

2027 Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational

Presented by Forever Competitive

Official Rules & Information Guide

Event Overview

The 2027 Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational presented by Forever Competitive is a season-ending championship event featuring the top qualifying players from the 2026 Greene Ridge qualifying tournament series.

The Invitational is designed to recognize season-long performance, competitive consistency, and championship-level play across multiple qualifying events.

Participation in the Invitational is by invitation only.

The Invitational will be held at Greene Ridge Racquet Club in Snow Hill, North Carolina during the final weekend of April 2027.

The event will feature:

- Singles
- Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Championship Sunday gold medal matches
- Official Invitational standings
- Invitation-only qualification
- Balanced championship doubles team formation

The Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational is intended to provide a unique championship experience beyond that of a standard local tournament.

2026 Qualifying Season

The Invitational qualifying season will consist of five official Greene Ridge qualifying tournaments conducted between June 2026 and October 2026.

The official Greene Ridge qualifying tournaments are:

Greene Ridge Summer Slam (June 26-28, 2026)

Greene Ridge Summer Showdown (July 24-26, 2026)

Greene Ridge Summer Challenge (August 28-30, 2026)

Greene Ridge Fall Classic (September 25-27, 2026)

Greene Ridge Harvest Championship (October 23-25, 2026)

All qualifying tournaments are conducted on the last full weekend of the month, with the Sunday event scheduled on the final Sunday of the month.

Players accumulate Greene Ridge Invitational Points during qualifying tournaments in an effort to earn qualification into the 2027 Invitational.

To remain eligible for qualification, players must compete in a minimum of two qualifying tournaments during the season.

Players who compete in fewer than two qualifying tournaments are not eligible for Invitational qualification regardless of point total.

Only a player's top four qualifying tournament point totals will count toward final Invitational standings.

If a player competes in all five qualifying tournaments, the lowest point total will automatically be dropped from the standings calculation.

Official standings will be maintained throughout the season and published on the official Invitational webpage.

Invitational Divisions

Age Divisions

- 12-49
- 50+

Event Categories

Singles

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles

Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles

Mixed Doubles

- Mixed Doubles
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Invitational Qualification Structure

Singles Qualification

The top eight eligible players in each Singles division at the conclusion of the qualifying season will receive Invitational qualification.

Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles Qualification

The top sixteen eligible players in each Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles division will qualify individually for the Invitational.

Qualified players will later be paired into balanced championship teams.

Mixed Doubles Qualification

The top eight eligible male players and top eight eligible female players in each Mixed Doubles division will qualify individually for the Invitational.

Qualified players will later be paired into balanced championship teams.

Qualification Summary

Division	Qualification Spots
Men's Singles 12-49	Top 8 Players
Men's Singles 50+	Top 8 Players
Women's Singles 12-49	Top 8 Players
Women's Singles 50+	Top 8 Players

Men's Doubles 12-49	Top 16 Players
Men's Doubles 50+	Top 16 Players
Women's Doubles 12-49	Top 16 Players
Women's Doubles 50+	Top 16 Players
Mixed Doubles 12-49	Top 8 Men + Top 8 Women
Mixed Doubles 50+	Top 8 Men + Top 8 Women

Greene Ridge Invitational Points System

Greene Ridge Invitational Points are earned based on overall tournament finish within each event category.

Points earned during qualifying tournaments determine:

- Invitational qualification
- Alternate order
- Invitational seeding
- Invitational team balancing

Invitational points are separate from tournament medals and final tournament awards.

Tournament medals are awarded strictly based on actual tournament finish.

Invitational points are used solely for qualification and Invitational standings.

Official Invitational Points Schedule

Finish	Points
Gold Medal	100
Silver Medal	80
Bronze Medal	60
4th Place	50
5th Place	40

6th Place	30
7th Place	20
Completed Event	10

Combined Brackets

Combined brackets may be used during qualifying tournaments when necessary to create viable competitive fields.

Tournament medals and official tournament placement will be determined solely by actual finish within the combined bracket.

Invitational qualification points, however, will be awarded based on finish within the player's originally registered division.

This qualification scoring system applies only to Invitational standings and does not alter official tournament medal placements.

Example: If Men's Singles 12-49 and Men's Singles 50+ are combined into a single bracket, tournament medals will be awarded based on the actual combined finish. Invitational qualification points, however, will be awarded separately within each player's originally registered division.

Invitational Standings

Official Greene Ridge Invitational standings will be maintained throughout the 2026 qualifying season.

Standings will reflect:

- Player ranking
- Tournaments played
- Best four qualifying point totals
- Current qualification status
- Alternate positions

Standings updates are expected within 72 hours following each qualifying tournament.

Final standings will become official only after post-season audit and certification by the Tournament Director.

Final standings are expected to be certified within 14 days following completion of the Greene Ridge Harvest Championship.

Invitational Invitations

Following certification of the 2026 qualifying season standings, invitations for the 2027 Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational will begin being issued on January 1, 2027.

Invitations will be extended according to final certified standings.

Players are not required to accept Invitational qualification.

