquake
 - Pandemic or epidemic
 - Government orders
 - Civil disturbance
 - Terrorism
 - Power interruption
 - Venue closure
 - Public safety concerns
 - Any circumstance that renders continuation of the Tournament unsafe or impracticable
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2.10 Tournament Day

Any day designated by the Organizer for registration, competition, ceremonies, or other official Tournament activities.

2.11 Venue

The official location designated by the Organizer for the conduct of the Tournament and all related activities.

Section 3. Acceptance of Terms

By registering for the Tournament, each Participant acknowledges that they have:

- Read these Official Terms & Conditions;
- Understood their contents;
- Had reasonable opportunity to seek clarification before registering; and
- Voluntarily agree to be legally bound by them.

A person who does not agree to these Terms & Conditions must not register for, or participate in, the Tournament.

Participation in any Tournament activity constitutes continuing acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

Section 4. Official Tournament Documents

The following documents collectively govern participation in Ground Zero 2026:

1. Official Terms & Conditions
2. Official Waiver and Release
3. Official Player Guide
4. Official Rules of Play
5. Official Tournament Schedule
6. Official Draw Results
7. Official Announcements
8. Supplemental Regulations issued by the Organizer

In the event of any conflict between these documents, they shall prevail in the following order unless expressly stated otherwise:

1. Official Terms & Conditions
2. Official Waiver and Release
3. Supplemental Regulations
4. Official Player Guide
5. Official Announcements

Operational guidance contained in the Official Player Guide shall not supersede any legal obligation established under these Terms & Conditions.

Section 5. Interpretation

These Terms & Conditions shall be interpreted:

- reasonably;
- consistently;
- in good faith; and
- in a manner that promotes participant safety, competitive fairness, and the orderly administration of the Tournament.

Section headings are provided solely for convenience and shall not affect interpretation.

Words importing the singular include the plural where appropriate, and words importing one gender include all genders.

Section 6. Official Notices

The Organizer may issue official notices, updates, schedule revisions, disciplinary decisions, or other communications through any designated official communication channel.

Unless otherwise required by law, such communications shall be deemed officially issued upon publication.

Participants are solely responsible for keeping themselves informed of official announcements.

Failure to monitor official communications shall not excuse non-compliance with Tournament requirements.

Section 7. Amendments

The Organizer reserves the right to amend, clarify, supplement, or update these Terms & Conditions whenever reasonably necessary to:

- protect participant safety;
- preserve competitive fairness;
- address unforeseen operational circumstances;
- comply with applicable laws; or
- improve Tournament administration.

Where reasonably practicable, material amendments affecting Participant rights shall be communicated before taking effect.

Section 8. Official Version

These Official Terms & Conditions constitute the complete and official legal agreement governing participation in Ground Zero 2026.

No verbal statement, social media comment, private message, informal communication, or representation made by any person shall modify these Terms unless expressly authorized by the Organizer through an official written issuance.

If these Terms are translated into another language, the English version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency.

ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION

Section 9. Eligibility

9.1 General Eligibility

Participation in Ground Zero 2026 is open only to individuals who satisfy all eligibility requirements established by the Organizer.

All Participants must:

- complete the official registration process;
- submit all required registration information;
- execute the Official Waiver and Release;
- comply with these Terms & Conditions;
- comply with all Official Tournament Documents; and
- satisfy any additional eligibility requirements announced by the Organizer.

Registration does not automatically guarantee acceptance into the Tournament. The Organizer reserves the right to approve or deny any registration in accordance with these Terms.

9.2 Accuracy of Information

Participants warrant that all information submitted during registration is true, complete, and accurate.

The Organizer may require supporting documentation whenever reasonably necessary to verify eligibility, identity, age, division classification, or any information relevant to Tournament administration.

Submission of false, misleading, incomplete, or fraudulent information may result in:

- rejection of registration;
- removal from the Tournament;

- forfeiture of results;
 - forfeiture of awards;
 - suspension from future ZZT events; and
 - any additional disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Organizer.
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9.3 Division Eligibility

Participants shall compete only in divisions for which they have been approved by the Organizer.

