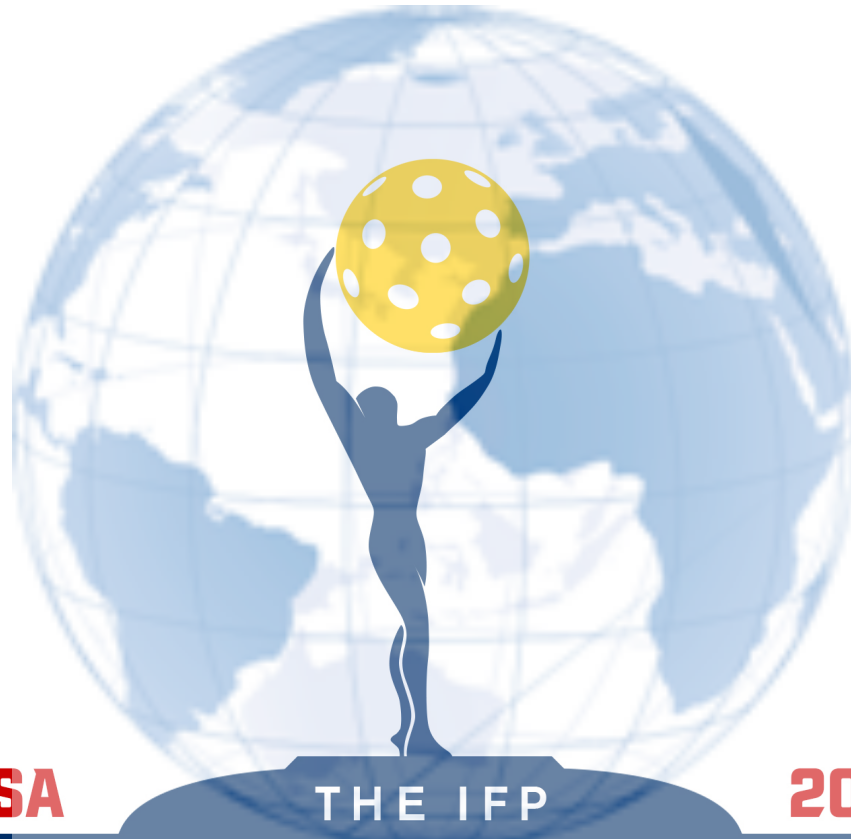




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TOURNAMENT EVENT



**April 7 -11, 2021**

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**Wednesday, April 7**

**Mens Doubles**

- Qualifier
- Pool Play

**Thursday, April 8**

**Mens Doubles**

- Playoffs
- Medal Matches
- Women's Doubles
- Qualifier

**Friday, April 9**

**Women's Doubles**

- Playoffs
- Medal Matches
- Mixed Doubles
- Qualifier
- *Special Challenge Matches*
- Captains/Coaches Doubles

**Saturday, April 10**

**Mixed Doubles**

- Qualifier
- Playoffs
- Medal Matches
- *Special Challenge Matches*
- Captains/Coaches Mixed

**Sunday, April 11**

**Mixed Doubles**

- Playoffs
- Medal Matches
- Men's singles
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Special Notice: *The Bainbridge Cup Tournament Event* is about all players at all skill levels. Many player matches will be livestreamed throughout the day. See page 20 for details about *All Sports Television Network* and the IFP's agreement to broadcast livestream matches recorded during *The Event*.

## **A Message From the IFP President**

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Greetings to everyone and thank you for playing in and attending the 2021 IFP Bainbridge Cup Tournament Event.

The past year created many challenges, but we are focused on bringing you a fun and exciting tournament with plenty of matches and pickleball games for all. The Covid virus and travel restrictions have kept many of the international players at home. I would like to take a moment to give a big "shout out" to so many of our international players and our pickleball friends. We truly miss you and it will not be the same! We are looking forward to next year, having all of us back together enjoying and playing in the Bainbridge Cup Event.

Even though this last year was challenging for everyone, the IFP has made great progress with many of its programs to develop and help support the growth of pickleball around the world. We introduced an IFP Individual Membership program which supports the IFP and its mission of promoting pickleball worldwide. The IFP World Ambassador Program has 142 World Ambassadors promoting pickleball.

