

The Global Pickleball Federation

The Global Pickleball Federation is the de facto international governing body for pickleball. By design, the GPF is a not-for-profit organization focused on the integrity and development of pickleball globally – from grassroots to recreational and high-performance levels. GPF's unifying function, structure, and board are aligned with pickleball's established continental federations and a valued volunteer network engaged in growing the sport worldwide. The Pickleball Federation of the Americas, Confederation of African Pickleball, Oceania Pickleball Federation, Asian Pickleball Association, and European member countries are integrated and in alignment with the GPF.

The GPF was launched after an international task force established an ethical framework and By-Laws that will ultimately lead the sport of pickleball to International Olympic Committee recognition. In an ongoing commitment to perpetuate the growth and advancement of pickleball worldwide, the Global Pickleball Federation 2025 Rulebook serves as the rules of pickleball standard for its 54-member countries and growing. The constant interplay between the GPF with its respective continental and national federations ensures uniform regulations, standards, and the ability to swiftly implement best practices across all levels, thereby maintaining the integrity and quality of pickleball worldwide.

The GPF Board is comprised of international visionaries and leaders, including CAP President Dr. Kwabena Akufo.

The current board includes founders who have personally introduced pickleball in Australia, Ireland, Mexico, The Philippines, Poland, Ghana and beyond.