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# PRESS RELEASE

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## Over 80 players to compete in regional pickleball tournament this weekend

Over 80 pickleball players from seven states will converge in Missoula this weekend for the third annual Montana Open pickleball tournament at Fort Missoula. Pickleball, a fast-moving combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, is one of the country's fastest growing sports.

The players, who range in age from 25 to 80, will compete in Men & Women's Singles, Men & Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles beginning this Friday afternoon. The event is sponsored by Missoula Parks and Recreation and Zoo Town Pickleball. "We're thrilled to be putting on the 3rd annual Montana Open, and hosting many local and out-of-town players," says Ryan Yearous, Recreation Supervisor with Missoula Parks and Recreation. "Pickleball is a fun sport that anyone can enjoy, and we're doing all we can to develop the sport in Missoula." Parks and Recreation hosts Learn-To-Play clinics, open play sessions, ladder leagues, and lessons throughout the year.

The tournament is sponsored by Selkirk Sport and Pickleballcentral.com. To sponsor the tournament, call 721-PARK. For more information about the tournament, visit [the Montana Open on Facebook](#).

For information about Zoo Town Pickleball programs, visit [www.missoulaparks.org](http://www.missoulaparks.org).

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**\*Please see tournament schedule on next page.**

2016 MT Open Pickleball Tournament – Tentative Schedule

Thursday 8/4

5:30pm – Referee Clinic

6:30pm – Open Play/Tournament warm-up

Friday 8/5

11am – check-in desk opens

12-2pm – courts open for warm-up

2-8pm – Men's Singles & Women's Doubles matches\*

\*could start earlier or end later depending on registration numbers

Saturday 8/6

7-8am – courts open for warm-up

8am-3pm – Women's Singles & Men's Doubles matches\*

\*could end later depending on registration numbers and length of games

Sunday 8/7

7-8am – courts open for warm-up

8am-3pm – Mixed Doubles matches\*

\*could end later depending on registration numbers and length of games

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