The new 2021 IFP Rulebook is now available on our Website. This year the IFP Rules Committee is expanding and taking the lead role to review and recommend changes for the 2022 Rulebook. One of the brightest and most rewarding programs has been the growth of our member countries. In 2020, we had 11 new member countries join the IFP. The first three months of 2021 started with a big bang--11 new member countries joined the IFP. This a phenomenal growth and truly defines the IFP as the world governing body for the sport of pickleball. If we continue at this rate of new member countries, by year end, we will have reached a significant milestone of 70 member countries. Please view our complete list of all the IFP member countries in the following pages.

Our Instructor Certification is another very successful program that was launched mid-year of 2020 and, even with the pandemic, we have over 300 IFP Certified Instructors. The IFP is setting a new standard in training and instructor certification around the world. Our World Pickleball Grant Program is currently being funded by many of you and we thank you for your generosity and support.

And, lastly a special THANKS to Karen Long, IFP Director of Sponsorship & Marketing, for her dedication to our cause and collaborative efforts to create our first-edition Official Player Program.

Pat Murphy  
President IFP

# *Meet The International Federation of Pickleball Team*

## **IFP Board**

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## Forty-Three Member Countries and Counting... What Does It Take To Be a Member Country?

As the recognized Governing Body for the Sport of Pickleball the IFP has 44 member countries. These member countries range from well-established national organizations with robust, entrenched pickleball activities to countries where the sport is just beginning to take hold. Administratively, a country submits an application and supporting documents of their organization. Steve Sidwell, Director of Member Countries has the complete review and vetting process for countries that are interested in joining the growing family of IFP member countries.

It started with 4 Member Countries in 2012 and now it's up to 44 in 2021. In celebration of this milestone accomplishment the IFP is having a contest to vote for your "**FAVORITE COUNTRY LOGO**". Visit the IFP Website NOW to **VOTE!!**

