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# PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE



**DC PARKING  
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Thursday - Sunday Shuttle Schedule:**

**2 hours before matches start until 1 hour after matches end.**

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## **SHUTTLE SERVICE**

Shuttles will be going from RFK parking lots to WTEF approximately every 10-15 minutes.



**Parking Lots: RFK Stadium Lots 1, 2, and 3**

**Lot Entrance Address: 1900E East Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20002**

## **PARKING INFO:**

*There is no public parking at WTEF. Off-site public parking is located at RFK Stadium (approx. 5 minutes away). Parking is \$20 per car per day.*

*If using a rideshare service, head to the designated rideshare drop-off point, just outside the main WTEF entrance located at: 200 Stoddert Place, SE Washington, DC 20019*

# MATCH SCHEDULE

If you're attending the event, doors open one hour before matches begin. If you're tuning in remotely - here's where to watch:

**THURSDAY:** All Championship Court matches on Pickleball TV & Game+ (Canada)... Grandstand matches on MLP YouTube

**FRIDAY:** Championship Court matches on Pickleball TV & Game+ (Canada), **starting at Noon**... Championship Court 10 a.m. match and all Grandstand matches on MLP YT

**SATURDAY:** Championship Court matches on Pickleball TV & Game+ (Canada), **starting at Noon**... Championship Court 10 a.m. match and all Grandstand matches on MLP YT

**SUNDAY:** Championship Court matches on Pickleball TV & Game+ (Canada), **starting following the 9 a.m. match**... Championship Court 9 a.m. match and all Grandstand matches on MLP YT

Thu, Jun 13		Championship Court	Thu, Jun 13		Grandstand Court
2 p.m.		Brooklyn Aces v Atlanta Bouncers	-		-
4 p.m.		Florida Smash v California Black Bears	4:30 p.m.	Brooklyn Aces v Las Vegas Night Owls	
6 p.m.		Frisco Pandas v California Black Bears	Followed By	Florida Smash v Las Vegas Night Owls	
Fri, Jun 14		Championship Court	Fri, Jun 14		Grandstand Court
10 a.m.		Texas Ranchers v Utah Black Diamonds	10:30 a.m.	Atlanta Bouncers v Florida Smash	
12 p.m.		Carolina Pickleball Club v NY Hustlers	Followed By	Las Vegas Night Owls v California Black Bears	
2 p.m.		DC Pickleball Team v Utah Black Diamonds	Followed By	Miami Pickleball Club v Florida Smash	
4 p.m.		Dallas Flash v Carolina Pickleball Club	Followed By	Las Vegas Night Owls v Atlanta Bouncers	
6 p.m.		DC Pickleball Team v Texas Ranchers	Followed By	Dallas Flash v NY Hustlers	
Sat, Jun 15		Championship Court	Sat, Jun 15		Grandstand Court
10 a.m.		NY Hustlers v St. Louis Shock	-	-	
12 p.m.		Chicago Slice v Las Vegas Night Owls	12:30 p.m.	California Black Bears v Atlanta Bouncers	
2 p.m.		NY Hustlers v DC Pickleball Team	Followed By	Miami Pickleball Club v Brooklyn Aces	
4 p.m.		Carolina Pickleball Club v Texas Ranchers	Followed By	Chicago Slice v Frisco Pandas	
-		-	Followed By	California Black Bears v Brooklyn Aces	
Sun, Jun 16		Championship Court	Sun, Jun 16		Grandstand Court
9 a.m.		Utah Black Diamonds v NY Hustlers	9:30 a.m.	Miami Pickleball Club v California Black Bears	
Followed By		DC Pickleball Team v St. Louis Shock	Followed By	Brooklyn Aces v Frisco Pandas	
Followed By		Texas Ranchers v NY Hustlers	Followed By	Utah Black Diamonds v Dallas Flash	
Followed By		DC Pickleball Team v Carolina Pickleball Club	Followed By	Chicago Slice v California Black Bears	
Followed By		St. Louis Shock v Carolina Pickleball Club	Followed By	Texas Ranchers v Dallas Flash	

# ABC'S OF MLP

## 2024 MLP EVENTS

The 2024 MLP by Margaritaville season schedule will consist of 11 total weeks of events, hosted across nine different states and Washington, D.C., to bring Major League Pickleball action to more places than ever before and featuring:

- Eight Regular Season events (May-October)
- 2024 Mid-Season Tournament (July)
- 2024 MLP Playoffs (broken up over two different weeks in November)

## LEVELS

MLP's 22 teams will be split into two levels - Premier (12 teams) and Challenger (10 teams), with all 22 teams featuring two men and two women on their roster.

### PREMIER LEVEL

Premier Level will feature the 48 top pros in the sport.

- Premier Level teams for 2024 were determined by Dutch Auction, with the 12 highest-bidding teams securing their place in the Premier Level
- These teams will feature the absolute best pros in the sport, with high-intensity, thrilling, on-court action
- The Premier Level Draft operated by dynamic bidding for each draft slot, giving teams the chance to utilize whatever bidding strategy that they see fit in order to build the best roster of four

### CHALLENGER LEVEL

Challenger Level features a crop of 40 players who are looking to become pro pickleball's next stars

- Challenger Level has a structure unique to U.S. pro sports, with the top four teams at the end of 2024 earning promotion to the Premier Level in 2025
- The Challenger Level Draft operated under the snake format, with teams picking in order from 1-12 in Rounds 1 and 3 and in reverse 12-1 order in Rounds 2 and 4

### REGULAR SEASON (EIGHT EVENTS: MAY-OCT.)

The bulk of the 2024 MLP schedule will consist of eight (8) different regular season events, each featuring a collection of the 24 MLP teams playing multiple matches.

- ALL TEAMS will participate in five of the eight total regular season events
- Every team will be scheduled to play a total of 23 regular season matches over their five events

# ABC'S OF MLP

## REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

A total of three standings points will be earned in every regular season match. The cumulative season-long standings will be calculated at both levels.

- Standings points are earned in every match as follows:
  - 3 Points: Regulation win (i.e.: 3-1 or 4-0 win; no DreamBreaker needed)
  - 2 Points: DreamBreaker win (i.e.: 3-2 win)
  - 1 Point: DreamBreaker loss (i.e.: 2-3 loss)
  - 0 Points: Regulation loss (i.e.: 1-3 or 0-4 loss; no DreamBreaker needed)
- At both levels, the six (6) teams with the most points at the end of the regular season will earn entry into the 2024 MLP Playoffs. If there is a tie between two or more teams with the same number of points, the tiebreaker will be net games from regular season matches.

