

<u>For Senior Pro Champion (50+) and Masters (60+)</u> <u>Women and Men</u> <u>Combine</u> August 8-10 at Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond) – Register Today



The Opportunity

- Be part of the inaugural year of a league expected to grow across the country, starting on the East Coast.
- Play with and against some of the country's premier Senior Pro 50+ (Champions) and 60+ (Masters).
- Play four league showdowns between September and January.
- Compete for a championship trophy and prize money.

Meet the Founders of U.S. Legends Pickleball League (USLPL)

Ron Cortese

- Owner of Legends Sports Leagues, which launched in 2006.
- Senior pro player, multiple national medalist and Certified PPR Coach.
- ► He runs pickleball, youth and adult basketball, and baseball leagues based in Northern Virginia. Annual participation is over 4,000 players.
- His pickleball tournament participation is over 1,500 players per year, with 4-5 events from 250-450 players.

Mike Cao

- Senior pro player, multiple national and international medalist, including the US Open, USAP Nationals, APP, PPA, National Senior Games, Rome Open, and Thailand Open.
- PPR Certified Coach and actively coaching at Performance Pickleball RVA and Bangers & Dinks.





About USLPL

- A premier league, created by proven league developer Legends Sports, offering top-tier senior pro players ages 50+ and 60+ a platform to compete at the highest national level.
- 12 teams/owners with league showdown matches beginning this Fall.
- Playing and attending an event promises a fun, rewarding, and engaging experience for all, with promotions, giveaways, and more.



USLPL Teams

- Boston Dragons
- Buffalo Blizzards
- Carolina Cougars (Raleigh)
- ► DMV Picklers (DC/MD/VA)
- Florida Royals (Naples, FL)
- Florida Storm (Lakeland, FL)
- ► LA Gamechangers
- ► Northern Virginia SuperNovas
- Richmond Rocketeers
- ► Roanoke Shine
- ► Shore Shots (Princeton, NJ)
- Villager Villains (The Villages, FL)













USLPL Showdown Format

Every Team Participates in Each Showdown Event (4)

7 Men and 7 Women on Each Team

Pods 1, 2, and 3 play one WD, one MD, and two MXD

USLPL Team Composition*

14 players per team* Total 7 males

Mandatory minimum - 2 age 55-59

Mandatory minimum - 3 age 60+

Flex Players - 2 age 50+

Total 7 females

Mandatory minimum – 3 age 55-59

Mandatory minimum - 2 age 60+

Flex Players - 2 age 50+

*The USLPL is committed to providing opportunities for all Champions (50+) and Masters (60+) who qualify to play based on their level of skill. Thus, the team format includes 14 players per team; 7 male and 7 female. The age distribution of players will vary depending on Combine/draft participants to ensure balanced and diverse teams. The current distribution shown above is an example and will be reevaluated to ensure teams have representation from all ages based on the player pool. The mandatory minimums will be finalized by July 1, 2025.

Event Dates/Locations

(Dates firm, locations subject to change)

- Showdowns (Friday afternoon/early evening until 3pm Sundays)
 - ► 9/19-21, Indianapolis, IN (The Picklr, Noblesville)
 - ► 10/17-19, Hatboro, PA (Dill Dinkers)
 - ► 12/5-7, Baltimore, MD (Bounce Pickleball)
 - ► 1/9-11, Robbinsville, NJ (Pickle House)

Event Weekend Schedule

Friday

- Afternoon: player check-in/arrival/meetings (time TBD per team owner)
- Optional team practice/warm-up at the venue (4-8 pm)
- Casual player dinner/meet and greet provided by USLPL
- Saturday
 - ► Four team matches: 2 morning, 2 afternoon, light lunch/snacks provided by USLPL
 - ► No organized dinner/dinner details may be provided by team owner
- Sunday
 - ► Four team matches: 2 morning, 2 afternoon, light lunch/snacks provided by USLPL
 - Rally scoring as needed to accommodate 3pm finish

Event Details

- Players should expect to play a minimum of 3 league matches per event
- Each match between one team and another consists of:
 - ► Three groups of 4 players per team (Pods 1, 2, and 3)
 - 1 Men's Doubles Match, 1 Women's Doubles Match, 2 Mixed Doubles Matches (per each of 3 pods)
 - ► If tied 6-6 after 12 matches, 1 skinny singles dreambreaker

Combine Details

- Combine (limit of 200 participants)
- August 8-10, Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond)
 - Friday warm-up approximately 5-9pm
 - Saturday (two shifts: morning and afternoon play, round robin format)
 - Sunday (two shifts: morning and afternoon play, round robin format)
- Owner draft to take place shortly after the Combine (registration <u>link</u> for the combine and draft)
- Players may bypass the Combine and directly enter the draft. If so, many owners will not have the opportunity to see you play in person, potentially lowering chances for being selected to a team.
- Drafted players are expected to play for the team who selects them. Our USLPL teams from Buffalo, NY to Naples, FL are all experienced players who are dedicated to a great season.

2025 Season-Related Activities and Expenses OPTION 1: (encouraged) - Total \$900

- Step 1: Register and participate in the league Combine, August 8-10 at Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond) -\$200
- Step 2: Opt into the league draft following the Combine

 additional \$700 covers fees for four showdown
 matches throughout the season

OPTION 2: Total \$900

Step 1: Go directly into the <u>league draft only</u> - skipping Combine - \$900

FAQS:

- Undrafted Combine participants will be refunded \$700 (minus credit card fees)
- Unselected Draft-Only players will be refunded \$900 (minus credit card fees)
- A player may remove themself from the Draft the night before to receive their appropriate refund. Once the draft takes place, players who opt to not play after being selected for a team will forfeit any fees paid.

PLAYER EXPENSES (ONCE DRAFTED TO A TEAM)

- Personal travel to and from each event
- Team apparel (may or may not be provided by team owners)

Final Team Age Composition Determination (July)

Combine (August 8-10 at Performance Pickleball RVA)

Team Roster Announcements (August)

3 Regular Season Showdown Events (Sept - Dec)

End of Season Championships (Jan)





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