<https://www.ifpickleball.org/>



# THE INAUGURAL FOUR

# Member Countries



French Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 2/01/2015



Pickleball Association of Australia  
Date joined IFP: 12/16/18



Italian Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 6/01/2015



Pickleball England  
Date joined IFP: 1/01/19



Pickleball Holland  
Date joined IFP: 12/01/2016



German Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 4/01/19



China/Shenzhen Pickleball Assoc.  
Date joined IFP: 9/01/2018



Singapore Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 6/01/19



Pickleball Association of Hong Kong  
Date joined IFP: 11/01/2018



Pickleball Association of Pakistan  
Date joined IFP: 8/01/19



Chinese Taipei Pickleball Assoc.  
Date joined IFP: 11/01/2018



Philippine Pickleball Sports Assoc.  
Date joined IFP: 9/01/19



Korea Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 12/01/18



Polska Pickleball  
Date joined IFP: 10/02/19



Pickleball Scotland  
Date joined IFP: 12/01/18



Malaysia Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 11/01/19



# Still Growing...



Svenska Pickleballförbundet  
Date joined IFP: 1/01/20



Pickleball Costa Rica  
Date joined IFP: 11/15/20



Pickleball Denmark  
Date joined IFP: 1/05/20



Pickleball Belgium  
Date joined IFP: 11/26/20



Tonga Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 2/01/20



Pickleball New Zealand Assoc.  
Date joined IFP: 12/14/20



Pickleball Federation of Armenia  
Date joined IFP: 2/29/20



Pickleball Serbia  
Date joined IFP: 1/07/21



Professional Pickleball League Mexico  
Date joined IFP: 4/01/20



Persatuan Pickleball  
Date joined IFP: 1/11/21



Japan Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 5/28/20



Lithuanian Pickleball  
Date joined IFP: 1/13/21



Pickleball Turkey  
Date joined IFP: 9/25/20



Pickleball Bangladesh  
Date joined IFP: 1/22/21



Georgian Pickleball Federation  
Date joined IFP: 11/11/20



Pickleball Assoc. of Samoa Inc.  
Date joined IFP: 2/15/21



# And Growing...

# IFP World Ambassador Program



Pickleball Peru  
Date joined IFP: 2/25/21



Pickleball Egypt  
Date joined IFP: 2/21/21



Dominican Pickleball Assoc.  
Date joined IFP: 2/15/21



Pickleball UAE  
Date joined IFP: 3/02/21



Panama Pickleball Assoc.  
Date joined IFP: 3/05/21



Asociacion Argentina de Pickleball  
Date joined IFP: 3/09/21



Brazil Pickleball  
Date joined IFP: 3/10/21



Norwegian Pickleball Association  
Date joined IFP: 3/17/21

The Ambassador Program was developed about a year and a half ago and Ron Ponder was appointed Director for the IFP World Ambassador Program. Today the IFP World Ambassadors Program has grown to 142 World Ambassadors. There is an application and review process for all applicants applying to be IFP World Ambassadors. This World Ambassador Program is designed to grow, promote, develop, and teach pickleball throughout the world. The ideal ambassador is an individual who travels outside their home country and promotes pickleball within the country they visit. The IFP is the only international governing body that has developed an Ambassador program for individuals who travel and would like to promote pickleball. The IFP continues to develop and give support to these individuals which has made this program successful. The USA Pickleball developed their own highly successful Ambassador Program which was very instrumental in growing the sport of pickleball in the United States. The IFP Ambassador Program consists of individuals from all around the world. This year IFP will be helping all of its member countries to develop a strong Ambassador Program within their own country. With the IFP involvement in the member country Ambassador Program, pickleball will grow beyond our imagination.



If you are interested in becoming an IFP World Ambassador, please contact Ron Ponder at [ambassadors@ifpickleball.org](mailto:ambassadors@ifpickleball.org)

## The International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) Individual Membership

The IFP is the world governing body for the sport of pickleball. It was organized to develop and promote pickleball around the world and, through its efforts, there are now 44 IFP member countries spanning the globe. The IFP is supported by an all-volunteer group under the direction of a Board of Directors and 12 Program Directors.

These individuals are dedicated to the mission and goals of IFP. In addition, your IFP membership supports the following initiatives around the world:

- Maintaining rules and equipment standards.
- Introducing and developing pickleball to new member countries.
- Organizing the IFP premier annual “Bainbridge Cup World Championship” event.
- International training and instructor certification.
- Developing education and youth pickleball programs.
- Hosting the World Ambassador Program to help grow the sport of pickleball.
- Establishing and promoting international tournaments.
- Leveraging social media platforms to promote pickleball internationally.
- Driving the Olympic movement—learn more by joining as a Charter Member.
- The IFP offers three memberships: Annual, 3-Year and a Charter Member\*.

\* IFP Charter Membership- This membership will help fund the IFP Olympic movement and the goal to move our sport towards this goal. These funds are necessary to continue initiatives already underway for this purpose. These efforts have included the development of relationships and contacts with the USA Olympic Committee, the IOC and several other Olympic sports organizations supporting our efforts. Over the last year the IFP has laid the foundation and is now in need of funding and additional volunteers to move this to the next level. The opportunity to showcase and promote pickleball at future Olympics in Japan, Paris and Los Angeles remains a goal of the IFP. Through the efforts and contributions of many, the IFP Olympic movement can become a reality. This would be one giant step in expanding the popularity and recognition of the sport of pickleball around the world. We thank you and appreciate your support.

