

# The 2026 World Pickleball Convention & Conference

Pickleball's Official Convention

# The Rise of Pickleball

1965

Pickleball invented by Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum in Washington 1984

USA Pickleball
Association (USAPA)
founded to promote
and govern the sport

2020

COVID-19 pandemic leads to a surge in pickleball's popularity across the United States

2025

Pickleball Surpasses
Golf & Tennis
Participation

1972

First pickleball tournament held in South Seattle, Washington

2010

Pickleball included in the Senior Olympics for the first time 2024

Pickleball talks with the IOC as an official Olympic sport.

# Welcome to the 2026 World Pickleball Convention & Conference

Uniting Communities and Cultures through the Fastest Growing Sport on Earth

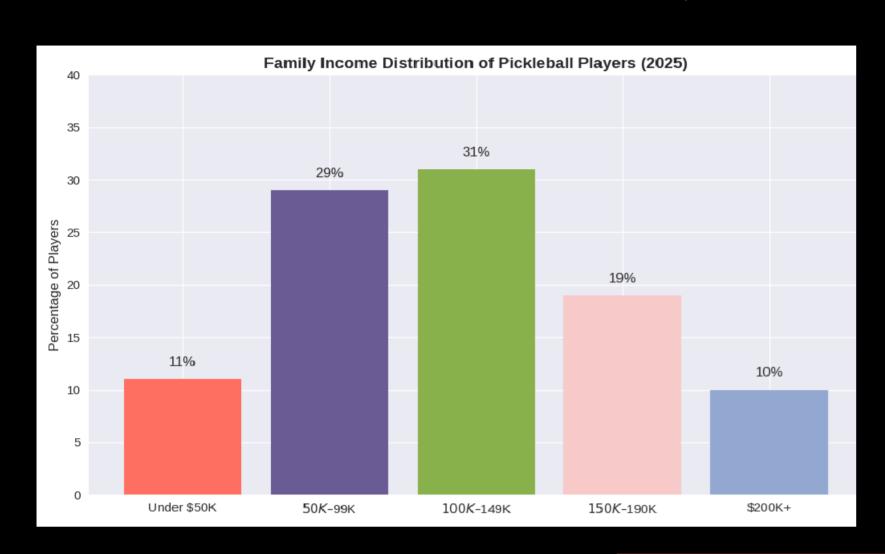
# Who is Coming?

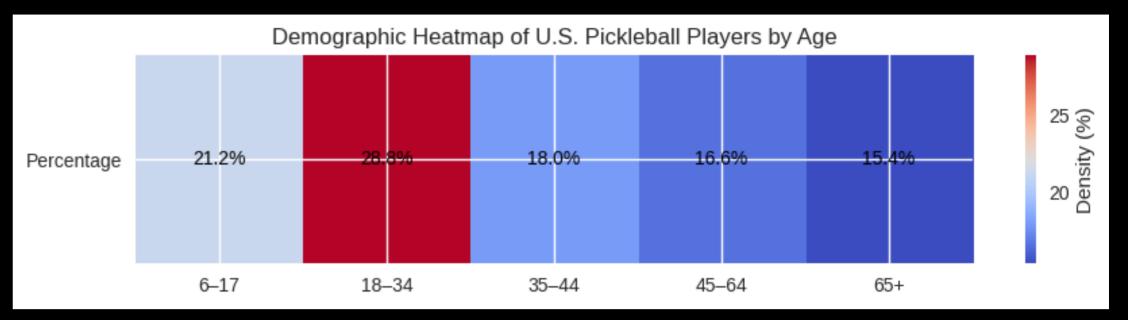
- Over 200 Leading Companies will showcase gear, apparel, court tech, travel packages, & more.
- Industry leaders and panelists with over 50 keynote speakers, including brand founders, sports scientists, facility developers, and federation executives.
- Thousands of players (pro & amateur), fans, families and new comers to the sport from all over the US and 14 Countries. This event is designed to be inclusive with something for everyone!