Division placement shall consider factors including, but not limited to:

- declared playing experience;
- previous tournament performance;
- skill level;
- competitive history;
- organizer evaluation; and
- any other information reasonably relevant to maintaining competitive balance.

The Organizer reserves the exclusive authority to determine the final division assignment of every Participant.

9.4 Player Classification

The Organizer may reclassify, transfer, or refuse entry to any Participant when necessary to preserve fairness, safety, or the competitive integrity of the Tournament.

Such determination shall be final and made in good faith based on available information.

9.5 Multiple Entries

Participants may register for multiple categories only where expressly permitted by the Organizer.

The Organizer may refuse additional entries if scheduling conflicts, operational limitations, or competitive fairness may be adversely affected.

Participants assume the risk of participating in multiple approved categories.

The Organizer shall not be responsible for fatigue, reduced recovery time, or scheduling limitations resulting from multiple-category participation.

Section 10. Registration

10.1 Registration Requirements

Only registrations submitted through the official registration process shall be recognized.

A registration shall be considered complete only after:

- submission of all required information;
- confirmation by the Organizer;
- payment of applicable registration fees, where applicable; and
- satisfaction of all documentary requirements.

10.2 Registration Deadline

Registration shall close on the date announced by the Organizer or earlier if participant capacity is reached.

The Organizer may:

- extend registration;
- reopen registration;

- establish waitlists; or
- close registration early,

whenever reasonably necessary for Tournament administration.

10.3 Waitlist

Where participant capacity has been reached, the Organizer may maintain a waitlist.

Admission from the waitlist shall be solely at the discretion of the Organizer and shall not create any entitlement or expectation of participation.

10.4 Withdrawal Prior to Tournament

Participants who are unable to participate are encouraged to notify the Organizer as soon as reasonably practicable.

Withdrawal does not automatically entitle a Participant to any refund unless expressly provided by the Organizer.

The Organizer reserves the right to fill vacant slots using eligible waitlisted participants or other approved methods.

10.5 Player Replacement

Player replacement shall only be permitted **before the official commencement of the Tournament** and only upon prior written approval of the Organizer.

Replacement requests may be considered only for legitimate reasons, including:

- serious illness;
- injury;
- medical emergency; or
- other exceptional circumstances approved by the Organizer.

The replacement player must:

- satisfy all eligibility requirements;
- qualify for the applicable division;
- comply with all Official Tournament Documents; and
- receive final approval from the Organizer.

The Organizer may require reasonable supporting documentation before approving any replacement request.

Approval of a replacement is discretionary and shall not create any right to a particular substitute.

10.6 Unauthorized Substitution

No individual may participate in place of a registered Participant without the prior approval of the Organizer.

Unauthorized substitutions, impersonation, or participation by an unapproved player may result in:

- immediate disqualification;
- forfeiture of affected matches;
- forfeiture of awards;
- removal from the Tournament; and
- additional disciplinary action against the individuals involved.

Section 11. Participant Responsibilities

Every Participant shall:

- comply with these Terms & Conditions;
- comply with the Official Waiver and Release;
- comply with the Official Player Guide;
- follow lawful instructions issued by Tournament Officials;
- maintain respectful and sportsmanlike conduct;

- compete honestly and fairly;
- protect Tournament property and venue facilities;
- observe all venue rules and safety requirements;
- immediately report any injury, medical concern, or safety hazard;
- promptly provide information reasonably requested by Tournament Officials; and
- refrain from conduct that may compromise the safety, reputation, fairness, or orderly administration of the Tournament.

Participants are expected to exercise reasonable care for their own safety and the safety of others throughout the Tournament.

Section 12. Check-In Requirements

Participants shall complete check-in **at least thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled match**, unless otherwise instructed by the Organizer.

Participants who fail to report within the prescribed check-in period may be declared absent.