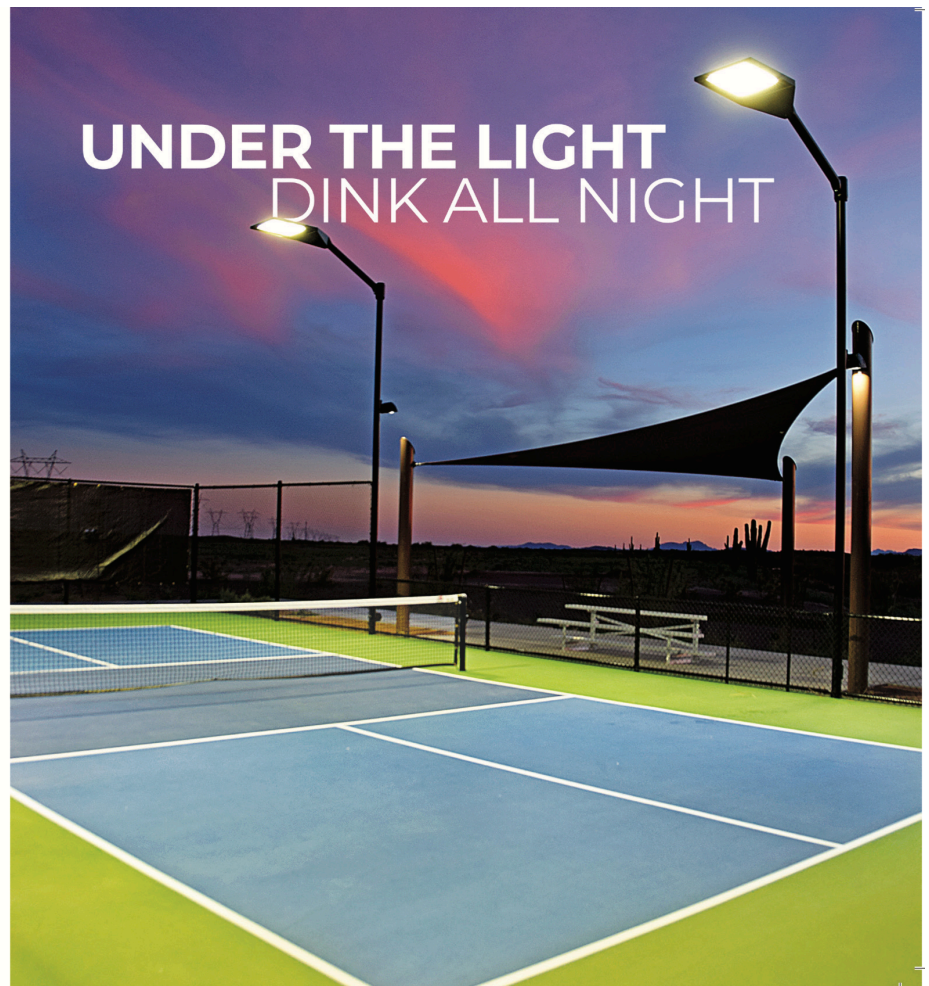
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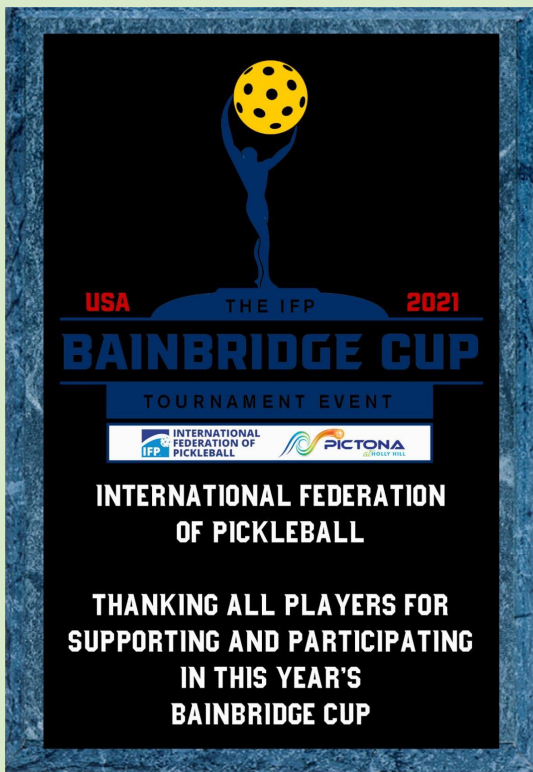
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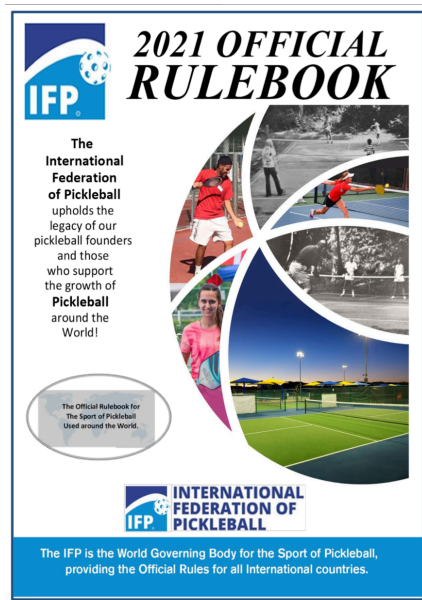
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Additional information is provided on the website under the following training headings:

