



# 2024 Charles Thacker Memorial Lions Club Pickleball Tournament



\*All proceeds will be used to purchase eyeglasses, perform cataract surgeries, and many other efforts to assist the less fortunate of Bradley County and the City of Cleveland.

## EVENTS

- @ South Cleveland Community Center  
1334 Church Street, Cleveland, TN
- Womens Doubles--*Saturday, June 29th at 8:00am*
  - Mens Doubles—*Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm*
  - Must have your own partner
    - (partners sign up individually)
  - Entry Fee: \$30 per player
  - Entry Deadline: June 26th
  - Make checks payable to the Cleveland Lions Club
  - Format of Play: Round Robin

For additional information or questions contact Andrew Carson at 423.653.6306

Circle Skill Division (Descriptions on Back)		
MENS	WOMENS	MIXED
Beginner	Beginner	Beginner
Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
Advanced	Advanced	Advanced

Every participant receives a shirt Select your shirt size:				
Small	Medium	Large	XL	XXL

### FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Money Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>MAIL TO:</b> CLEVELAND LIONS CLUB P.O. BOX 1521 CLEVELAND, TN 37364 <b>OR DROP OFF AT:</b> CLEVELAND COMMUNITY CENTER</p>
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**DOUBLES:** Partner's Name, Phone Number, and Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**MIXED:** Partner's Name, Phone Number, and Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER AND RELEASE:** I, individually, and in consideration of acceptance of this entry in the aforementioned event, do hereby release, waive and forever discharge the City of Cleveland and any and all other supporting groups of said sporting event, together with all of their officers, agents, officials, and employees from any and all liability, claims, actions or cause of action whatsoever arising out of, or related to any injury, illness, loss or damage including death, relating to participation in the aforesaid event, I further state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event. **CONSENT TO PUBLICATION:** I give permission for the free use of my name and picture, or video, in any newspaper article, website, broadcast, release, or other such account of this event.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# SKILL LEVEL DESCRIPTION

## **2024 Beginner: 2.0-2.5**

- This level is for those who have played a few times and know and understand the basic rules.
- I lose more than I win.
- Played less than a year.
- Play 2-5 times a month.
- Not very accurate with shots and avoids using a backhand.
- Impatient about waiting for an opening.
- I can sustain a rally of 5 shots.
- Able to hit a medium paced serve/return. Lacks depth, direction, and consistency.

## **2024 Intermediate: 3.0-3.5**

This level is for those who have played for a while. They are knowledgeable of all the rules, understands and executes basic strategy. Participants should be able to demonstrate proper serving, groundstrokes, volleys, as well as offensive and defensive lobs.

- Play 6-15 times a month.
- I have played in a tournament but not placed.
- I know most of the rules.
- I am capable of hitting several dinks in a row and recognize my opponent's weakness.
- I win more than I lose.
- Consistently gets served/returns in play with limited ability to control depth.

## **2024 Advanced: 4.0+**

This level is for those who have played extensively. They are knowledgeable of all the rules, understand and execute more advanced strategy. They should be able to demonstrate executive level serving, groundstrokes, volleys, blocks, as well as offensive and defensive lobs.

- Play 15-30 times a month.
- Rarely make unforced errors.
- Can sustain a rally of 40 or more shots.
- I have placed/won in past tournaments.
- I consistently convert hard shots to soft shots, and can move opponents with shot placement
- Patient and wait for an opening. Can control depth, speed, and direction of serves consistently
- Proficient with backhand and rarely miss a shot with it.
- Can consistently exploit and play against opponent's weaknesses
- I play in Cleveland's Ladder League.