## 2024 ADVIL TARGETED RELIEF MLP MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT (JULY 10-14 IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI)

The Mid-Season Tournament will feature all 22 MLP franchises competing in a double elimination bracket to crown a midseason tournament champion.

- In a first-of-its-kind event, Premier & Challenger teams will be competing against each other in the same bracket
- The tournament will be double elimination; each team will play a minimum of two matches
- Teams will be seeded based on their record after the first two events (i.e., MLP Atlanta & MLP Washington DC)
  - Premier Teams will be seeded from 1-12
  - Challenger Teams will be seeded 13-22
- The bracket will be released on June 20, showing where teams are seeded
- Prize payouts totaling \$200,000 will be on the line:
  - Winning team earns \$100,000
  - Second Place earns \$40,000
  - Third Place earns \$20,000
  - Winning team in each match earns \$1,000 (40 total matches will be played)

# ABC'S OF MLP

## 2024 MLP PLAYOFFS

At both Premier and Challenger levels, qualifying 2024 MLP Playoffs teams will be seeded No. 1-6.

For both levels, Round 1 will see seeds No. 3-6 in action, with No. 1 and No. 2 earning byes into the Semifinals

- Seeds No. 3-6 will compete in the first round of the playoffs, a best-of-three matches format
  - Highest seeded team (No. 3) will select the opponent they would like to face in Round 1
  - The higher seeded team in each matchup will receive first choice on all four decisions for all playoff matches and respond to the lineup for the DreamBreaker: Serve / Receive; Side; Respond in mixed; Gender doubles order
  - The first team to win two matches will advance to the next round of the playoffs

For both levels, Round 2 will comprise the Semifinals and Finals:

- Participating teams will again play a best-of-three matches format
- Higher seeded teams will receive the same benefits as the first round of the playoffs
- The No. 1 seed must select its opponent from the two teams that advanced from Round 1 (i.e., they can't select the No. 2 seed)

## MATCH SCORING

MLP will continue to utilize a rally scoring system, with the following changes to the previous format:

- Games will be played to 25 points, with a winning margin of at least two points
- A point will be won on every serve; teams will only be able to win a game while serving
- DreamBreakers will be played to 21 points

## AWARDS

MLP will have a variety of individual awards for the 2024 Regular Season, Mid-Season Tournament, and 2024 MLP Playoffs, and use a combination of votes from players, team representatives, and fans to determine the following awards for both Premier & Challenger levels.

- Regular Season Awards: Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player, 1st and 2nd Team All MLP for Premier & Challenger (two men and two women on each)
- Midseason & Playoff Awards: Most Valuable Player and All MLP Team (two men and two women)

# TEAM INFORMATION



## PREMIER LEVEL

### Arizona (AZ) Drive

- Christian, Kaitlyn
- Daescu, Andrei
- Frazier, Dylan
- Schneemann, Lacy



### Carolina Pickleball Club

- Irvine, Jessie
- Johns, Ben
- Johns, Collin
- Koop, Andrea



### Columbus Sliders

- Buckner, Brooke
- Dizon, Meghan
- Garnett, Connor
- Newman, Riley



### Dallas Flash Pickleball

- Black, Hurricane Tyra
- Ge, Augustus
- Johnson, Jorja
- Johnson, JW



### D.C. Pickleball Team

- Bar, Dekel
- Ignatowich, James
- Jones, Allyce
- Rohrabacher, Rachel



### Los Angeles Mad Drops

- Johnson, Hunter
- Kawamoto, Jade
- Parenteau, Catherine
- Wilson, Thomas



### New Jersey (NJ) 5s

- Howells, Will
- Humberg, Mariana
- Navratil, Zane
- Waters, Anna Leigh

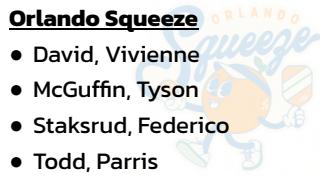


### New York (NY) Hustlers

- Jansen, Lea
- Kawamoto, Jackie
- Klinger, Carson "CJ"
- Sock, Jack

### Orlando Squeeze

- David, Vivienne
- McGuffin, Tyson
- Staksrud, Federico
- Todd, Parris



### St. Louis Shock

- Bright, Anna
- Fahey, Kate
- Patriquin, Hayden
- Tardio, Gabe



### Texas Ranchers

- Alshon, Christian
- Pisnik, Tina
- Tellez, Pablo
- Wright, Etta



### Utah Black Diamonds

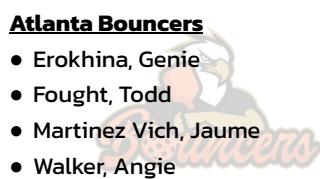
- Devilliers, Jay
- Loong, Tyler
- Smith, Callie
- Truong, Alix



## CHALLENGER LEVEL

### Atlanta Bouncers

- Erokhina, Genie
- Fought, Todd
- Martinez Vich, Jaume
- Walker, Angie



### Bay Area Breakers

- Glzman, Vivian
- Kawka, Patrick
- Rettger, Rachel
- Shick, Collin



### Brooklyn Aces

- De La Rosa, Daniel
- Emmrich, Martin
- Padegimaite, Lina
- Sleeth, Layne



### California Black Bears

- Cederquist, Emily
- Hendry, Amanda
- Hewett, Rafa
- Young, DJ



### Chicago Slice

- Grambeau, Kelsey
- Harris, Allison
- Long, Brendon
- Munro, Jack



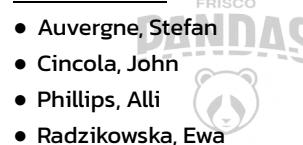
### Florida Smash

- Emmrich, Tammy
- Frantova, Martina
- Rettenmaier, Travis
- Smith, Pat



### Frisco Pandas

- Auvergne, Stefan
- Cincola, John
- Phillips, Alli
- Radzikowska, Ewa



### Las Vegas Night Owls

- Alhouni, Mo
- Castillo, Judit
- Scarpa, Anderson
- Wang, Chao Yi "Zoey"



### Miami Pickleball Club

- Bellamy, Roscoe
- Oncins, Eric
- Rane, Milan
- Valdes, Rianna



### SoCal Hard Eights

- Lange, Erik
- Maddox, Christine
- Manthou, Max
- Tereschenko, Irina



The AZ Drive are Arizona's premier professional pickleball team, composed of an elite group of players and coached by one of the most experienced and knowledgeable professionals in the field. Dedicated to excellence and sportsmanship, AZ Drive is committed to providing fans a thrilling experience.