- IFP Academy
- IFP Global Standards
- IFP Certification
- IFP Member Training
- IFP Training News

## **IFP ACADEMY - BUILDING A GLOBAL STANDARD**

The IFP Academy is a non-Profit organization setting new standards in Instructor Certification, Training and Global Rating. Our mission is to spread the sport of Pickleball globally and to create an education and training standards, so no country is left behind.

## **IFP CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS PROGRAM**

### **INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION, TRAINING, RATING AND CONTINUAL EDUCATION**

Training sessions available (designed to improve your teaching skills and knowledge).

There are many benefits to obtaining an Instructor Certification from the IFP. First the curriculum is developed by the top players and instructors in the game. This standard (and more importantly framework) will be the same no matter where you train or teach across the globe.

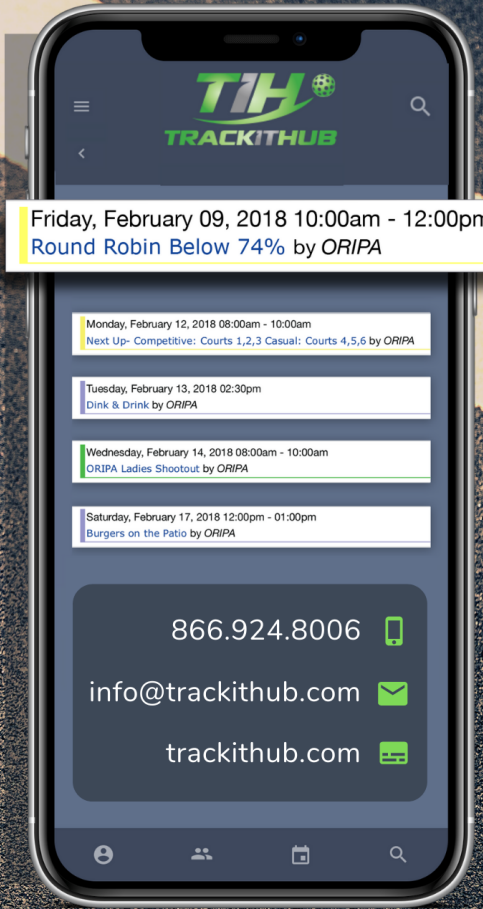
#### **Benefits:**

- General and professional liability insurance (optional) travels with you abroad.
- Online access to continual education courses (add proficiency to your teaching ability).
- Monthly live webinars / FAQ video conferencing sessions with Tier 1 instructors from the IFP.
- Monthly newsletters with tips, drills, strategy ideas and more.
- Access to a instructor video archive to continue to develop your skills.
- Ability to teach with lead instructors during multi-day training events to further develop your teaching skills and experience.
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# The IFP Bainbridge Cup 2017 - in the Making

It's a rare moment indeed when you can be part of an historic sporting event



In 1927, when Great Britain visited the United States to play in the first Ryder Cup, they had no idea the spectacle it would become. Nor did fans or players foresee how big the World Cup would grow when they experienced the first Cup in Uruguay in 1930. Now it is PICKLEBALL'S turn to make history with the launch of the IFP Bainbridge Cup Tournament Event. Due to the rapid growth of pickleball around the world, the future of pickleball's Intercontinental Team Competition appears bright. The inaugural event took place in Madrid Spain, September 15, 2017. The IFP is the International Federation of Pickleball, the governing body of the sport and the organizer of the Cup. It all adds up to five days of fantastic pickleball and history being made. And you can be part of it all, as a player or spectator. Years from now, when pickleball is an Olympic Sport and the Bainbridge Cup is televised around the world, you can say, "I was there at the very beginning of it all"

**2017**  
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vs  
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**1ST INTERCONTINENTAL TEAM COMPETITION**



**2018**  
North America 106  
vs  
Europe 82

**2019**  
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## IFP WORLD PICKLEBALL GRANT PROGRAM



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### OUT TO THE ENTIRE WORLD!!

