2027 Season Player Information for USLPL 35+

- **Register** for our Tryouts Combine
- Dates: January 15-17, 2027 at Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond)



U.S. LEGENDS PRO PICKLEBALL LEAGUE 35+

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The Opportunity

- Challenge yourself by playing in a growing pro league – against players **your age and skill level from around the U.S.**
- **NEW in 2027**: Play **four** league showdown events including the league championship between February and May. One event per month.
- Compete for the championship trophies, medals, and **prize money**.



About USLPL 35+

- Premier pro leagues, created by developer Legends Sports, offering top-tier pro players a platform to compete at the highest national level.
- Competition for a championship trophy and prize money.
- Season 1 featured 6 teams, and season 2 will grow to 8 or 10 teams.
- If you are interested in team ownership, fill out a form here via registration.
- USLPL 35+ is a companion league to USLPL 50+ (16 teams) and USLPL 60+ (6 teams).

2027 Showdown Weekend Dates and Locations

February - May 2027

4 Showdown Events (Friday - Sunday)

Practice on Friday Afternoons/Evenings

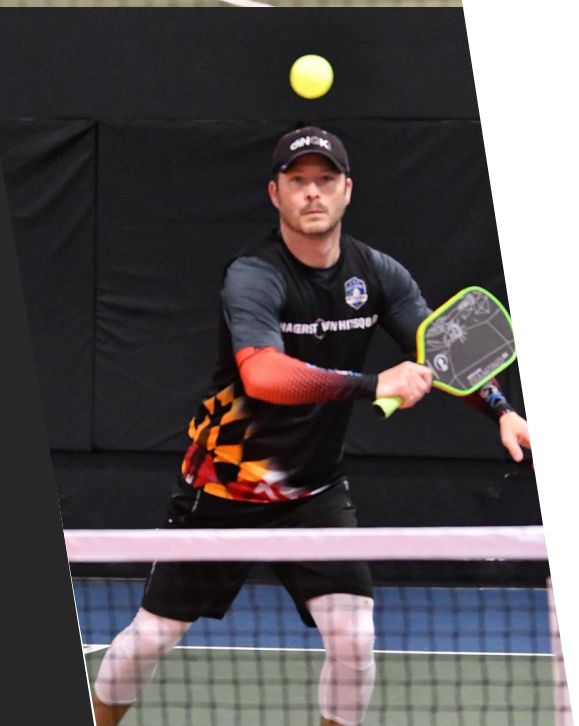
USLPL 35+ plays Saturday/Sunday, 8am - 5pm

- February 19-21, 2027 – Hatboro, PA (Dill Dinkers)
- March19-21, 2027 – Chantilly, VA (Dill Dinkers)
- April 30-May 2, 2027 – Chattanooga, TN (Flying Pickle)
- May 21-23, 2027 – (TBD) League Championships!

Combine Details and Format

- January 15-17, 2027 at Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond) (max 150 players)
  - Day 1 (evening only) is warm-up (optional) – approximately 5-9pm, unscheduled open play
  - Day 2 (two shifts: morning and afternoon play, round robin play, based on DUPR)
  - Day 3 (two shifts: morning and afternoon play, round robin format, round robin play based on performance on day one)
  - Players should expect to play in one full round robin per day of 8 players during the morning or afternoon shift. Games to 11 win by 1
- Combine winners (1 woman/1 man) are guaranteed to be drafted onto a USLPL team
- Championship pods will be determined by round robin play on day 1
- Light lunch provided during Combine play days, but please bring needed snacks and refillable water bottle
- USA Pickleball referees will start and monitor matches, as well as officiate the finals and be on-hand upon request
- Team owners will be on hand to welcome, meet, and observe players throughout the Combine
- Some courts may be live-streamed on the USLPL YouTube Channel
- BALL INFO TBD





