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THURSDAY, MAY 9: 12:30PM - 9:30PM

FRIDAY, MAY 10: 8:30AM - 9:30PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11: 8:30AM - 9:30PM

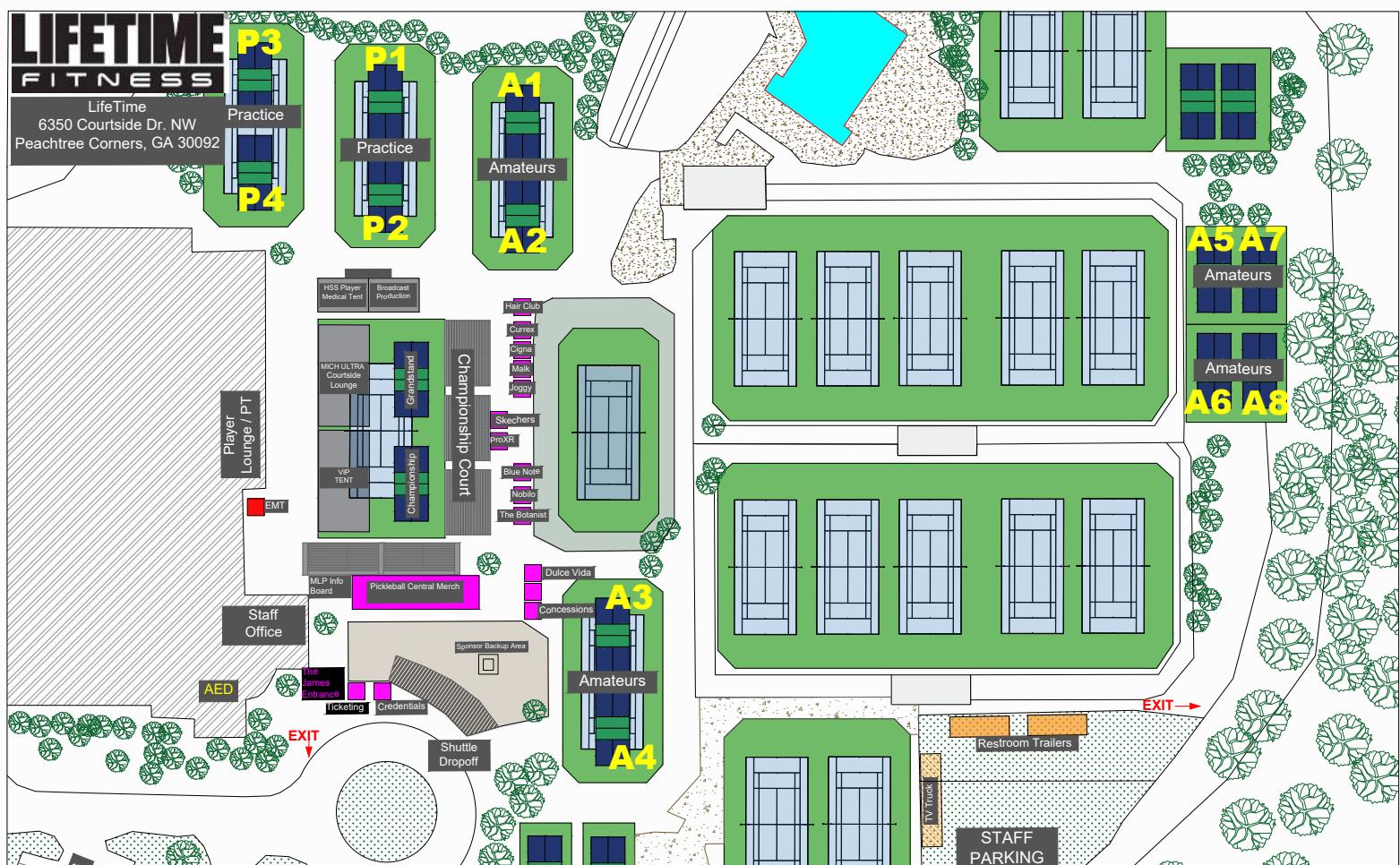
SUNDAY, MAY 12: 8:30AM - 9:30PM



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THERE IS NO PUBLIC PARKING AVAILABLE AT LIFE TIME. FREE OFF-SITE PUBLIC PARKING IS LOCATED WITHIN A 5-MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE VENUE.