Their investors have experience in sports, business, entertainment, retail, and hospitality, including Michael Phelps, Devin Booker, Dierks Bentley, Larry Fitzgerald Jr., Doug Hirsch, Sheila Gulati, John Merwin, Sam Fox, Brian Frakes, Mark Dalton, Richard J. Schnall, and Magnus Carlsen.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager & Coach:** Morgan Evans

#### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Andrei Daescu (#5 overall)

Player #2: Dylan Frazier (#13)

Player #3: Lacy Schneemann (#34)

Player #4: Kaitlyn Christian (#35)

#### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

#### **All-Time MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

#### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Ansboury**, Sarah (2023 S1); **Arnold**, Julian (2023 S2); **Bar**, Dekel (2023 S2); **Burrows**, Wes (2023 S1); **Christian**, Kaitlyn (2024); **Cincola**, John (2023 S1); **Daescu**, Andrei (2024); **David**, Vivienne (2023 S2); **Erokhina**, Genie (2023 S1); **Frazier**, Dylan (2024); **Glozman**, Vivian (2023 S2); **Nobler**, Heather (2023 S1); **Scarpa**, Anderson (2023 S1); **Schneemann**, Lacy (2024); **Siljestrom**, Andreas (2023 S1)

The Seattle Pioneers were formed in 2023 by Tom Dundon and renamed and moved to Carolina as the Carolina Pickleball Club in 2024. The Carolinas have a burgeoning pickleball scene that is the perfect location for an MLP team featuring 4 of the top players to ever hit the 20x44.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager & Coach:** Dave Fleming

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Ben Johns (#1 overall)

Player #2: Andrea Koop (#43)

Player #3: Jessie Irvine (#44)

Player #4: Collin Johns (#47)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (July 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (August 3-5)
- MLP New York (September 19-22)
- MLP Las Vegas (October 14-16)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP San Clemente (June 2023, Premier Level): Meghan Dizon, *Ben Johns\**, Tyler Loong, Etta Wright

MLP Daytona (March 2023, Premier Level): *Meghan Dizon\**, Ben Johns, Tyler Loong, Etta Wright

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Burrows**, Wes (2023 S2); **Dizon**, Meghan (2023 S1); **French**, Brandon (2023 S2); **Fudge**, Megan (2023 S2); **Irvine**, Jessie (2024); **Johns**, Ben (2024 & 2023 S1); **Johns**, Collin (2024); **Koop**, Andrea (2024); **Loong**, Tyler (2023 S1); **Padegimaite**, Lina (2023 S2); **Querrey**, Sam (2023 S2+); **Smith**, Pat (2023 S2); **Wright**, Etta (2023 S1);

Columbus Sliders "The Bus" was initially formed in 2022 by David Kass and Doug Ulman both currently residing in Columbus, Ohio. David had a deep background in racquet sports as a former pro tennis player and current owner of Professional tennis events and had been watching the massive growth and popularity of Pickleball. Doug formerly lived in Austin and had several deep relationships with some of the original founding members of MLP. They were both excited about the MLP format and the opportunity to purchase a team and help grow the league.

**Inaugural Season:** 2022; played 2022 as "The Bus" and 2023 Season 1 as the Columbus Pickleball Club.

**General Manager:** Adam Stone

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Riley Newman (#4 overall)  
Player #2: Meghan Dizon (#18)  
Player #3: Connor Garnett (#31)  
Player #4: Brooke Buckner (#45)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Brascia**, Maggie (2023 S2); **Braverman**, Jill (2023 S1\*); **Buckner**, Brooke (2024); **Dizon**, Meghan (2024 & 2023 S2); **Fudge**, Megan (2023 S1); **Garnett**, Connor (2024); **Johns**, Collin (2023 S2); **Johnson** JW (2023 S2); **Johnson**, Yates (2023 S1); **Klinger**, CJ (2023 S1); **Lica**, Eden (2022); **Newman**, Riley (2024); **Rane**, Milan (2023 S1 & 2022); **Stratman**, Lauren (2022); **Valdes**, Rianna (2023 S1); **Yates**, Kyle (2022)

COLUMBUS SLIDERS

The Dallas Flash were formed as the Dallas Pickleball Club in 2023 by Mark Cuban, Dirk Nowitzki, Robert Herjavec, John Isner, Chandler Parsons, and Todd Wagner. Dallas was the perfect home city for this group of owners, as the ties are numerous: Cuban owns the Dallas Mavericks, NBA Hall of Famer Nowitzki played for the Mavericks (and has a statue in front of the arena!), US tennis star Isner lives in Dallas, Parsons is a former Dallas Mavericks player.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023; played the 2023 seasons as the Dallas Pickleball Club

**General Manager & Coach:** Ed Chao

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: JW Johnson (#12 overall)

Player #2: Jorja Johnson (#17)

Player #3: Hurricane Tyra Black (#23)

Player #4: Augustus Ge (#38)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
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- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP San Clemente (June 2023, Challenger Level): Jill Braverman\*, Daniel De La Rosa, Christa Gecheva, Ben Newell

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Black**, Hurricane Tyra (2024); **Braverman**, Jill (2023 S1); **De La Rosa**, Daniel (2023 S1); **Devilliers**, Jay (2023 S2); **French**, Brandon (2023 S1); **Fudge**, Megan (2023 S1); **Ge**, Augustus (2024); **Gecheva**, Christa (2023 S1); **Ignatowich**, James (2023 S2); **Johnson**, Jorja (2024); **Johnson**, JW (2024); **Jones**, Allyce (2023 S2); **Newell**, Ben (2023 S1); **Smith**, Callie (2023 S2); ying pickleball. His greatest pickleball strengths are resets and ability to have fun.