Combine and Draft Expectations

- Drafted players are expected to play for the team who selects them
- Play with respect, act professionally, and have fun
- Our USLPL team owners are all experienced players who are dedicated to having a great season
- There are two pathways to play:
  - Attend the Combine and showcase your skills to our team owners
  - Go directly into the Draft: If not attending the Combine, owners will not have the opportunity to see you play in person, potentially lowering chances for being selected to a team
- See the next page for registration details

Two Pathways to Playing in the USLPL and Season-Related Activities and Expenses

OPTION 1: Combine + Draft - Total $1,325 (recommended to meet team owners and experience play)

- Step 1: Register to participate in the league Combine $225
- Step 2: Opt-in to the league draft following the Combine - $1,100 covers fees for four showdown weekends throughout the season
- Top man and woman players guaranteed to be drafted to a team. Lunch provided.

OPTION 2: Draft Only (no Combine) - Total $1,100

- Step 1: Go directly into the league draft, skipping the Combine. Registration for the draft will open January 2027)

FAQS:

- Undrafted players who entered the draft will be refunded $1,100 (minus credit card fees)
- A player may remove themself from the draft the night before to receive their refund. Once the draft takes place, players who opt to not play after being selected by a team will forfeit any fees paid

PLAYER EXPENSES (ONCE DRAFTED TO A TEAM)

- Personal travel and accommodations, some meals

Combine Hotels (USLPL Rates)

Hampton Inn and Suites Richmond/Glenside Cutoff date **12/17**

- $159/night, king and two queen rooms available.
- Deposit required, Free cancellation until 48hrs before check in.
- Free parking and breakfast starting at 6am.
- Hampton Inn Group Rate Combine

If the booking link appears full, call the hotel directly at **(804) 756-1777** and state you are with USLPL Pickleball.

Residence Inn by Marriott Richmond West End Cutoff date **12/17**

- $169/night, king rooms only
- Deposit required, Free cancellation until 48hrs before check in.
- Free parking and breakfast starting at 6:30am.
- Residence Inn Group Rate Combine

If the booking link appears full, call the hotel directly at **(804) 799-1200** and state you are with USLPL Pickleball.

USLPL 35+Teams













USLPL 50+Teams



USLPL 60+Teams















Fun Facts:

- Exciting high-level play, with camaraderie and team building
- 4 Showdown Weekends
- Official League Correspondent for Broadcasting and Social Media Engagement Michele Spahr
- Official Tournament Director Christina Shifflett
- Most matches streamed on YouTube
- Matches Officiated by USA Pickleball Referees





USLPL 35+
Team Composition (subject to change)

14 players per team

- **Ages 35+**
- **7 men and 7 women**

NEW FOR 2027: Two additional male and female RESERVE PLAYERS will be drafted onto each team. They will receive jerseys for the team that drafts them and play in showdown events if fully rostered players cannot attend. They also will only pay registration for events in which they play.

Showdown Weekend Schedule

- Friday Afternoon: player arrival/team practice
- Saturday and Sunday
  - 35+ team showdowns: 2 morning, 2 afternoon
  - Light lunch/snacks provided by USLPL
  - Side-out scoring games to 11, win by 1;
    {Rally scoring if needed to accommodate 4pm finish on Sunday}



2027 Season Timeline

- Combine (January 15-17, 2027)
- USLPL Draft (January)
- Team Roster Announcements (January, following draft)
- 3 Regular Season Showdown Events (February - April)
- End of Season Championships (May)

Meet the Founders of U.S. Legends Pickleball League (USLPL)

Ron Cortese

- Owner of Legends Sports Leagues, which launched in 2006.
- Senior pro player, multiple national medalist and Certified PPR Coach.
- He runs pickleball, youth and adult basketball, and baseball leagues based in Northern Virginia. Annual participation is over 4,000 players.
- His pickleball tournament participation is over 1,500 players per year.

Mike Cao

- Senior pro player, multiple national and international medalist, including the US Open, USAP Nationals, APP, PPA, National Senior Games, Rome Open, and Thailand Open.
- PPR Certified Coach and actively coaching at Performance Pickleball RVA and Bangers & Dinks.



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