Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament Tournament FAQs

Glisson Campership Fund

What is the Glisson Campership Fund?

At Glisson, camperships play an important role in ensuring that camp is accessible to everyone. Camperships, or camper scholarships, are awarded based on need and are intended to help campers who otherwise would not be able to attend camp at all without assistance. We encourage every family whose children would be unable to attend camp without support to apply for a campership.

Why is it important to support the Campership Fund now?

Recent years have seen growth in the number of campership applications received each year. For Summer 2024, over \$50,000 of campership funds have been requested and utilized by Glisson families.

While we are glad that families are accessing these funds in order to participate in the transformational experiences at Glisson, we must ensure that the Campership Fund is accessible for families well-into the future. Donating to the Campership Fund guarantees that these funds will be available for families to use when needed.

How does registering for the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament support the Campership Fund?

When registering for the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament, you are supporting the Campership Fund while participating in an incredibly fun event. All tournament-related profits, including funds from participant registrations, sponsorships, raffle ticket sales, and stand-alone donations will go directly towards the Campership Fund.

Together, we can make sure that no camper is ever unable to attend Glisson due to financial circumstances!

General Registration Terms

Online Registration System

To register for the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament, participants must create a Pickleball Brackets profile. This profile will compile your player information, and allow for easy registration.

Event Brackets/Competitions

The following registration options will be offered during the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament. Competition brackets will be created based on the final registration numbers for each age level and skill level.

| Competition Events | Men's Doubles Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles | |
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| Age Levels | Age: (19-29) Age: (30-39) Age: (40-49) | Age: (50-59) Age: (60-69) Age: (70+) |
| Skill Levels | Skill: (2.5) Skill: (3.0) Skill: (3.5) | Skill: (4.0) Skill: (4.5+) |
| Youth Doubles - Skill: (2.5) Age: (14-18) Youth Doubles - Skill: (3.0) Age: (14-18) | | |
| Sparrowwood Doubles Scramble - Skill: (Any) Age: (14+) | | |

Participants will be able to register down in age level (e.g. 60 year old playing in the lower age bracket), or up in skill level (e.g. 3.0-rated participant playing in the higher skill bracket).

Participants will be able to register for up to two events (i.e. Women's Doubles AND Mixed Doubles). Participants will not be able to participate in multiple events within each competition event.

Registration Cost

The registration cost for the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament is \$40.00 plus \$10.00 the second registered event. For instance, if you register for a Men's Doubles event and a Mixed Doubles event, your registration cost will be \$50.00. Participants are only able to register for up to two events.

Discounts are available for participants registering for the Youth Bracket (Open to 14-18 year olds) and Sparrowwood Bracket (Open to individuals with special needs and disabilities). The discount codes are listed below:

- Youth Bracket: "TEEN2024" → Lowers participant registration cost to \$15.00
- Sparrowwood Bracket: "SPWD2024" → Lowers participant registration cost to \$0.00

The Glisson Team will monitor registration in order to ensure that discount codes are used only for the Youth and Sparrowwood Brackets. If you have any additional questions, please contact ian@ngcrm.org.

Partner Requirements

During the registration process, you will be able to search for your doubles partner(s) as long as your partner(s) has a Pickleball Brackets profile.

To register with a specific partner, select *I HAVE* on your screen during the registration process to search for your partner's Pickleball Brackets profile. If you do not have a partner and need to be paired with a random partner for the tournament, select *I NEED* during the registration process.

Registering teams will have **5 days** in order to register both participants for the tournament. If your partner does not register for the tournament within 5 days, then the first player will be placed on a waiting list for the event automatically. Emails will go out to both players when this happens. Once the second teammate registers they will be moved off the waiting list, pending availability.

Registration Policies

Payment is due upon completion of the registration process. This includes registration for the tournament, as well as any optional donations and/or raffle ticket purchases made during the registration process.

Pending availability, the last day to register for the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament will be Saturday, August 10th.

Cancellation Policies

Any cancellations made before Thursday, August 1st will be eligible to receive a refund of the registration fees. Donations, raffle ticket purchases, and registration system fees are not eligible for a refund. Any cancellations made after Thursday, August 1st will not be eligible for a refund.

In order to receive a refund of the registration fees before the cancellation deadline (Thursday, August 1st), notice of cancellation must be received by in writing in order to be processed. To cancel your registration, please email ian@ngcrm.org.

Tournament Details

Tournament Location

The Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament will be held at <u>Pinetree Recreation Center</u> on Saturday, August 24th. The tournament will run from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, rain or shine.

Tournament Check-In

All tournament participants will need to check-in before the event. During this time, participants will pick up their welcome packets and confirm their registration details. There are two opportunities to check-in before the tournament begins:

- <u>Early Check-In</u>: Participants will be able to check-in on Friday, August 23rd from 6:00-8:00 PM at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center.
- <u>Tournament Check-In</u>: Participants will be able to check-in on Saturday, August 24th from 7:30-9:00 AM at the <u>Pinetree Recreation Center</u>.

Tentative Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is subject to change. An updated competition schedule will be sent to participants in the days leading up to the event. Participants are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before their first scheduled game.

| 8:45 AM | Start of Women's Doubles and Men's Doubles Events | |
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| 1:00 PM | Start of Youth and Sparrowwood Events | |
| 2:00 PM | Start of Mixed Doubles Events | |

Rain Plans

The Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament is scheduled to be held using both indoor and outdoor courts, allowing for competition to continue in the event of rain.

In the event of inclement weather, the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament will be held indoors. If matches are moved indoors, tournament organizers may alter the competition format in order to ensure timely completion of play.

Gameplay

Gameplay will consist of a round-robin system, with teams playing other teams in each competition bracket. Games will be played up to 11 points, win by 2 points. In the event of rain, tournament organizers may alter the competition format in order to ensure timely completion of play.

When registering, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles teams will play at least 4 games per event. Depending on the final number of registered teams for the Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament, teams can expect to play between 4-6 games for each registered event.

Equipment

Pickleballs will be provided for all games. All events will use X-40 pickleballs.

Additional Information

Raffle Purchase

The Glisson Charity Pickleball Tournament will offer a raffle during the event. Funds from this raffle will go to support the Glisson Campership Fund.

Tickets can be purchased through the online registration process. Attendees will have additional opportunities to purchase raffle tickets at check-in on Friday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 24th. Raffle ticket prices are subject to increase closer to the event.

The raffle will be held throughout the day. Participants do not need to be present to win. Raffle prizes are available for pickup at Glisson Camp and Retreat Center, or arrangements can be made to have certain prizes mailed.

Event Attractions

The Pinetree Recreation Center will have a full concession stand with food and drinks. Additional food offerings will be available at the tournament. More details will be provided closer to the event.