The Organizer may declare a match forfeited where a Participant fails to appear within the applicable grace period established under the Official Rules of Play.

Participants remain responsible for monitoring official schedules, announcements, and any schedule adjustments made during the Tournament.

Section 13. Fraud and Misrepresentation

The Tournament is founded upon honesty, integrity, and fair competition.

Any Participant who intentionally engages in fraud, deception, or misrepresentation may be subject to disciplinary action.

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- providing false registration information;
- submitting forged or altered documents;

- concealing information affecting eligibility;
- impersonating another Participant;
- allowing another individual to compete under one's registration;
- deliberately manipulating division placement;
- intentionally misleading Tournament Officials; or
- engaging in any dishonest act that compromises Tournament integrity.

Where fraud or misrepresentation is established, the Organizer may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- refusal of registration;
- immediate disqualification;
- forfeiture of matches;
- forfeiture of awards;
- removal from the Tournament;
- suspension from future ZZT events; and
- any additional disciplinary measures reasonably necessary to protect the integrity of the Tournament.

The Organizer's determination shall be made reasonably, in good faith, and based on available evidence.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION & COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

Section 14. Authority of the Organizer

The Organizer shall have the overall authority to plan, administer, supervise, and conduct the Tournament.

The Organizer may exercise any authority reasonably necessary to ensure the safe, fair, orderly, and efficient operation of the Tournament.

Such authority includes, but is not limited to:

- approving registrations;
- determining participant eligibility;
- assigning divisions;
- preparing draws and schedules;
- appointing Tournament Officials;
- resolving operational issues;
- implementing safety measures;
- enforcing these Terms and Conditions; and
- issuing official directives and supplemental regulations.

The Organizer shall exercise its authority reasonably, impartially, consistently, and in good faith.

Section 15. Authority of the Tournament Director

The Tournament Director is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Tournament.

The Tournament Director may make decisions necessary to facilitate the orderly conduct of matches, including but not limited to:

- scheduling and rescheduling matches;
- assigning courts;
- assigning officials;
- interpreting Tournament procedures;
- resolving operational concerns;
- enforcing safety measures;
- implementing Organizer directives; and
- addressing unforeseen circumstances not expressly covered by these Terms.

Operational decisions made by the Tournament Director in good faith shall be final unless the Organizer determines otherwise.

Section 16. Match Administration

All matches shall be conducted in accordance with:

- the Official Rules of Play;
- the Official Player Guide;
- these Terms and Conditions; and
- any official instructions issued by Tournament Officials.

Participants shall comply with all lawful directions issued before, during, and after each match.

Tournament Officials may temporarily suspend play where necessary to address:

- player safety;
- medical concerns;
- equipment issues;
- court conditions;
- venue safety;
- weather conditions; or
- other circumstances affecting fair competition.

Section 17. Schedule Adjustments

The Tournament schedule is subject to change whenever reasonably necessary.

The Organizer may modify:

- match times;
- court assignments;
- division schedules;
- playoff schedules;
- medal matches; and
- other Tournament activities

to accommodate operational requirements, participant safety, weather conditions, venue availability, equipment failure, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Participants acknowledge that schedule adjustments are a normal part of tournament operations.

Section 18. Code of Conduct

All Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Participants shall:

- demonstrate respect toward opponents, partners, officials, volunteers, spectators, sponsors, and venue personnel;
- comply with lawful instructions issued by Tournament Officials;
- refrain from abusive, threatening, intimidating, discriminatory, or offensive conduct;
- avoid unsportsmanlike behavior;
- preserve the integrity of competition; and
- contribute to a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Participants remain responsible for their conduct throughout the Tournament venue, including before and after scheduled matches.