D.C. Pickleball Team was formed in December 2022 by Al Tylis, Sam Porter, Eva Longoria, Justin Verlander, Kate Upton, Rip Hamilton, Shawn Marion, Odell Beckham Jr. and Mesut Ozil. When we learned of the opportunity to represent DC with an MLP team, we were thrilled given our familiarity with and history in the DC community. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and DC plays a major role in that growth with the number of players playing in the DMV area. D.C. Pickleball Team aims to unite communities through our accessible sport and to help grow and elevate it in every way.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Josh Gartman

**Coach:** Kyle McKenzie

#### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: James Ignatowich (#8 overall)

Player #2: Rachel Rohrabacher (#14)

Player #3: Dekel Bar (#29)

Player #4: Allyce Jones (#40)

#### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

#### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP Dallas (November 2023, Premier Level): **Christian Alshon\***, Jackie Kawamoto, Jade Kawamoto, Riley Newman

#### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Alshon**, Christian (2023 S2); **Auvergne**, Stefan (2023 S1); **Bar**, Dekel (2024); **Bates**, Shelby (2023 S1); **Castillo**, Judit (2023 S1); **Hendry**, Amanda (2023 S1); **Ignatowich**, James (2024); **Jones**, Allyce (2024); **Kawamoto**, Jackie (2023 S2); **Kawamoto**, Jade (2023 S2); **Newman**, Riley (2023 S2); **Paolicelli**, Monica (2023 S1); **Querrey**, Sam (2023 S1); **Rohrabacher**, Rachel (2024);

## LOS ANGELES MAD DROPS

## **PREMIER LEVEL**

The LA Mad Drops are Major League Pickleball's Premier Level team from Los Angeles, CA. The diverse population of Los Angeles adds to the dynamic pickleball scene, with players from various backgrounds coming together to enjoy the game and foster a sense of community around our LA based team.

Founded in 2022, the LA Mad Drops ownership group is helmed by Good Alpha Industries and includes Drew Brees, Josh Allen, Jayson Tatum, Haley Jones, Ryan Serhant, among others.

**Inaugural Season:** 2022

**General Manager:** Zubin Mehta

### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Catherine Parenteau (#9 overall)

Player #2: Thomas Wilson (#10)

Player #3: Jade Kawamoto (#26)

Player #4: Hunter Johnson (#39)

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP Mesa (January 2023, Premier Level): **Julian Arnold\***, Catherine Parenteau, Irina Tereschenko, Thomas Wilson

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Arnold, Julian** (2023 S1 & 2022); **Buckner, Brooke** (2023 S2); **David, Vivienne** (2022); **Gaytan-Leach, Cierra** (2023 S2); **Harris, Allison** (2023 S2); **Johnson, Hunter** (2024 & 2023 S1+); **Kawamoto, Jade** (2024); **Kinney, Jordan** (2023 S2); **McMillan, Olivia** (2023 S2 & 2022); **Parenteau, Catherine** (2024 & 2023 S1); **Siljestrom, Andreas** (2023 S2); **Stone, Adam** (2022); **Tardio, Gabe** (2023 S2); **Tereschenko, Irina** (2023 S1); **Wilson, Thomas** (2024 & 2023 S2)

The New Jersey 5s were formed in 2022 by Gary Vaynerchuk and Ryan Harwood. Gary V grew up in NJ and has always been public with his lifelong dream to own a sports franchise (NY Jets). Ryan Harwood was a former Division 1 College Tennis Player and took a quick liking to Pickleball. As business partners, they were both inspired by MLP's vision to build the dominant Pickleball League of the future and were thrilled to own a sports franchise in the fastest growing sport in the US.

**Inaugural Season:** 2022

**General Manager:** Ryan Harwood

**Coach:** Leigh Waters

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Anna Leigh Waters (#2 overall)

Player #2: Zane Navratil (#22)

Player #3: Mari Humberg (#33)

Player #4: Will Howells (#37)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Auvergne**, Stefan (2023 S2); **Bates**, Shelby (2023 S2); **Cincola**, John (2023 S2); **Howells**, Will (2024); **Humberg**, Mari (2024); **Ignatowich**, James (2023 S1); **Jansen**, Lea (2023 S1); **Jardim**, Simone (2022); **Lange**, Erik (2022); **Navratil**, Zane (2024); **Nunnery**, Rob (2022); **Padegimaite**, Lina (2022); **Patriquin**, Hayden (2023 S1); **Phillips**, Alli (2023 S2); **Waters**, Anna Leigh (2024 & 2023 S1);

## **NEW YORK (NY) HUSTLERS**

**PREMIER LEVEL**

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Corey Benbasset

### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Jack Sock (#6 overall)

Player #2: Jackie Kawamoto (#16)

Player #3: Lea Jansen (#28)

Player #4: CJ Klinger (#46)

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Ansboury**, Sarah (2023 S2); **Braverman**, Jill (2023 S2); **Bright**, Anna (2023 S1); **Grambeau**, Kelsey (2023 S2); **Hewett**, Rafa (2023 S1); **Jansen**, Lea (2024); **Kawamoto**, Jackie (2024); **Klinger**, CJ (2024); **Long**, Brendon (2023 S1+); **Martinez Vich**, Jaume (2023 S2); **McGuffin**, Tyson (2023 S1); **Schneemann**, Lacy (2023 S1); **Sock**, Jack (2024); **Yates**, Kyle (2023, S2)

The Orlando Squeeze was formed in 2023 by the DeVos Family. The sports business is a long-time passion for the DeVos family, as they have been stewards of the Orlando Magic since 1991 – solidifying them as one of the longest-tenured ownership groups in the NBA. The DeVos family have had a lasting impact on the city of Orlando and hope to continue to continue to build on that investment in Orlando and pickleball through the Orlando Squeeze.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Ryan DeVos

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Federico Staksrud (#11 overall)

Player #2: Vivienne David (#20)

Player #3: Parris Todd (#25)

Player #4: Jay Devilliers\* (#32)

\*Traded to Utah Black Diamonds with cash considerations in exchange for Tyson McGuffin (#19 overall pick) on April 7

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP Atlanta (September 2023, Premier Level): **Anna Bright\***, Andrei Daescu, Zane Navratil, Rachel Rohrabacher

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Bright**, Anna (2023 S2); **Daescu**, Andrei (2023 S2); **David**, Vivienne (2024); **Dawson**, Callan (2023 S1); **Devilliers**, Jay (2024\*); **Fought**, Todd (2023 S1); **McGuffin**, Tyson (2024); **Navratil**, Zane (2023 S2); **Oshiro**, Bobbi (2023 S1); **Rettger**, Rachel (2023 S1); **Rohrabacher**, Rachel (2023 S2); **Staksrud**, Federico (2024); **Todd**, Parris (2024);

