



## PCL Asia: Rising Stars

PCL Rising Stars Malaysia is a youth development program designed to identify and nurture the next generation of Malaysian pickleball talent.

The program will select outstanding junior players who will represent Malaysia at the PCL Asia Rising Stars Grand Finals in Hainan, China, competing alongside youth teams from several countries across Asia.

### Selection Format

Players will participate in a selection tournament format designed to be fair and balanced, where each participant will play multiple matches with rotating partners. This format allows coaches to evaluate players based on:

- Technical skills
- Game strategy and decision making
- Team communication
- Competitive mindset

The goal is to ensure every player has equal opportunities to demonstrate their abilities.

### Tournament Description

This tournament is designed to evaluate players through a rotational partnership format, allowing each participant to compete alongside every other player within their group.

Top performers will be identified through overall group-stage results and final-stage performance.

### Tournament Information

Venue: Grand Pickleball Arena (GPA), Jalan Lapangan Terbang Subang Lama, 40150 Shah Alam

Date : Sunday, 8 March 2026

Registration : 8:15 AM

Event Time : 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

All players must report on time for registration and briefing before the start of matches.

### 1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A group consisting of eight (8) players will be formed.

#### Group Stage

During the Group Stage, each player will partner with every other player within the group to complete the rotational matches.



Individual standings will be determined based on accumulated match results.

### **Selection**

The Top 2 players from the each division will be automatically selected as the winners.

- National Selection Tournament (Malaysia Qualifier)
- Top players selected to represent Malaysia (2 Boys, 2 Girls)
- Structured Coaching Program by Gee Pickleball Academy

### **GIRLS CATEGORY**

8.15am Registration  
9.00am U19 Girls Round Robin (Court 1 & Court 2)  
11.30am Prize presentation

### **BOYS CATEGORY**

8.15am Registration  
9.00am U19 Boys Group Stage Schedule (Court 3 to Court 10)  
11.30am U19 Boys Semi Final Stage (Courts 1–2)  
1.40pm U19 Boys Final Stage (Courts 1)  
2.40pm Prize presentation

## **2. Format & Scoring**

### **Scoring System**

All Group Stage and Semi Final Stage matches will be played using Rally Scoring to fifteen (15) points.

The first team to reach fifteen (15) points wins. No deuce. No requirement to win on serve

For the Final Stage, matches will be played using Rally Scoring to twenty-one (21) points. No deuce

No requirement to win on serve.



### **A. Boys 19 & Under**

Players will be divided into four (4) groups.

#### **Group Stage**

During the Group Stage, each player will partner with every other player within the same group to complete the rotational matches.

Individual standings will be determined based on accumulated match results.

The Top 2 players from each group will qualify for the Semi Final Stage.

#### **Semi Final Stage**

The eight (8) qualified players will form different combinations of pairs to compete in the Semi Final matches.

Each player will partner with every other player within this stage to complete the rotational matches.

The Top 4 players will qualify for the Final Stage.

#### **Final Stage**

The four (4) qualified players will form different combinations of pairs to compete in the Final matches.

The two players whose pairings achieve the highest number of wins in the Final Stage will be officially selected.



## **B. Girls 19 and Under**

A single group consisting of eight (8) players will be formed.

### **Final Stage**

During the Final Stage, each player will partner with every other player within the group to complete the rotational matches.

Individual standings will be determined based on accumulated match results.

### **Selection**

The Top 2 players from the Group Stage will be automatically selected as the winners.

## **3. Ranking & Tie-Break Criteria**

If two or more players are tied after the Group Stage, Semi Final Stage, or Final Stage, rankings will be determined using the following criteria in order:

- a. Total Wins
- b. Point Differential  
(Total points scored minus total points conceded)
- c. Head-to-Head Result  
(applies only if players are tied in both total wins and point differential)
- d. Total Points Scored

If a tie still remains after applying the above criteria, the Tournament Director will determine the final ranking.

## **4. Player Eligibility**

Participation in the Rising Stars U19 division is restricted to players who meet all eligibility requirements as determined by PCL Asia.

To be eligible for participation in any Pickleball Champions League Asia Rising Stars U19 event, including sectionals, regional qualifiers, and finals, a player must be nineteen (19) years old or younger as of the first day of the Rising Stars Finals, scheduled for the first week of April of the competition year.

Players who turn twenty (20) years old after the first day of the Rising Stars Finals remain eligible for the entire Rising Stars competition cycle. Players who turn twenty (20) years old on or before the first day of the Rising Stars Finals are not eligible, even if they are under nineteen at the time of a sectional event.



Proof of date of birth may be required at any stage of the competition.

Each player may compete for only one team per sectional event. Players are not permitted to represent multiple teams or enter multiple sectionals without written approval from PCL Asia. Any violation of eligibility rules may result in immediate disqualification of the player and/or team, with no refund of entry fees.

## **5. Tournament Rules**

### **a. Reporting & No Show**

Players must report to the designated court promptly when their match is called.

A team failing to appear within ten (10) minutes of the official match call will be declared a No Show, and the match will result in an automatic walkover.

### **b. Warm-Up**

A two (2) minute warm-up period will be permitted before the start of each match.

### **c. Officiating Authority**

A referee will be assigned from the Group Stage through the Finals.

In the absence of line judges, the referee shall have full authority over line calls, scorekeeping, rule enforcement, and fault determinations.

## **6. Finals Officiating Structure**

For Finals matches, a Lead Referee and a Second Referee will be assigned.

The Lead Referee has primary authority over the match.

The Second Referee will assist with line calls, fault observation, and match control.

## **7. Disputes & Appeals**

Any dispute must be addressed immediately with the on-court referee.

Appeals must be made before the next serve.

If a matter cannot be resolved on court, it may be referred to the Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final.



## **8. Timeouts**

Each team is permitted one (1) timeout of one (1) minute per match.

## **9. Side Switching**

For matches played to 15 rally points, teams will switch sides when one team reaches 8 points.

For matches played to 21 rally points, teams will switch sides when one team reaches 11 points.

A one (1) minute break will be given during the side switch.

## **10. Hydration Breaks**

Players may take brief hydration between points, provided it does not cause unnecessary delay.

The referee has authority to prevent excessive delay.

## **11. Injury / Medical Timeout**

Each team is permitted one (1) medical timeout of up to fifteen (15) minutes.

Medical time begins when medical personnel arrive on court.

If a player is unable to continue after the medical timeout, the match will be declared a forfeit.

## **12. Score Calling & Readiness**

The referee shall call the score clearly before each serve.

The server may serve once the receiving player is reasonably ready.

A receiving player may indicate "not ready" verbally or by a clear signal prior to the start of the service motion.

Any dispute regarding the score must be raised before the next serve.

Disputes raised after the point has been played will not be considered.

## **13. Rule Modifications**

The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the tournament format or rules if necessary to ensure the smooth conduct of the event.



#### **14. Governing Rules**

USA Pickleball (USAP) rules shall apply except where modified herein.

The Tournament Organising Committee retains final authority over all disputes and matters not expressly covered.

#### **15. Paddle Compliance**

All paddles used must comply with USA Pickleball (USAP) and UPA-A specifications.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to require paddle replacement if deemed non-compliant.