



**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO –
HILTON HEAD ISLAND NATIONAL TEAM PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2024**

Welcome to the NTPL Hilton Head Island Championships – we hope this document will answer some questions about your time in Hilton Head Island and the NTPL Championships at Palmetto Dunes.

Arriving in Hilton Head:

- If you are flying in to Savannah, it is an easy 50 minute drive to Hilton Head. You can rent cars in Savannah, or if you do not want a car in Hilton Head you can use Dunes Buggy Service to transport your group from the airport to the island. They have vans that can carry 10-12 people or can do smaller pickups from both Savannah and Hilton Head Island Airport.
 - Dunes Buggy can be reached at: 843-816-4210

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort:

- Players arriving on Wednesday have complimentary use of the pickleball courts starting at 12:00pm. Courts will be first-come, first serve, so no reservations are required or available. We ask that players limit their practice time to 1 hour so that everyone has a chance to practice before play begins Thursday.
- Our check-in desk will be open on Wednesday from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Each player should check-in to grab their player gift bag. The check-in desk will also be open the next 3 days (Thursday – Saturday) from 8:00am – 1:00pm for players starting later in the week. There is no requirement to check in on Wednesday.
- We should have open courts available for warm-up sporadically during each day. Please check with a Volunteer or at the Welcome Desk to find out where warm-up courts will be at the time you are interested in practicing.
- In the same parking lot as the Pickleball courts is a general store that will have any snacks, drinks, and light medical aids that you could want.
- Also on-site is the pro shop and restaurant for one of the golf courses. The restaurant is open to the public for you to order food during the day – and maybe hit a few balls on the driving range! The Golf Pro Shop does have restrooms and a shower that the public can use, but there is only one or two so there could be a line to shower. Additional porta-potties will be on-site.
- Across the street from the Pickleball center is the Hilton Head Outfitters and Bike Rentals where you can also rent kayaks. Hilton Head has many flat paved areas to ride and the bikes can be ridden on the beach – so it is a really fun thing to do!
 - Hilton Head Outfitters 866-380-1783
- While water fountains may be on-site, we recommend each player bring PLENTY of water for themselves. It is humid in South Carolina so you will be sweating A LOT!
- There will NOT be a trainer on-site at this event.

Other Practice Courts Available:

- In addition to Palmetto Dunes Pickleball Center, the South Beach Pickleball Club welcomes you to join their Wednesday night round robin social from 6pm – 7:30pm. You can also rent courts to warm-up. Players interested should go online to set up an account and contact Rachel or Lee with question
 - 843-671-2215 www.southbeachpickleballclub.com

Match Play:

- Final Match Schedules will be sent to all Captains by Saturday, August 24. Every team is guaranteed 4 team matches. This will be detailed in the schedule we send out, as each division of play will be different.
- Teams are allowed to make changes to their team roster up until time of play. Any changes to your roster that take place after you initially turned in your roster to your league coordinator must follow sub rules and you must send any changes to your league coordinator for approval. Any changes after September 5 should go directly to Jeremy Horner at jhorner@ntpl.org
- Every player will need to sign a Participation Waiver to compete in the event. This waiver will be emailed to you the week of September 2.
- There will be a Captain's meeting 30 minutes before your first match time of the competition. The Captain's meeting will be held on the covered deck behind the pro-shop by the tennis courts. Only Captains should attend this meeting.
- All players need to be on-site 30 minutes before each scheduled match.
- Officials will be roaming the courts to help with rule clarifications. There will not be an official assigned to each match throughout play. If you need help, we will have court monitors available who can call the referee to your court. Great sportsmanship is always encouraged!
- In the case of rain, our team will work with each Captain to keep them updated on their division of play. Please have your Captain be the only person contacting our staff so that we can be efficient in communicating. Every attempt will be made to finish play in each division in the 2 days scheduled, but as the majority of expenses are incurred already, there will not be any refund due to weather complications. So – keep it sunny for all of our good spirits!

Vacation Planner:

- The following link has some great ideas about how to spend your time in Hilton Head when you are not on the court:
 - https://issuu.com/hilton_head_island-bluffton_vcb/docs/hhi_vp_2024_final_color_proof_crx_rev
- Hilton Head is known for its many golf courses. Click this link to learn more:
 - <https://www.hiltonheadisland.org/golf>
- If you are interested in water fun – here are some great ideas
 - <https://www.hiltonheadisland.org/see-do/water-activities>
- For other events taking place in Hilton Head during your visit, check out the following website:
 - <https://www.hiltonheadisland.org/events>

The On-Site Person for you to speak with regarding any question about the NTPL event is Program Manager Laurie Lambert. Prior to arrival at the event, the best form of communication is by email: llambert@ntpl.org. Once play begins, you can contact her at 435-655-5590 if you have any urgent questions.

Thank you for joining us and we can't wait to kick off this amazing National Championship!