# Why Pickleball, Why Now?

- 311% growth in total participation over the last 3 years.<sup>1</sup>
- 24.8 million players in the U.S. in 2024 up 45.8% from 2023.1
- Pickleball is now played in 84 Countries with over 75 million players, and expected to double by 2028.⁴
- In 2021, 86% of Players were aged 50+1
- 70% of Players are now between 18 and 43 and played in 84 Countries.3
- Youth participation expected to double by 2027, driven by scholarship programs and youth combines.<sup>2</sup>

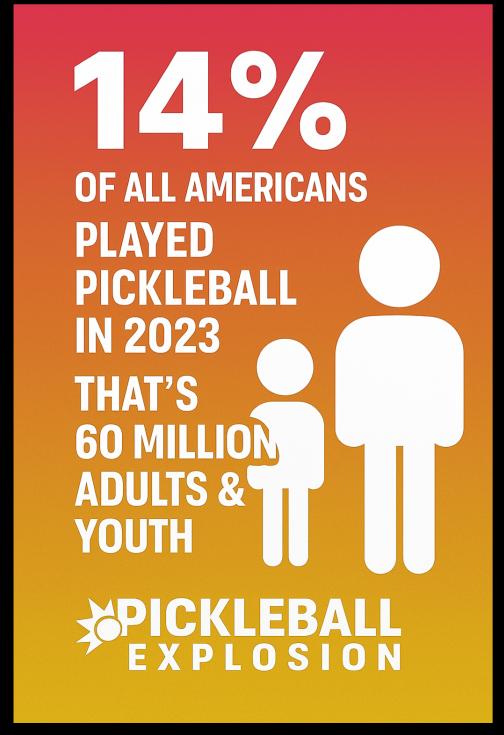
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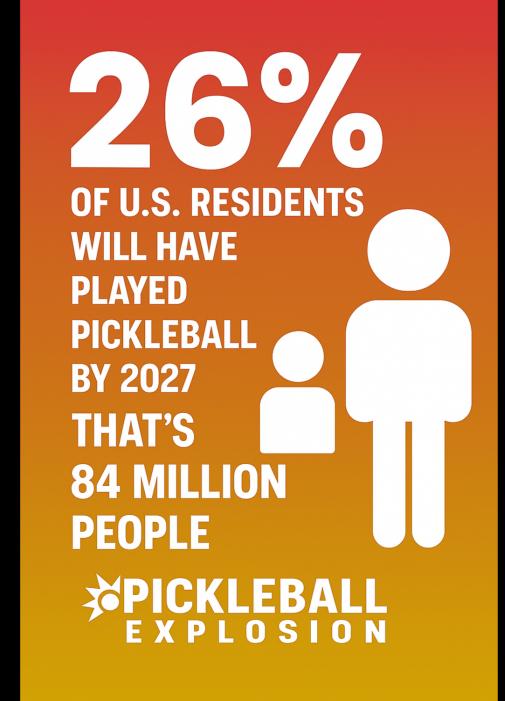


