

2026 Season Player Information for USLPL 50+ and 60+

Register for our [Tryouts Combines](#)

Dates: 60+ (August 5-7)

50+ (August 7-9)

at Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond)



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The Opportunity

- ▶ Challenge yourself by playing in a growing senior pro league - against players **your age and skill level**.
- ▶ **NEW in 2026:** Separate leagues for Senior Pro 50+ (Champions) and 60+ (Masters) players.
- ▶ 60+ will play Thursday/Friday; 50+ will play Saturday/Sunday in the **same cities**.
- ▶ **NEW in 2026:** Play **four** league showdown events plus the league championship between September and January. One event per month.
- ▶ Compete for the championship trophies, medals, and **prize money**.

About USLPL 50+ and 60+

- ▶ Two leagues will play at the same venues back-to-back during Showdowns September 2026 through January 2027.
- ▶ 60+ will play Thursday/Friday, and 50+ will play Saturday/Sunday.
- ▶ Players 50-59 will enter the 50+ league draft.
- ▶ Players 60+ may enter the 50+ and/or 60+ draft (and must play the league in which they are drafted).
- ▶ There are 16 teams in the USLPL 50+ league and 6 teams in the USLPL 60+ league.



2026-2027 Showdown Week Dates and Locations

September 2026 -
January 2027

5 Showdown Weeks (Wednesday-Sunday)

USLPL 60+ plays Thursday/Friday, with
practice on Wednesday afternoon

USLPL 50+ plays Saturday/Sunday, with
practice on Friday afternoon

- September 9-13, 2026 - Columbus, OH (Match Point)
- October 7-11, 2026 - St. Louis, MO (Arch Pickleball)
- December 9-13, 2026 - Macon, GA (Rhythm and Rally)
- January 6-10, 2027 - Split-Venue Event (Dill Dinkers Chantilly, VA and Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond, VA)
- January 27-31 - League Championships, Columbus, OH (Match Point)

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

OPTION 1: Combine + Draft - Total \$1,525 (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 - \$1,300 covers fees for five showdown weeks throughout the season
- ▶ Top man and woman players guaranteed to be drafted to a team. Lunch provided.

OPTION 2: Draft Only (no Combine) - Total \$1,300

- ▶ Step 1: Go directly into the league draft, skipping the Combine. Registration for the draft will open July 2026)

FAQS:

- ▶ Undrafted players who entered the draft will be refunded \$1,300 (minus credit card fees)
- ▶ A player may remove themselves 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 Details and Format - 50+ 60+

- ▶ August 5-7th for 60+ and August 7-9th for 50+ at Performance Pickleball RVA (Richmond) (max 200 players per age group)
 - ▶ 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 or 9 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
- ▶ Casual light dinner on day 1 and light lunch on during Combine play days will be provided, 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
- ▶ Official Ball: LT Pro 48 (aka Life Time ball)

USLPL 50+Teams



USLPL 60+Teams





Fun Facts:

- Exciting high-level play, with camaraderie and team building
- 5 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 50+ Team Composition (subject to change)

14 players per team

- Ages 50+
- 7 men and 7 women
- Mandatory minimum 2 of 55+ men and 2 55+ women

USLPL 60+ Team Composition (subject to change)

10 players per team - (5 men, 5 women)

Mandatory minimum - 1 65+ man per team



Showdown Week Schedule

- ▶ Wednesday Afternoon: 60+ player arrival/team practice
- ▶ Thursday and Friday (through 4pm):
 - ▶ 60+ team showdowns: 2 morning, 2 afternoon
 - ▶ Light lunch provided by USLPL both days
 - ▶ Side-out scoring games to 11, win by 1;
{Rally scoring if needed to accommodate 3pm finish on Friday}
- ▶ Friday Afternoon (after 3pm): 50+ player arrival/team practice
- ▶ Saturday and Sunday (through 4pm)
 - ▶ 50+ 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}



50+ and 60+ Dates

50+

- ▶ Aug 7-9: Combine @Performance Pickleball RVA, Richmond, VA
- ▶ Sep 11-13: Event 1 @Match Point, Columbus, OH
- ▶ Oct 9-11: Event 2 @Arch Pickleball, Bridgeton, MO
- ▶ Dec 11-13: Event 3 @Rhythm and Rally, Macon, GA
- ▶ Jan 8-10: Event 4 Dill Dinkers Chantilly & Performance Pickleball Richmond RVA
- ▶ Jan 29-31: Championships @Match Point, Columbus, OH