VENUE MAP



MATCH SCHEDULE

CHAMPIONSHIP COURT MATCHES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON [PICKLEBALL TV](#)

- ALL THURSDAY MATCHES
- BEGINNING AT NOON FOR MATCHES ON FRIDAY-SUNDAY

GRANDSTAND COURT MATCHES WILL AIR ON THE [MLP YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

- ALL THURSDAY AND SUNDAY MATCHES
- BEGINNING AT 12:30PM FOR MATCHES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Thu, May 9	Championship Court	Thu, May 9	Grandstand Court
2 p.m. ET	Texas Ranchers v Columbus Sliders	-	-
4 p.m.	Frisco Pandas v SoCal Hard Eights	4:30 p.m.	Florida Smash v Bay Area Breakers
6 p.m.	NY Hustlers v Columbus Sliders	6:30 p.m.	Frisco Pandas v Bay Area Breakers
Fri, May 10	Championship Court	Fri, May 10	Grandstand Court
10 a.m.	Dallas Flash v Texas Ranchers	10:30 a.m.	Atlanta Bouncers v Frisco Pandas
12 p.m.	NJ 5s v LA Mad Drops	12:30 p.m.	Brooklyn Aces v Bay Area Breakers
2 p.m.	Dallas Flash v NY Hustlers	2:30 p.m.	Atlanta Bouncers v Miami Pickleball Club
4 p.m.	St. Louis Shock v Texas Ranchers	4:30 p.m.	SoCal Hard Eights v Frisco Pandas
6 p.m.	NJ 5s v NY Hustlers	6:30 p.m.	SoCal Hard Eights v Miami Pickleball Club
Sat, May 11	Championship Court	Sat, May 11	Grandstand Court
10 a.m.	AZ Drive v NJ 5s	10:30 a.m.	Florida Smash v Brooklyn Aces
12 p.m.	SoCal Hard Eights v Atlanta Bouncers	12:30 p.m.	Miami Pickleball Club v Bay Area Breakers
2 p.m.	AZ Drive v Columbus Sliders	2:30 p.m.	St. Louis Shock v LA Mad Drops
4 p.m.	DC Pickleball Team v Columbus Sliders	4:30 p.m.	SoCal Hard Eights v Brooklyn Aces
6 p.m.	Orlando Squeeze v St. Louis Shock	6:30 p.m.	DC Pickleball Team v AZ Drive
Sun, May 12	Championship Court	Sun, May 12	Grandstand Court
10 a.m.	LA Mad Drops v Dallas Flash	11:30 a.m.	Atlanta Bouncers v Bay Area Breakers
12 p.m.	DC Pickleball Team v St. Louis Shock	1:30 p.m.	Florida Smash v SoCal Hard Eights
2 p.m.	NY Hustlers v Orlando Squeeze	3:30 p.m.	Miami Pickleball Club v Bay Area Breakers
4 p.m.	DC Pickleball Team v Dallas Flash	5:30 p.m.	St. Louis Shock v AZ Drive
6 p.m.	Texas Ranchers v Orlando Squeeze	-	-

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 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
- There will be NO freeze at any point and a point will be won on every serve; teams will be able to win a game either while receiving the serve or 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



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



LA Mad Drops

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



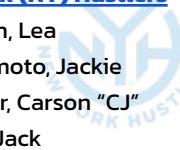
New Jersey (NJ) 5s

- 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



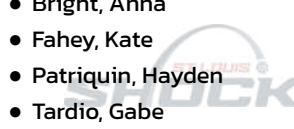
Seattle Pioneers

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



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

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



Brooklyn Aces

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



California Black Bears

- Ackerman, 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



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)

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)
- MLP Kansas City (Aug. 3-5)
- 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);

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)

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- 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

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- 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 Seattle Pioneers were formed in 2023 by Tom Dundon. The Seattle market was perfect for this team as this area represents the origin of the great sport of pickleball. The nickname Pioneers represents a nod to the sport's history and a look to the future growth of pickleball.

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 (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)

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);

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);

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);

EVENT NOTES

OVERVIEW

MLP Atlanta is the opening event of the league's **2024 schedule**, which features eight regular season events, the Mid-Season Tournament, and two rounds of the 2024 MLP Playoffs. Seventeen of MLP's 22 teams will be in action for a total of 34 matches over four days to kick off the season. MLP returns to Life Time Peachtree Corners after hosting a spectacular event at the venue last September.

AMATEUR SMASH

Major League Pickleball is excited to run the **MLP Atlanta Amateur Smash**, scheduled for May 11 and 12. This event marks MLP's inaugural amateur competition, inviting teams of four (two men and two women) to experience the MLPlay format. Participants will compete in pool play, with the top six teams from each division (DUPR 14, 16, 18, and 20) advancing to a single-elimination tournament to vie for medals and bragging rights.

PREMIER DRAFT RECAP

For the first time, MLP's 12 Premier Level franchises used a dynamic bidding process for the **2024 Draft**, in which each team had up to 1,000,000 Draft Points to bid on available draft slots. The Seattle Pioneers earned the first overall pick and selected Ben Johns, who was followed by the NJ 5s taking Anna Leigh Waters at No. 2 overall.

CHALLENGER DRAFT RECAP

The Frisco Pandas made two-time 2023 MLP event MVP Ewa Radzikowska the No. 1 overall selection in the **2024 Challenger Level Draft**, which went four rounds and operated in snake format.

2024 TEAM SCHEDULES

REGULAR SEASON & MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT

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