Section 19. Prohibited Conduct

Without limiting the Organizer's authority, the following conduct may constitute grounds for disciplinary action:

- cheating or attempting to gain an unfair advantage;
 - intentionally violating Tournament rules;
 - harassment or intimidation;
 - physical or verbal abuse;
 - discrimination of any kind;
 - threatening behavior;
 - damage to Tournament or venue property;
 - possession or use of illegal drugs;
 - competing while impaired by alcohol or prohibited substances;
 - gambling or match manipulation;
 - unauthorized substitution;
 - falsification of Tournament records;
 - interference with Tournament operations; or
 - any conduct that, in the reasonable opinion of the Organizer, compromises participant safety, the reputation of the Tournament, or the integrity of competition.
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Section 20. Disciplinary Action

Where a Participant violates these Terms, the Official Tournament Documents, or any lawful directive issued by the Organizer, appropriate disciplinary measures may be imposed.

Depending on the nature and severity of the violation, disciplinary action may include:

- verbal warning;
- written warning;
- deduction of points where permitted under the Official Rules;
- forfeiture of a match;
- removal from a match;
- disqualification from an event;
- forfeiture of awards or prizes;
- removal from the Tournament; or

- suspension from future tournaments organized by Zero Zero Two (ZZT).

Before imposing significant disciplinary sanctions, the Organizer shall, where reasonably practicable, provide the Participant with an opportunity to explain the relevant circumstances.

Section 21. Protests and Dispute Resolution

A Participant who wishes to question a Tournament decision shall promptly raise the matter with the Tournament Director or designated Tournament Official.

To preserve the orderly administration of the Tournament, protests should be raised as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant incident.

The Tournament Director may investigate the matter, consult Tournament Officials, and consider any available evidence before rendering a decision.

Unless otherwise required by law or expressly provided under these Terms, decisions of the Organizer regarding operational matters, scheduling, officiating, and Tournament administration shall be final.

Nothing in this Section limits any non-waivable rights available under applicable Philippine law.

Section 22. Awards and Prizes

Awards, medals, trophies, prizes, and/or other recognitions shall be granted only to Participants who:

- remain eligible throughout the Tournament;
- comply with these Terms and Conditions;
- comply with the Official Tournament Documents; and
- are not subject to disqualification or forfeiture.

The Organizer reserves the right to withhold, withdraw, or reallocate awards where a Participant is subsequently found to have violated these Terms or obtained results through fraud, misrepresentation, or other prohibited conduct.

LEGAL PROVISIONS

Section 23. Assumption of Risk

Participation in the Tournament is voluntary.

Each Participant acknowledges that pickleball and related Tournament activities involve inherent and unavoidable risks, including, but not limited to:

- slips, trips, and falls;
- collisions with other players, officials, spectators, or objects;
- muscle strains, sprains, fractures, or other physical injuries;
- dehydration, heat-related illnesses, and fatigue;
- equipment failure;
- accidents occurring within or around the Tournament venue; and
- other foreseeable or unforeseeable risks associated with athletic competition.

Each Participant voluntarily assumes all ordinary risks arising from participation, except to the extent that liability cannot legally be excluded under applicable law.

Nothing in these Terms limits or excludes liability where such limitation or exclusion is prohibited by Philippine law.

Section 24. Medical Treatment

Participants are responsible for ensuring that they are physically fit and medically capable of participating in the Tournament.

The Organizer may, but is under no obligation to, provide or arrange reasonable first-aid assistance or emergency response when circumstances reasonably require.

Where emergency medical treatment is reasonably necessary and the Participant is unable to provide informed consent, the Organizer may authorize appropriate emergency medical assistance.

Any costs arising from medical consultation, treatment, transportation, hospitalization, medication, or related services shall remain the sole responsibility of the Participant unless otherwise provided by applicable law.

Section 25. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by Philippine law, the Organizer, Tournament Officials, Sponsors, Volunteers, Venue Partners, and their respective officers, employees, contractors, and agents shall not be liable for any loss, injury, illness, death, damage, expense, delay, or inconvenience arising directly or indirectly from participation in the Tournament, except where such loss results from gross negligence, willful misconduct, or liability that cannot legally be excluded.