An Invitational position is considered officially accepted only after:

1. Invitation acceptance
2. Completed registration
3. Full payment

have all been received.

Invited players will have 14 calendar days to complete registration and payment.

Failure to complete registration and payment within the designated period will be treated as a declined invitation.

Vacated positions will then be offered to the next eligible alternate.

Alternate System

Official alternate positions will be determined by final certified standings.

If a qualified player declines an invitation or withdraws prior to the April 1, 2027 Invitational lock date, the next eligible alternate will receive an invitation.

Alternate invitations may carry abbreviated response deadlines as the Invitational approaches.

The official Invitational field will lock on April 1, 2027.

Invitational Team Formation

Doubles and Mixed Doubles players qualify individually, not as fixed teams.

Championship team formation is intended to reward season-long performance while creating the most competitive championship field possible.

Following the April 1, 2027 Invitational lock date, all qualified doubles players will receive an Invitational Seed Score based on their final Greene Ridge Invitational points standings.

Official Invitational teams will then be formed using a balanced team formation system designed to create the most competitive and evenly matched championship field possible.

Factors that may be considered include:

Final Invitational standings

Qualification point totals

Demonstrated tournament performance

Competitive balance within the division

Team formation is based on overall competitive balance across the division and is not determined by player requests or self-selected partnerships.

Partnerships used during the qualifying season do not guarantee Championship Weekend partnerships.

Once official Invitational teams are announced, all teams become final.

Invitational Match Format

Each Invitational division will consist of eight qualified players or teams.

Players and teams will be divided into two seeded pools of four competitors each.

During pool play, each player or team will compete against every other competitor within their pool.

The top two finishers from each pool will advance to the championship semifinals.

Semifinal winners will advance to the gold medal championship match.

Semifinal losers will advance to the bronze medal match.

Pool Play Format

- One game to 15
- Win by 2

Semifinal and Medal Match Format

- Best two out of three games to 11
 - Win by 2
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Championship Weekend Schedule

Thursday

Singles Day

- Singles pool play
- Singles semifinals

Friday

Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles Day

- Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles pool play
- Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles semifinals

Saturday

Mixed Doubles & Bronze Medal Day

- Mixed Doubles pool play
- Mixed Doubles semifinals
- All bronze medal matches

Sunday

Championship Sunday

- All gold medal championship matches
- Championship awards presentations

The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust scheduling, court assignments, and match order as necessary.

Tie-Breaker Policies

Invitational Standings Tie-Breakers

If players are tied in Greene Ridge Invitational points standings, the following tie-breaker order will apply:

1. Highest single qualifying tournament point total
2. Most qualifying tournament championships
3. Head-to-head result within the same event category
4. Highest raw point total before dropped results
5. Highest most recent qualifying finish
6. Tournament Director coin toss

Invitational Pool Play Tie-Breakers

1. Match record
 2. Head-to-head result (two-way ties only)
 3. Point differential
 4. Total points scored
 5. Coin toss
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Registration & Refund Policy

The official Invitational registration fee is \$95.

The registration fee includes:

- Participation in all qualified Invitational events
- Official Invitational competitor shirt
- Awards eligibility
- Championship event participation

Withdrawals prior to the April 1, 2027 Invitational lock date may receive a refund minus administrative processing fees.

No refunds are guaranteed after the April 1, 2027 Invitational lock date.

All replacements and alternate invitations must come from official Invitational standings.

Weather & Rain-Date Policy

The Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational is an outdoor championship event.

In the event of severe weather or unsafe playing conditions, the Tournament Director may delay, suspend, or postpone matches as necessary.

If the Invitational cannot reasonably be completed during the originally scheduled weekend, unfinished play may be moved to the official Invitational rain-date weekend scheduled for the following weekend.

Players are strongly encouraged to keep both weekends available when accepting Invitational qualification.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify match formats or scheduling only if necessary to complete the Invitational under extraordinary circumstances.

Awards & Championship Recognition

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in each Invitational division.

All Invitational medals and awards will be specific to the Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational.

Invitational champions will receive official championship recognition through:

- Invitational historical records
- Championship graphics
- Promotional media recognition
- Championship photography

All registered Invitational competitors will receive an official 2027 Greene Ridge Pickleball Invitational competitor shirt.

Media & Photography

Matches, awards ceremonies, and championship activities may be photographed or recorded for promotional, media, and archival purposes.

Championship gold medal matches may be recorded and later published through official Forever Competitive media channels.

Participation in the Invitational constitutes consent for reasonable tournament-related photography and media usage.

Tournament Authority

All tournament operations, standings certification, scheduling decisions, weather determinations, qualification rulings, and Invitational interpretations remain under the authority of the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to make adjustments necessary to preserve competitive integrity, scheduling efficiency, player safety, and overall championship event quality.

The Tournament Director's authority may not be used to alter qualification standings except as required to correct administrative errors, eligibility issues, or rules violations.

Official Invitational Website

Official standings, Invitational updates, qualification announcements, schedules, and championship information will be published through:

<https://www.forevercompetitive.com>

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