The St. Louis Shock was formed in 2023 and is owned by Richard Chaifetz and his family, with son Ross Chaifetz overseeing team operations. Richard Chaifetz is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of ComPsych Corporation, the world's largest provider of employee assistance programs. The Chaifetz's have made numerous investments and philanthropic contributions in the St. Louis community including St. Louis University's Chaifetz School of Business, Chaifetz Center for Entrepreneurship, Chaifetz Arena, and countless technology and real estate investments. Chaifetz Group has additional investments in emerging sports assets including Team Liquid, Drone Racing League, and others.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Ross Chaifetz

**Coaches:** Brandon Hubschman & Taylor Niss Hubschman

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Anna Bright (#3)

Player #2: Hayden Patriquin (#21)

Player #3: Gabe Tardio (#24)

Player #4: Kate Fahey (#42)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Bright**, Anna (2024); **Castillo**, Judit (2023 S2); **Devilliers**, Jay (2023 S1); **Emmrich**, Martin (2023 S2); **Erokhina**, Genie (2023 S2); **Fahey**, Kate (2024); **Jardim**, Simone (2023 S1); **Jones**, Allyce (2023 S1); **Lange**, Erik (2023 S1); **Nunnery**, Rob (2023 S2); **Patriquin**, Hayden (2024); **Tardio**, Gabe (2024);



The Texas Ranchers were one of the Founding 8 MLP teams in 2021. Founded by Austin Tech Banker Tim Klitch and oil and gas entrepreneur Bryan Sheffield, the Ranchers had two strong finishes in the 2022 season, winning the Newport event and placing 3rd in Columbus. The Ranchers became crowd favorites at the inaugural event, debuting a middle school cheer squad (using paddles instead of pom poms) to lead the crowd in team cheers. With a partnership formed in the parking lot of their tennis club after a grueling singles match, Sheffield and Klitch have played many hours of tennis and pickleball with and against one another over their multi-year partnership.

**Inaugural Season:** 2021

**General Manager & Coach:** Ryan Dawidjan

#### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Christian Alshon (#7 overall)

Player #2: Etta Wright (15)

Player #3: Tina Pisnik (30)

Player #4: Pablo Tellez (41)

#### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

#### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP Newport Beach (August 2022): Anna Bright, James Ignatowich, Jackie Kawamoto, DJ Young

#### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Alshon**, Christian (2024); **Brascia**, Maggie (2022); **Bright**, Anna (2022); **Daescu**, Andrei (2021); **Doerner**, Scott (2023 S1); **Erokhina**, Genie (2023 S1); **Frazier**, Dylan (2023 S2); **Gridley**, Austin (2022); **Ignatowich**, James (2022); **Johnson**, Jorja (2023 S2); **Kawamoto**, Jackie (2022); **Newman**, Lindsey (2021); **Newman**, Riley (2021); **Pisnik**, Tina (2024 & 2023 S1); **Rettenmaier**, Travis (2023 S2); **Smith**, Pat (2023 S1); **Stratman**, Lauren (2023 S2); **Tellez**, Pablo (2024); **Waters**, Leigh (2021); **Whitwell**, Lee (2023 S1); **Wright**, Etta (2024); **Young**, DJ (2022);

## **UTAH BLACK DIAMONDS**

## **PREMIER LEVEL**

The Utah Black Diamonds are a Premier Level team owned by the Pardoe Family.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Brett Mack

**Coach:** Braxton Pardoe

### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Tyson McGuffin\* (#19 overall)

Player #2: Callie Smith (27)

Player #3: Tyler Loong (36)

Player #4: Alix Truong (48)

*\*Traded to Orlando Squeeze in exchange for Jay Devilliers (#32 overall pick) & cash considerations on April 7*

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Cassidy**, Rob (2023 S1); **Devilliers**, Jay (2024); **Esquivel**, Michelle (2023 S1); **Koller**, AJ (2023 S2); **Loong**, Tyler (2024); **McGuffin**, Tyson (2024\*); **McMillan**, Olivia (2023 S1); **Smith**, Callie (2024); **Smith**, Spencer (2023 S1); **Tereschenko**, Irina (2023 S2); **Truong**, Alix (2024); **Waters**, Anna Leigh (2023 S2); **Wilson**, Thomas (2023 S2);

## **ATLANTA BOUNCERS**

## **CHALLENGER LEVEL**

Anheuser-Busch established the Bouncers in 2023 as an MLP expansion team for Atlanta, a city well known for its sports fandom, massive tennis community, and rapidly growing pickleball scene. With Atlanta's equally famous bar scene serving as inspiration for the team name, the Bouncers are proud to be the only MLP club representing the Dirty South. Bounce Bounce.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Leigh Anne Rehkopf

### **2024 MLP Draft Results** (\* = pick acquired in trade)

Player #1: Jaume Martinez Vich (#4 overall)

Player #2: Genie Erokhina (#17)

Player #3: Todd Fought (#26\*)

Player #4: Angie Walker (#35\*)

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Buckner**, Brooke (2023 S1); **Erokhina**, Genie (2024); **Fought**, Todd (2024); **Jardim**, Simone (2023 S2); **Johnson**, Hunter (2023 S1 & S2); **Locklear**, Phillip (2023 S1); **Martinez** Vich, Jaume (2024); **Newell**, Ben (2023 S1); **Rane**, Milan (2023 S1); **Tellez**, Pablo (2023 S2); **Todd**, Parris (2023 S2); **Trifunovic**, Christine (2023 S1); **Walker**, Angie (2024);

## **BAY AREA BREAKERS**

## **CHALLENGER LEVEL**

The Bay Area Breakers Organization was formed in 2022 by Mimi and David Mercado and Ritchie Tuazon. The team was originally called the Jackrabbits. Geoffrey Nguyen, Wayley and Kathleen Louie, Jeff and Stacey Nishi and Jeremy Lin joined the ownership group in 2023. The ownership group consists mostly of Asian Americans and the hope is that the Breakers are uniquely positioned to grow the game in the Asian and Asian American markets. Six of the owners are UC Berkeley graduates, Go Bears!