The IFP is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that is working with the goal of pickleball being an Olympic Sport. With a donation of \$100 or more, your name will be listed in the "Donors Court of Honor" for the IFP World Pickleball Grant Program. One hundred percent of your donation goes to supporting the IFP World Pickleball Grant Program. Please visit the IFP Website for information to make your donation at :

<https://www.ifpickleball.org/Home/Donations>

**The IFP would like to Thank everyone for supporting pickleball around the world.**



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**All Sports entered into deal with IFP to broadcast matches**

### ABOUT THE NETWORK

The All Sports Television Network is a national sports network created for American broadcast television. All Sports features sports and sports-related programming that covers both traditional and nontraditional events throughout the world. Our goal is to provide broadcast television stations the ability to offer their viewers sports-related content on a 24-hour basis in high definition (HD) seven days a week. Our programming includes:

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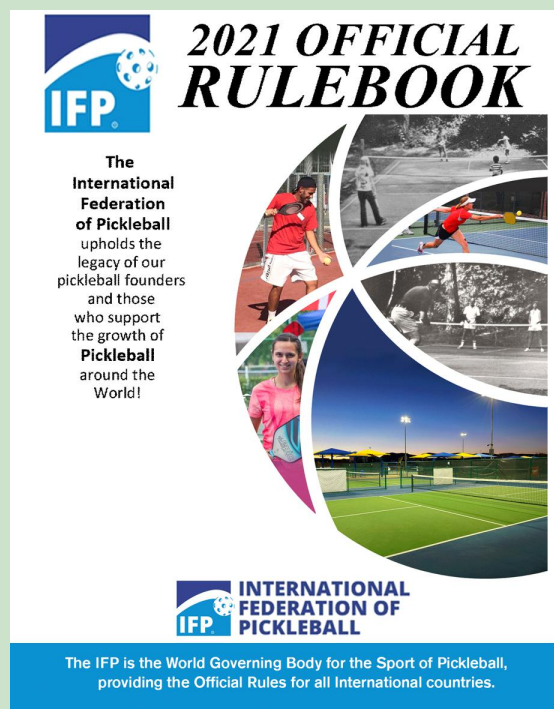
No sport can be played without rules. Rules are the foundation for an organized sport to be played under the same standards for everyone around the world. IFP continues to maintain the integrity of the Official Rulebook through the International Rules Committee and its member countries.

Earlier this year the IFP sent the IFP 2021 Official Rulebook to all member countries. This rulebook is also available on the IFP website under "Rules." Please visit the IFP website and download to print your own copy. Each IFP Rulebook has the member countries logo on the front cover. The Rulebook is managed in a responsible manner with the cooperation of the USA Pickleball and the IFP working in harmony. The IFP Rules Committee has international players and individuals who provide input to the yearly review of the Rulebook--Mike Johnson, President of the Philippines, and Jeff Van Der Hulst, an IFP World Ambassador and IFP Certified Instructor from England are co-chairs. If you are interested in joining the Rules Committee please contact:

Mike Johnson at [mike.johnson@pickleball.ph](mailto:mike.johnson@pickleball.ph)

Jeff Van Der Hulst at [jeff@pickleballjeff.co.uk](mailto:jeff@pickleballjeff.co.uk)