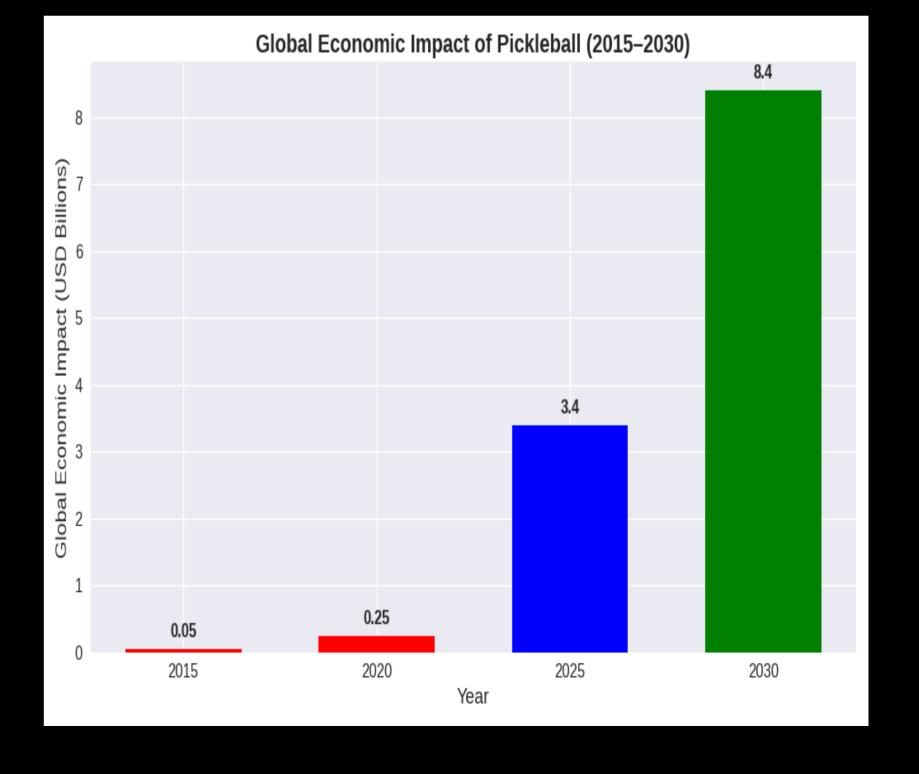


"The global pickleball market is expected to surge from 1.5 billion in 2025 to \$4.4 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 14.2%."

-- Market US News







# Pickleball in the Media



# Pickleball Highlights on Sports News

Pickleball matches and tournaments featured on major sports news channels



# Pickleball Influencers on Social Media

Popular pickleball players and enthusiasts sharing their passion on social media platforms



#### Pickleball Tournaments Livestreamed

Pickleball tournaments and events broadcast live on streaming platforms



# Pickleball Gear Featured in Magazines

Pickleball equipment and accessories highlighted in lifestyle and sports magazines



#### Network Media Coverage

The World Pickleball
Convention & Conference
garners media attention from
virtually all major networks
as well as specialty media.



# Convention Overview

**Dates:** October 15, 16 & 17, 2026

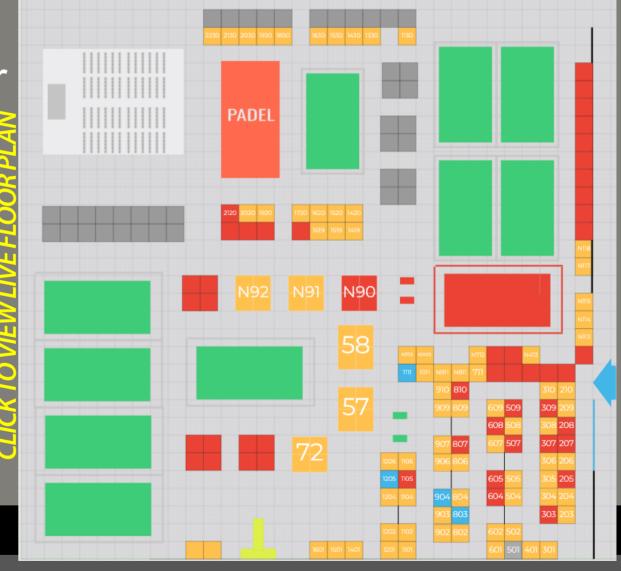
History: 6th Annual Convention & Conference

Venue: The Palm Beach Convention Center

## **Key Features:**

- 50 + Global Industry Speakers & Keynotes
- 200 + Exhibits/Brands
- 2026 Indoor National Championships Pro, Senior Pro, Amateur
- 2026 Next Gen Youth Combine
- Product Demonstrations / Tastings
- Athluxé The Active Wear Runway Fashion Show Daily
- Pro / Celebrity Exhibitions
- Networking Event Happy Hour
- Pickleball Fitness & Wellness Workshops
- Pickleball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony





Reach: (Streaming Television, Inside World Pickleball TV, Tennis Channel, Pickleball Channel, ESPN, FOX Sports, NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, INSTA, FB etc)

Hundreds of Thousands of US residents, New to the Sport, Athletes & Families, Brand Decision Makers, Corporate Buyers, Retail Decision Makers, Clubs, Pros & Coaches, Media & Influencers.