**Inaugural Season:** 2022 (played as the Jackrabbits in 2022)

**General Manager:** Geoffrey Nguyen

**Coach:** Scott Crandall

### **2024 MLP Draft Results** (\* = pick acquired in trade)

Player #1: Vivian Glozman (#3 overall\*)

Player #2: Collin Shick (#18\*)

Player #3: Rachel Rettger (#29)

Player #4: Patrick Kawka (#32)

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP Daytona (March 2023, Challenger Level): Christian Alshon, Ewa Radzikowska\*, Rachel Summers, Pablo Tellez

MLP Mesa (January 2023, Challenger Level): Christian Alshon, Ewa Radzikowska\*, Rachel Summers, Pablo Tellez

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Alshon**, Christian (2023 S1); **Barr**, Susannah (2023 S2+); **Brascia**, Mary (2022); **Gabrielsen**, Wes (2022); **Garnett**, Connor (2023 S2); **Glozman**, Vivian (2024 & 2023 S1); **Hewett**, Rafa (2023 S2); **Jansen**, Lea (2023 S2); **Kawamoto**, Jackie (2022); **Kawka**, Patrick (2024); **Koller**, AJ (2022); **Radzikowska**, Ewa (2023 S1); **Rettger**, Rachel (2024); **Shick**, Collin (2024); **Summers**, Rachel (2023 S1); **Tellez**, Pablo (2023 S1); **Wright**, Etta (2023 S2);

## **BROOKLYN ACES**

## **CHALLENGER LEVEL**

The Aces are BK's own Major League Pickleball Team, representing the borough and New York itself. Co-owned by 35V's Rich Kleiman, Kevin Durant, Drake, Michael B. Jordan, and Steve Stoute the Aces are differentiating themselves from the other teams in the league by leaning into the community and identifying ways to bring the sport to underserved populations.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Samin Odhwani

**Coach:** Jim Dobran

### **2024 MLP Draft Results** (\* = pick acquired in trade)

Player #1: Lina Padegimaite (#6 overall)

Player #2: Daniel De La Rosa (#15)

Player #3: Martin Emmrich (#24\*)

Player #4: Layne Sleeth (#37\*)

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Black**, Hurricane Tyra (2023 S1); **Carr**, Corrine (2023 S1); **De La Rosa**, Daniel (2024); **Dow**, Greg (2023 S1); **Emmrich**, Martin (2024); **Frantova**, Martina (2023 S1); **Koop**, Andrea (2023 S2); **Loong**, Tyler (2023 S2); **Nunnery**, Rob (2023 S1); **Padegimaite**, Lina (2024); **Parenteau**, Catherine (2023 S2); **Patriquin**, Hayden (2023 S2); **Sleeth**, Layne (2024); **Tardio**, Gabe (2023 S2+);

California Black Bears were formed in 2021 by Ritchie Tuazon. Ritchie, a native of Pasadena, CA, discovered pickleball in January 2021 and instantly fell in love. When he heard about the concept of MLP he saw it as the perfect way to get invested in pickleball.

**Inaugural Season:** 2021 (originally known as Team BLQK)

**General Manager:** Jimmy Miller

**Coach:** Jason Peery

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Rafa Hewett (#10 overall)

Player #2: DJ Young (#11)

Player #3: Amanda Hendry (#30)

Player #4: Emily Ackerman (#31)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

MLP Columbus (October 2022): Rafa Hewett, Zane Navratil, Irina Tereschenko, Parris Todd

MLP Austin (June 2022): Rafa Hewett, Zane Navratil, Irina Tereschenko, Parris Todd

MLP Austin (November 2021): Ben Johns, Andrea Koop, Rob Nunnery, Irina Tereschenko

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Ackerman**, Emily (2024); **Brascia**, Maggie (2023 S1); **Brown**, Marshall (2023 S2); **Frazier**, Dylan (2023, S1); **Hendry**, Amanda (2024); **Hewett**, Rafa (2024 & 2022); **Johns**, Ben (2021); **Koop**, Andrea (2023 S1 & 2021); **Navratil**, Zane (2022); **Nunnery**, Rob (2021); **Pailet**, Erik (2023 S2); **Pisnik**, Tina (2023 S2); **Scarpa**, Anderson (2023 S2); **Staksrud**, Federico (2023 S1); **Tereschenko**, Irina (2022 & 2021); **Todd**, Parris (2022); **Truong**, Alix (2023 S2); **Young**, DJ (2024);

The Chicago Slice was formed in 2023 by Ron Saslow's firm Thirty-5 Capital, with notable co-owners Tom Ricketts (Executive Chairman and Owner of the Chicago Cubs), Heidi Klum (Television Host and Supermodel), Doug Ellin (Writer and Producer of Entourage), Chris Evert (Former #1 ranked tennis player in the world, Hall of Famer and ESPN Analyst) and many more big names.

Ron and much of the Slice ownership team have deep roots in Chicago and know first-hand how passionate Chicago sports fans are about their teams, making Chicago the obvious choice for where to locate the team.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Ron Saslow

**Coach:** Ray J Murphy

#### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Jack Munro (#2 overall)

Player #2: Allison Harris (#19)

Player #3: Kelsey Grambeau (#22)

Player #4: Brendon Long (#39)

#### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

#### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

2023 Season 2 Playoffs (December 2023, Premier Level): Jessie Irvine, Ben Johns, Erik Lange, *Lacy Schneemann\**

#### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Ackerman**, Emily (2023 S1); **Barr**, Susannah (2023 S1); **DeHeart**, Ryler (2023 S1); **Garnett**, Connor (2023 S1); **Grambeau**, Kelsey (2024); **Harris**, Allison (2024); **Irvine**, Jessie (2023 S2); **Johns**, Ben (2023 S2); **Lange**, Erik (2023 S2); **Long**, Brendon (2024); **Munro**, Jack (2024); **Schneemann**, Lacy (2023 S2);

The Florida Smash was formed in 2022 by Travis Rettenmaier, Graham DAmico, Julio DePietro, Molly Joseph and Andrew Olson. Travis and Graham met on the local pickleball courts at Crescent Lake Park in St. Petersburg, Florida. With the unwavering support of Tampa Bay, they were given the opportunity to own a Major League Pickleball team and in turn represent the greatest pickleball community in the world. Steve Kuhn, founder of MLP and long time friend of Julio, Molly and Andrew knew that as strategic partners the group now known as The Florida Smash would be a force as the first premier pickleball team of Florida!

