

19th October, 2023 - Melbourne, Australia – The National Pickleball League today announced a brand new, revolutionary format for NPL Season 1 – named **NPLLeague™** – a format exclusive to the National Pickleball League.

NPLLeague™ aims to showcase the best professional Pickleball players in Australia by combining the best aspects of the singles & doubles disciplines in Pickleball.

In the new format, NPL teams will consist of 6 players – 3 males and 3 females, who will all be required to play in each match. Each match will consist of 4 sets + 1 potential tiebreaker – known as the Dill Breaker™. Each set is worth 1 point individually.

- 1st Set = Female Singles
 - Best of 3 Games – 3 Individual Players
 - First to 11, Traditional Pickleball Scoring, Win by 2
- 2nd Set = Mixed Doubles Pair #1
 - Best of 1 Game – 1 Mixed Pair
 - First to 21, Rally Pickleball Scoring, Win by 2
- 3rd Set = Male Singles
 - Same format as Female singles
- 4th Set = Mixed Doubles Pair #2
 - Same format as Mixed Doubles #1
- Dill Breaker (as required)
 - First to 21 (as a team)
 - More details to be released soon

The NPL believes that the highest professional level of the sport must showcase both the athleticism & highlight plays of singles, with the strategy & precision of Doubles. **NPLLeague™** allows for the best players in the country to showcase the full range of their Pickleball skills.

More details available on NPL Website under NPL Season 1: www.nplpickleball.com.au/national-pickleball-league

About NPL Season 1

NPL – Season 1 is the first ever professional teams Pickleball league in Australia, launching in March 2024 with \$100,000 of Prize Money. Team captains will be selected from Victoria, New South Wales & Queensland and they will participate in a virtual team draft, selecting 3 males and 3 females per team. Prize money will be split between the top 8 teams, with the winner taking home \$50,000 Cash.

About National Pickleball League (NPL)

NPL is the premium pickleball organisation of Australia. The NPL brand offers Australia's professional national league, tournaments, corporate days, school/university programs, social leagues, events & introductory Pickleball days. NPL aims to build the total number of Pickleball players in Australia via professional league pathways, marketing, content & venue investment. NPL aims to expand its product internationally in 2024.

Key Information

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