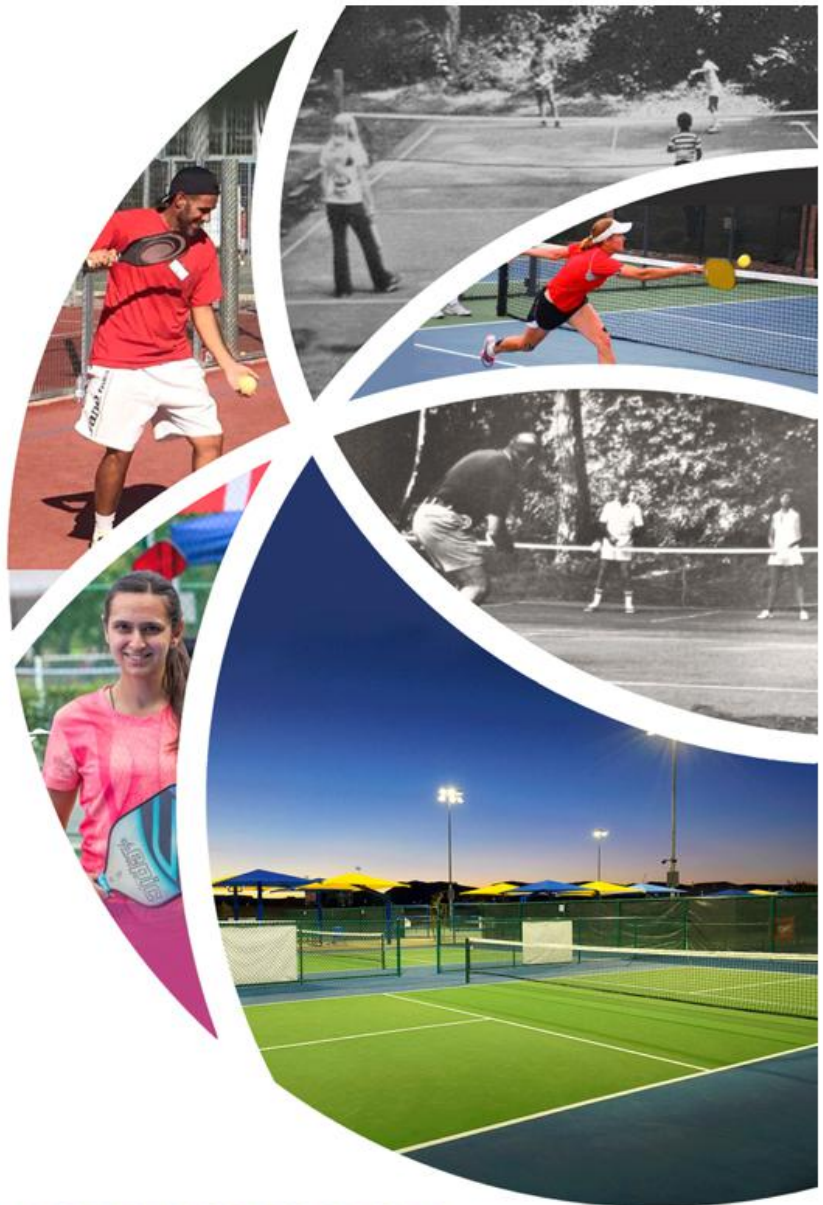
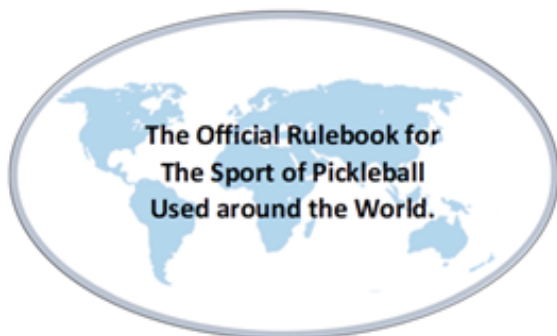
In cooperation with the USA Pickleball and their refereeing team, the IFP will be launching an International **Referee Training Program** this year. International interest in referee training has grown over the past year and, in anticipation of more international tournaments and the need for trained referees, the IFP will be filling that need. The IFP has assembled a team of very qualified and experienced referees to launch this referee training program. The program is under the leadership of Ron Ponder, one of the most engaged qualified referees in the game today. Assisting Ron will be five Referee Directors overseeing the refereeing training for the five IFP continents: Bryon Freso, Director Europe; Karen Hill, Director Asia; Alan Thomas, Director Oceania; Bob Swisshelm, Director Africa; and Randi Leven, Director Americas. This group is some of the best referees from the USA and Canada, and we are honored to have this group training and developing referees around the world.





# *2021 OFFICIAL RULEBOOK*

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