**Inaugural Season:** 2022

**General Manager:** Graham DAmico

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Travis Rettenmaier (#5 overall)

Player #2: Tammy Emmrich (#16)

Player #3: Pat Smith (#25)

Player #4: Martina Frantova (#36)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**David**, Vivienne (2023 S1); **Emmrich**, Tammy (2024); **Esquivel**, Michelle (2023 S2); **Frantova**, Martina (2024); **Humberg**, Mariana (2023 S2); **Irvine**, Jessie (2023 S1); **Johns**, Collin (2023 S1); **Johnson**, Jorja (2023 S1); **Johnson**, JW (2022); **Long**, Brendon (2023 S2); **Remynse**, Maggie (2022); **Rettenmaier**, Travis (2024, 2023 S1 & 2022); **Schaefer**, Dominique (2023 S2); **Shick**, Collin (2023 S2); **Smith**, Pat (2024); **Whitwell**, Lee (2022); **Yates**, Kyle (2023 S1);

Formed in 2023 by Dude Perfect. The team combines a passion for competitive sports and the fun of pickleball and we are excited to have Dude Perfect's amazing fans join us in building another premier sports franchise in Frisco, Texas.

**Inaugural Season:** 2021 (Played as Team Clean in 2021 and Frisco Clean Cause in 2022)

**General Manager:** Amer Delic

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Ewa Radzikowska (#1 overall)

Player #2: John Cincola (#20)

Player #3: Stefan Auvergne (#21)

Player #4: Alli Phillips (#40)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Auvergne**, Stefan (2024); **Bar**, Dekel (2022 & 2021); **Carr**, Corrine (2021); **Cincola**, John (2024); **DeHeart**, Ryler (2023 S2); **Esquivel**, Michelle (2022); **Farias**, Joey (2022); **Franco**, Regina (2022); **Frantova**, Martina (2023 S2); **Newell**, Yana (2023 S1); **Mick**, Andre (2023 S2); **Navratil**, Zane (2023 S1); **Oshiro**, Bobbi (2023 S2); **Padegimaite**, Lina (2023 S1); **Phillips**, Alli (2024); **Radzikowska**, Ewa (2024); **Smith**, Callie (2021); **Stone**, Adam (2021); **Wright**, Matt (2023 S1); **Young**, DJ (2023 S1);

## **LAS VEGAS NIGHT OWLS**

## **CHALLENGER LEVEL**

Las Vegas Night Owls was formed in 2022 by Tom Brady, Kim Clijsters, Knighthead Capital, Kaitlyn Kerr, and Callie Simpkins. This group of owners brings a level of professionalism and experience that is second to none across professional sports and business. The Night Owls look to help shape the future of the sport together with Major League Pickleball.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Kaitlyn Kerr

### **2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Chao Yi Wang (#8 overall)

Player #2: Judit Castillo Gargallo (#13)

Player #3: Mo Alhouni (#28)

Player #4: Anderson Scarpa (#33)

### **2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

### **Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

### **All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Ackerman**, Emily (2023 S2); **Alhouni**, Mo (2024); **Bar**, Dekel (2023 S1); **Barr**, Susannah (2023 S2); **Brascia**, Mary (2023 S1); **Castillo Gargallo**, Judit (2024); **David**, Vivienne (2023 S1); **Irvine**, Jessie (2023 S1); **Johns**, Collin (2023 S1); **Johnson**, Yates (2023 S2); **Scarpa**, Anderson (2024); **Smith**, Spencer (2023 S2); **Stratman**, Lauren (2023 S1); **Wang**, Chao Yi (2024); **Yates**, Kyle (2023 S1);

Miami Pickleball Club was formed in 2022 by tennis players Naomi Osaka and Nick Kyrgios, musician Kygo, two-time Super Bowl winner Patrick Mahomes, NBA super-agent Rich Paul, and others. Miami is one of the most vibrant and fastest growing cities in the country; for this reason, the ownership group felt strongly about basing the new team in the magic city. Several owners, including Palm Tree Crew (the company owned by Kygo) call Miami home, and the team is committed to growing the MPC brand, the league, and the sport of pickleball in South Florida and beyond.

**Inaugural Season:** 2023

**General Manager:** Jamie Duguid

**Coach:** Johnny Goldberg

**2024 MLP Draft Results** (\* = pick acquired in trade)

Player #1: Milan Rane (#9 overall\*)

Player #2: Rianna Valdes (# 12\*)

Player #3: Roscoe Bellamy (#23)

Player #4: Eric Oncins (#38)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- MLP Washington D.C. (June 13-16)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP New York (Sep. 19-22)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Miami (Oct. 24-27)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

None

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Bellamy**, Roscoe (2024); **Black**, Hurricane Tyra (2023 S2); **Brascia**, Mary (2023 S2); **Burrows**, Wes (2023 S1); **Franco**, **Goldberg**, Regina (2023 S1); **Harris**, Allison (2023 S2+); **Long**, Brendon (2023 S1); **McGuffin**, Tyson (2023 S2); **Oncins**, Eric (2024); **Rane**, Milan (2024); **Staksrud**, Federico (2023 S2); **Truong**, Alix (2023 S1); **Valdes**, Rianna (2024); **Warnick**, Jeffrey (2023 S1);

The SoCal Hard8s were formed in early 2022 by Timothy Parks, Rick Chan, Greg Cunningham, Kevin Huang, and Jerry Ing, a group of friends who became close through their years living in NYC. Their connections were formed on account of occupations in financial markets and strengthened by periodic casino visits to – surprise – play craps. As much as they regret to give Ritchie Tuazon any credit, he approached the group after the successful Austin MLP in 2021 with the opportunity to buy a team during the initial expansion phase. After one conversation with Steve Kuhn, their imaginations were ignited with the possibility of what MLP could become. A year and a half later, the sport, the league, and the SoCal Hard 8s have exploded in popularity beyond any reasonable expectation back then. And even still, the best is yet to come. Roll the dice!