This limitation includes, but is not limited to:

- personal injury;
 - property damage;
 - theft or loss of personal belongings;
 - travel disruptions;
 - schedule changes;
 - event postponement;
 - event cancellation; and
 - decisions made in the good-faith administration of the Tournament.
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Section 26. Force Majeure

The Organizer shall not be liable for any delay, suspension, modification, or cancellation of the Tournament resulting from events beyond its reasonable control.

Such events include, but are not limited to:

- natural disasters;
- severe weather;
- flood;
- fire;
- earthquake;
- epidemic or pandemic;
- government orders;
- acts of terrorism;
- civil unrest;
- power or utility failures;
- venue closure;
- public safety emergencies; or
- any other circumstance that renders continuation of the Tournament unsafe, illegal, or impracticable.

Where reasonably practicable, the Organizer shall communicate any significant changes through Official Announcement.

Section 27. Media Release

By participating in the Tournament, Participants grant the Organizer a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to photograph, record, livestream, reproduce, publish, distribute, display, and otherwise use their name, likeness, image, voice, and Tournament results for legitimate Tournament-related, promotional, archival, educational, marketing, sponsorship, and historical purposes.

No compensation shall be due for such use unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Participants waive any claim arising solely from the lawful use of such materials consistent with these Terms.

Section 28. Intellectual Property

All Tournament names, logos, branding, graphics, promotional materials, schedules, scoreboards, documents, designs, photographs, videos, broadcasts, livestreams, and other Tournament-related intellectual property remain the exclusive property of the Organizer or their respective owners.

Nothing contained in these Terms grants any Participant ownership, license, or other intellectual property rights except as expressly authorized in writing by the Organizer.

Commercial use, reproduction, distribution, modification, or exploitation of Tournament intellectual property without prior written permission is prohibited.

Section 29. Data Privacy

The Organizer shall collect, process, store, and use Participant information only for legitimate Tournament-related purposes, including:

- registration;
- tournament administration;
- scheduling;
- communications;
- emergency response;
- results publication;
- awards processing;
- historical records; and
- legal compliance.

Personal information shall be processed in accordance with the **Data Privacy Act of 2012 (Republic Act No. 10173)** and other applicable Philippine laws.

Participants acknowledge that certain information, including names, team names, divisions, match schedules, scores, standings, rankings, photographs, and Tournament results, may be publicly displayed as part of normal Tournament operations.

Section 30. Recordkeeping

The Organizer may retain registration records, waivers, electronic acceptances, disciplinary records, incident reports, match records, and other Tournament documents for legal, administrative, historical, and operational purposes, subject to applicable law.

Reasonable administrative and technical safeguards shall be implemented to protect personal information.

Section 31. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms & Conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

Any dispute arising from or relating to these Terms that cannot be resolved through good-faith discussions shall be submitted to the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Philippines.

Nothing in this Section limits any rights that cannot legally be waived under applicable law.

Section 32. Severability

If any provision of these Terms is declared invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Section 33. No Waiver

Failure or delay by the Organizer to enforce any provision of these Terms shall not constitute a waiver of that provision or of any other rights available under these Terms or applicable law.

Any waiver shall be effective only if made expressly in writing by the Organizer.

Section 34. Survival

The provisions relating to limitation of liability, assumption of risk, media release, intellectual property, data privacy, recordkeeping, governing law, dispute resolution, and any other provisions which by their nature are intended to survive shall remain effective notwithstanding the completion, cancellation, withdrawal from, or termination of participation in the Tournament.

Section 35. Entire Agreement

These Official Terms & Conditions, together with the Official Waiver and Release and the other Official Tournament Documents, constitute the complete agreement governing participation in Ground Zero 2026.

They supersede all prior oral or written discussions, representations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Tournament.

Section 36. Electronic Acceptance

Registration through the official registration platform constitutes the Participant's electronic acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

Electronic acceptance shall have the same legal force and effect as a handwritten signature to the extent permitted by applicable Philippine law.

The Organizer may retain electronic records of registration, acceptance, and related Tournament documentation as evidence of compliance with these Terms.