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## **Sponsorship Tiers**

### **Title Sponsor - Exclusive Naming Rights**

#### "The 2026 'Your Company' World Pickleball Convention & Conference

- Logo above Convention Logo everywhere it appears
  - Digital: All email, social media, television, radio, OTT advertising, etc.
  - Print: All Print Ads, Banners, Signs, Backdrops, Tickets throughout and leading up to the event.
  - Press Conference & Interviews: Opportunity to Speak at Press Conference
  - Awards Presentation Key Executive Presenter
- Premier 30x20 Exhibit Space Size & Placement Included + keynote speaking opportunity.
- Present our top \$2,500 College Scholarship in your name to Combine Winner.
- Courtside Barrier Logos on All Courts (Double Placement on each court)
- Full-page ad in event program with feature company bio article.
- Cinematic: 2 minute video feature created and aired on live stream and Pickleball Channel.
- VIP Pavillion and access for executives & guests with food and refreshments.
- Convention Commercials every hour.
- VIP Parking, Opening Night Reception, Unlimited Guest Passes.

## **Platinum Sponsor**

- Logo prominently displayed below the Convention Logo as "Presented by..."
- Premium 20x20 Booth Placement & Included
- Courtside Barrier Logos on All Courts (Double Placement on each court)
- 2 Lobby and 2 Floor Banners
- Featured Panel Slot in Conference
- Access to VIP Pavillion for execs and guests with food and refreshments
- Convention Commercials twice daily.
- Cinematic: 2 minute video feature created and aired on live stream and Pickleball Channel.
- VIP Parking, Opening Night Reception, 25 Guest Passes.

\$25,000

\$15,000

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All Official Sponsors include

a premium 10'x10' Corner Booth.

## **Sponsorship Tiers Continued**

## **Gold Sponsor**

- Logo prominently displayed below the Convention Logo and 50% larger than other levels.
- Priority Pre-Reserved 20x10 Booth Placement & Included
- Featured 30 sec spot on Inside World Pickleball & Pickleball TV
- Courtside Barrier Logos on All Courts
- VIP Parking, Opening Night Reception, 10 Guest Passes.

## **Silver Sponsor**

- Logo displayed below the Convention Logo and 25% larger than all below levels.
- Exhibit Space 10x10 Peninsula Booth Included (open on 3 sides)
- Featured 30 sec spot on Inside World Pickleball & Pickleball TV
- Courtside barrier logos on alternate courts

# Official Sponsor Choose one or more to sponsor below...

- Court Naming Rights (name one of the 12 courts in your company name \$2500)
- **Fashion Show** (*Presenting sponsor of the Daily Fashion Show \$5000*)
- Youth Combine Scholarships Presentation (\$500 College Scholarship in your company name & presentation \$3500)
- **Swag Bag Sponsorship** (Exterior of all Swag Bags with your logo and info \$3000)
- Hanging Aisle Banner Naming Rights (name an aisle with your company name/logo \$3000)
- Lobby Welcome Banner (Place a banner outside the front door of convention\$3000)

#### **Exhibitor**

- Exhibit Spaces start at \$1200 and vary according to size and location.
- See pricing on floorplan at www.NationalPickleballExpo.com

\$10,000

\$5,500

*\$3,000* 

*Starting at* **\$1,200** 

#### Pickleball Quotes of 2025

- "Dude, I'm not just liking it, I'm loving it. It's an anomaly to see any sport rise ever at this kind of pace, but it's easy to see why. I will play pickleball until I die."
- Andre Agassi
- "It's fast, it's fun, and it's addictive. I thought I'd dominate, but it's a whole different beast.""
- John McEnroe
- "Just like millions of other Americans, I've been following pickleball over the past few years, and I couldn't pass up the chance to invest in the fastest-growing game in the country."
- Mark Cuban ESPN interview
- "I love pickleball, and I love that it's everywhere now... It will be a second career of mine."
- Serena Williams Ellen DeGeneres Show
- "Pickleball international growth accelerated in 2025 and sets up the sport to grow even more worldwide."
- Forbes January 2025
- "Lifestyle as medicine isn't just good for your health—it's good for your happiness, your independence and your future. Pickleball is a perfect example of lifestyle medicine in action it gets you moving, keeps your mind sharp, and connects you with others."
- Dr. Alexander Ding Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Humana



October 2026
Palm Beach Convention Center - West Palm Beach

Coming in March 2027
Navy Pier Convention Center - Chicago

Coming in June 2027 O2 Arena - London, United Kingdom

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