**Inaugural Season:** 2022

**General Manager:** Tim Parks

**2024 MLP Draft Results**

Player #1: Irina Tereschenko (#7 overall)

Player #2: Erik Lange (#14)

Player #3: Christine Maddox (#27)

Player #4: Max Manthou (#34)

**2024 Event Schedule**

- MLP Atlanta (May 9-12)
- Mid-Season Tournament (July 10-14)
- MLP Salt Lake City (Jul. 25-28)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- MLP Virginia Beach (Sep. 26-29)
- MLP Las Vegas (Oct. 14-16)

**Previous MLP Event Championships** (\* = Event MVP)

Season 2 Playoffs (December 2023, Challenger Level): *Todd Fought\**, CJ Klinger, Yana Newell, Ewa Radzikowska

MLP Dallas (November 2023, Challenger Level): Todd Fought, *CJ Klinger\**, Yana Newell, Ewa Radzikowska

MLP Atlanta (September 2023, Challenger Level): Todd Fought, *CJ Klinger\**, Yana Newell, Ewa Radzikowska

**All-Time Roster** (\* = acquired but did not play in an event; + = injury substitution at an event)

**Barr**, Susannah (2022); **Brascia**, Mary (2023 S1); **Daescu**, Andrei (2022); **Cincola**, John (2022); **Fought**, Todd (2023 S2); **Johnson**, Jorja (2022); **Klinger**, CJ (2023 S2); **Koller**, AJ (2023 S1); **Lange**, Erik (2024); **Maddox**, Christine (2024); **Manthou**, Max (2024); **Newell**, Yana (2023 S2); **Newman**, Lindsey (2023 S1); **Newman**, Riley (2023 S1); **Radzikowska**, Ewa (2023 S2); **Stratman**, Lauren (2023 S1); **Tereschenko**, Irina (2024);

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### **MLP WASHINGTON D.C. OVERVIEW**

MLP Washington D.C. is the second regular season event of MLP's [2024 schedule](#), which features a total of eight regular season events, the Advil Targeted Relief MLP Mid-Season Tournament, and two rounds of the 2024 MLP Playoffs... Fifteen of MLP's 22 teams will be in action for a total of 34 matches over four days in D.C.... The event marks MLP's first ever even in the nation's capital... Updated standings following MLP Atlanta can be [found here](#).

### **NAME CHANGES, ROSTER MOVES & TRANSACTIONS**

Please note these team and player updates for MLP Washington D.C.

- The Seattle Pioneers have rebranded as the Carolina Pickleball Club
- California's Emily Ackerman recently got married and has updated her last name to Cederquist
- Texas Ranchers: placed Christian Alshon on IR; he will be replaced on the roster by Quang Duong
- California Black Bears: placed DJ Young on IR; he will be replaced on the roster by Spencer Smith
- Florida Smash: placed Pat Smith on IR; he will be replaced on the roster by Yates Johnson
- April 7 trade: Tyson McGuffin acquired by ORL from UTA in exchange for Jay Devilliers and cash considerations

### **NEW IN 2024**

MLP will feature several new adjustments to [league format and gameplay](#) in 2024, including:

- In all MLP Matches, Games will be played to 25 points, with a winning margin of at least two (2) points
- There will no longer be a freeze; a point will be won on every serve, regardless of serving team
- **NEW FOR MLP D.C.:** a game point must be won on serve
- DreamBreakers will be played to 21 points, with a winning margin of at least two (2) points
- The four (4) teams that advance to the Challenger Level Semifinals will be promoted to Premier in 2025.

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### **TEAMS MAKING THEIR 2024 MLP DEBUT IN D.C.**

Five Teams will make their first 2024 MLP event appearance in D.C.:

Premier Level (players listed in draft order; players making their Premier Level debut noted with a ^)

- **Carolina Pickleball Club** (formerly Seattle Pioneers): Ben Johns, Andrea Koop, Jessie Irvine, and Collin Johns
- **Utah Black Diamonds**: Callie Smith, Tyler Loong, Jay Devilliers, and Alix Truong^

Challenger Level (players listed in draft order; players making their Challenger Level debut noted with a ^)

- **California Black Bears**: Rafa Hewett, DJ Young, Amanda Hendry, and Emily Cederquist (formerly Ackerman)
- **Chicago Slice**: Jack Munro\*, Allison Harris, Kelsey Grambeau, and Brendon Long
- **Las Vegas Night Owls**: Chao "Zoey" Yi Wang\*, Judit Castillo, Mo Alhouni\*, and Anderson Scarpa

### **TOP DRAFTEES MAKING THEIR 2024 MLP DEBUTS in D.C.:**

- **Ben Johns** (No. 1 overall Premier pick) is teaming up with his brother, Collin, for the first time in MLP... The duo is the No. 1 ranked men's doubles team on the PPA Tour.
- **Jack Munro** (No. 2 overall Challenger pick) is competing in MLP for the first time, debuting with the Chicago Slice

### **PREMIER & CHALLENGER DRAFT INFO:**

Click for results from the [2024 Premier Level Draft](#) and [2024 Challenger Level Draft](#)

# 2024 TEAM SCHEDULES

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### REGULAR SEASON & ADVIL TARGETED RELIEF MLP MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT

Team	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event
Atlanta Bouncers	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Miami (October 24-27)
Arizona Drive	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)	Miami (October 24-27)
Bay Area Breakers	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Brooklyn Aces	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	New York (September 19-22)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Miami (October 24-27)
California Black Bears	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Carolina Pickleball Club	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	New York (September 19-22)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Chicago Slice	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	New York (September 19-22)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Miami (October 24-27)
Columbus Sliders	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	New York (September 19-22)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Dallas Flash Pickleball	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
D.C. Pickleball Team	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	New York (September 19-22)	Miami (October 24-27)
Florida Smash	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	New York (September 19-22)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Miami (October 24-27)
Frisco Pandas	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	New York (September 19-22)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Miami (October 24-27)
Los Angeles Mad Drops	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)	Miami (October 24-27)
Las Vegas Night Owls	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	New York (September 19-22)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Miami Pickleball Club	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	New York (September 19-22)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Miami (October 24-27)
New Jersey 5s	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	New York (September 19-22)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)	Miami (October 24-27)
New York Hustlers	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	New York (September 19-22)	Miami (October 24-27)
Orlando Squeeze	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)	Miami (October 24-27)
SoCal Hard Eights	Atlanta (May 9-12)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Virginia Beach (September 26-29)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
St. Louis Shock	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Texas Ranchers	Atlanta (May 9-12)	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)
Utah Black Diamonds	Washington D.C. (June 13-16)	<b>ATR MLP MST</b> (July 10-14)	Salt Lake City (July 25-28)	Kansas City (August 3-5)	New York (September 19-22)	Las Vegas (October 14-16)