

2023 COASC's Pickleball Slam FAQs

Q. Where does the money go?

A. All the funds raised will be utilized to provide support directly to the free programs and services provided by the Council on Aging – Southern California (COASC) to the 100,000 elderly and disabled adults we serve. We are excellent stewards of the money raised as 88% of each donation goes to the services and programs of our mission.

Q. Do I have to register to participate in the 2023 Pickleball Slam?

A. Yes, we need to know who is joining us as a player or spectator for our event and need every player or spectator to sign a standard liability waiver through their official registration.

Q. Is there a registration fee to participate?

A. Yes, there is a \$125.00 registration fee for each player or \$250 for a team of two. The spectator fee is \$30 per person.

Q. Is there an age requirement for players?

A. Yes, all players must be a minimum of 18 years old.

Q. How do I register?

A. To register online, please [click here](#).

Q. Is there a registration deadline for players?

A. Yes, all players must be registered by June 20 to be entered to play.

Q. Can I register as an individual? As a team?

A. Yes, you can register as an individual and based upon your level of play you will be matched with another player.

Yes, you can register as a team of 2 players and provide each player's level of play.

Q. What category of players are in this tournament?

A. Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles

Q. What do the terms Competitive and Fun & Friendly Flights mean?

A. There are two levels of play (Flights). The "competitive" flight is for players who are knowledgeable and have played for a while to a certain

skill level. The ‘fun and friendly’ flight allows for first time and beginners to be coached by a Club Pro and learn the basics of the game, how to serve and keystrokes. After the basics are understood this flight will play Round Robin games.

Q. What are the Player levels of ability?

A. This is the individual player’s self-assessment of their level of play for the Pickleball Slam:

- a. I’ve never played before but looking forward to it!
- b. I’ve played a few times and I think I know what to do.
- c. I’m consistent with my serve and I know how to dink.
- d. I play 4 times a week and win every game I play...sorry not sorry! 😊

Q. Where is the event location?

A. Our event is held at The Tennis and Pickleball Club at Newport Beach, 11 Clubhouse Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Please see the map.

Q. What happens if it rains?

A. The event will be re-scheduled at a date provided by the Club & COASC.

Q. Are pets allowed at the event?

A. As much as we love our pets, sorry they are **NOT** allowed at the event. Only registered Service Dogs are permitted in the company of the person they serve.

About 2023 Pickleball Slam Teams

Q. What is a team?

A. A team consists of 2 players. Companies can form as many 2 person teams as they wish to register. This is a great event to build co-worker fun and comradery while supporting a great cause.

Q. Why should I create/join a team?

A. Our 2023 Pickleball Slam is about community, and teams epitomize that concept. They are fun to participate in and to join.

Q. I registered as an individual, but now I want to join with a partner.

A. No problem! Email us at aferguson@coasc.org BEFORE MAY 3rd with the name of the other player and we'll get you are set up as a team.

Q. Who do I contact if I have more questions?

A. Anna Ferguson at aferguson@coasc.org or 714-352-8839.

2023 Pickleball Slam Day of Event

1. As a registered player you will receive a pre-event email.
 - The email instructions include a reminder of the date, time and location of our event site in addition to driving and parking instructions.
 - Confirmation on your level of play and your team partner's name.
 - Starting at 1:30 p.m. you will go to the Registration/Check in tables. There you will be able to check in, drop off any donations you may have and receive your court assignment.
 - Receive your wrist band for food and drink access.

Q. What do I need to bring to the event?

1. Wear comfortable shoes for outdoor court play.
2. Layer items of clothing. In California, the springtime weather can range from cold to very warm even at night (daylight savings time is in effect).
3. Wear sunscreen and/or a hat to protect you for a hot or sunny day.
4. Water is supplied at the event; it is a necessity that we are happy to provide. If you have a certain brand preference or need a sports drink, you will want to bring your own.
5. Your personal equipment, paddles, balls etc.

Q. Can we raise additional funds for the Council on Aging – Southern California

A. Yes please! You may ask your friends and/or family, who are unable to join the event, to support your efforts and make charitable gifts to our organization in your name. This is a simple way to increase your support of isolated older adults in our community through this event.

Friends and family can go online at www.coasc.org/give and make a gift of any amount. In the memo section they can write your name to recognize your effort on our behalf.

Q. What if my supporters don't want to donate online?

A. No problem, you can collect the checks, made out to COASC, and turn them in the day of the event or mail them into our corporate office at COASC Attn: Pickleball Slam - JCansler, 2 Executive Circle, Ste.175, Irvine CA 92614. Please make sure to list your supporters name and address on the check in the memo section as well so they will receive a thank you donation letter and you are credited with the gift solicitation as well.

Q. Who should checks be made out to?

A. Please ask your supporters to make checks payable to Council on Aging - Southern California or COASC. ****Please do not mail cash**** if you receive cash donations, please write a check for that cash amount, and submit it with the both the supporters name and your name to ensure tracking and acknowledgement of their donation on the day of the event or mail to our corporate office at COASC Attn: Pickleball Slam - JCansler, 2 Executive Circle, Ste.175, Irvine CA 92614.

Matching Gift FAQs

Q. What is a matching gift?

A. A matching gift is a gift from a supporter's employer that matches the supporter's original gift. Most employers match dollar for dollar.

Q. How do I know if my employer has a matching gifts program?

A. Ask your human resources staff or visit your company's intranet.

Q. How do I request a matching gift?

A. The first step is to talk to your employer about their matching gift process. Generally, your human resources department is a great place to start.

Q. What do I do with the form once I've filled it out?

A. Refer to the instructions on the matching gift form. If you need to mail or fax the form to us, please use the following information (please include your name and event):

**COASC-Pickleball Slam
2 Executive Circle, Ste.175
Irvine, CA 92614
Phone: 714-479-0107
Fax: 714-479-0234**

Volunteer Opportunities

Q. Who Can Volunteer?

A. Families, corporate groups and individuals are encouraged and welcome to volunteer. If you want to help, we guarantee we can find a place for you! We are always looking for corporate, and service-oriented community groups to lend a hand before, during, and after our events.

When you decide to volunteer, you become part of the Council on Aging – Southern California — a collective of passionate individuals, working together to provide support, have fun, and make a difference in the lives of elderly and frail adults in our communities.

Q. Can I Volunteer AND raise funds? – it's the best of both worlds!

A. Did you know that volunteers can raise money too? If you would like to raise funds to support the Council on Aging - Southern California Pickleball Slam contact **Anna Ferguson** at aferguson@coasc.org or **714-352-8839** for information on how to support our mission.