

For Senior Pro Champion (50+) and Masters (60+)

Women and Men

Combine 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
- ► DMV Picklers (DC/MD/VA)
- ► Florida Royals (Naples, FL)
- ► Florida Storm (Lakeland, FL)
- ► Northern Virginia SuperNovas
- ▶ NYC Ballers
- Richmond Rocketeers
- Roanoke Shine
- ► Shore Shots (Princeton, NJ)
- ► The DelRays (Delray Beach, FL
- Villages Heat (The Villages, FL)

























USLPL Showdown Format

Every Team Participates in Each Showdown Event (4)

7 Men and 7 Women on Each Team

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

14 players per team

Total 7 males

Mandatory minimum - 2 age 55-59

Mandatory minimum - 2 age 60+

Flex Players - 3 age 50+

Total 7 females

Mandatory minimum – 2 age 55-59

Mandatory minimum - 2 age 60+

Flex Players - 3 age 50+

USLPL Team Composition

Event Dates/Locations

- ► 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 showdowns per event
- ► Each match between one team and another consists of:
 - ► Three groups of 4 players per team (Lines 1, 2, and 3)
 - ▶ 1 Men's Doubles Match, 1 Women's Doubles Match, 2 Mixed Doubles Matches (per each of 3 Lines)
 - ▶ If tied 6-6 after 12 matches, 1 skinny singles dreambreaker
- ▶ All matches, including the Combine will be played with the Diadem Official Ball (neon), the Official Pickleball of the USLPL. Use code USPLP-DIADEM at checkout for 10 percent off sitewide.

Combine Details and Format

- ► August 8-10, Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond) (max 200 players)
 - ► Friday warm-up (optional) approximately 5-9pm, unscheduled open play
 - Saturday (two shifts: morning and afternoon play, round robin play, based on DUPR)
 - Sunday (two shifts: morning and afternoon play, round robin format, round robin play based on performance on day one)
 - ▶ Players should expect to play in one full round robin per day of 8 or 9 players during the morning or afternoon shift. Games to 11 win by 1
- ► Combine winners (women/men) are guaranteed to be drafted onto a USLPL team
- Championship pods will be determined by round robin play on day 1
- ► Casual light dinner on Friday evening and light lunch on Saturday and Sunday will be provided, but please bring needed snacks and refillable water bottle
- ▶ USA Pickleball referees will start and monitor matches, as well as officiate as requested
- ► Team owners will be on hand to welcome, meet, and observe players throughout the weekend
- ▶ DINK Eyewear samples will be available for testing. DINK lenses provide a visual edge through improved color, contrast, and clarity, in addition to protection

Combine and Draft Expectations

- Drafted players are expected to play for the team who selects them
- Play with respect, act professionally, and have fun
- Our USLPL team owners are all experienced players who are dedicated to having a great season
- There are two pathways to play:
 - ► Attend the Combine and showcase your skills to our team owners
 - ▶ Go directly into the Draft: If not attending the Combine, owners will not have the opportunity to see you play in person, potentially lowering chances for being selected to a team
- See the next page for registration details

Pathways to Playing and 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)

Combine (August 8-10 at Performance Pickleball RVA)

League Draft Following the Combine (August)

Team Roster Announcements (August)

3 Regular Season Showdown Events (Sept - Dec)

End of Season Championships (Jan)

Timeline

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