60+

- ▶ Aug 5-7: Combine @Performance Pickleball RVA, Richmond, VA
- ▶ Sep 9-11: Event 1 @Match Point, Columbus, OH
- ▶ Oct 7-9: Event 2 @Arch Pickleball, Bridgeton, MO
- ▶ Dec 9-11: Event 3 @Rhythm and Rally, Macon, GA
- ▶ Jan 6-8: Event 4 @Dill Dinkers Chantilly
- ▶ Jan 27-29: Championships @ Match Point, Columbus, OH



Showdown Week Format

- ▶ USLPL 50+ (Saturday/Sunday)
 - ▶ Showdowns feature Lines 1, 2, and 3, men's, women's, and mixed doubles
 - ▶ Skinny singles dreambreakers
 - ▶ Practice Friday afternoon, team matches on Saturday/Sunday
- ▶ USLPL 60+ (Thursday/Friday)
 - ▶ Showdowns feature Lines 1 and 2, men's, women's, and mixed doubles
 - ▶ Skinny singles dreambreakers
 - ▶ Practice Wednesday afternoon, team matches on Thursday/Friday

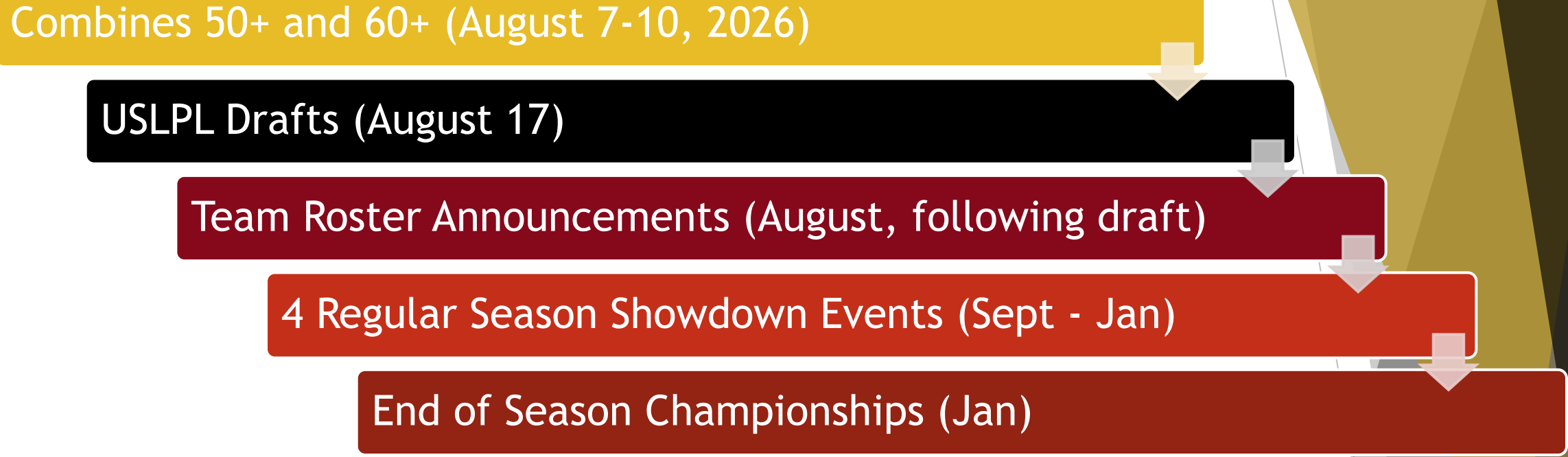




Combine and Draft Expectations

- ▶ 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

Combines 50+ and 60+ (August 7-10, 2026)



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USLPL Drafts (August 17)

Team Roster Announcements (August, following draft)

4 Regular Season Showdown Events (Sept - Jan)

End of Season Championships (Jan)

Estimated 2026-2027 Timeline

USLPL Founders

Ron Cortese

- ▶ Senior pro player, multiple national medalist and Certified PPR Certified Coach. Owner of Legends Sports Leagues.
- ▶ Runs pickleball, youth and adult basketball, and baseball leagues based in Northern Virginia. Annual participation is over 4,000 players.

Mike Cao

- ▶ Senior pro player, multiple national and international pickleball 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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