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OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa Serves Up First-ever Pickleball Open Tournament with \$10K Prize Pool, October 20-24, 2025

Pickleball meets paradise this fall as Hawai'i Island debuts its newest tournament getaway in Kailua-Kona







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KEAUHOU, HAWAI'I - OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa will host the inaugural <u>OUTRIGGER Pickleball Open</u> from October 20-24, 2025. The five-day tournament, produced in partnership with <u>Pickleball Is Great</u>, will welcome amateurs and pros from across the globe to compete at Holua Racquet & Paddle, the state's largest tennis and pickleball facility located a short walk from the resort.

The tournament will feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles competition across eight divisions. Matches follow a round-robin format with a total prize pool of \$10,000 distributed among top players. With 20 newly resurfaced outdoor courts set against the oceanfront landscape of Keauhou Bay, the event combines competitive play with a premier travel experience.

"Pickleball is growing rapidly in Hawai'i and across the country, and we're excited to partner with OUTRIGGER to bring this premier event to the Big Island," said Mike Hoxie, Owner of Pickleball Is Great. "We look forward to bringing people together around movement, challenge and shared experience, all in an unforgettable setting."

Guests and players staying at OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa during the tournament can enjoy upgraded accommodations, oceanfront dining and exclusive cultural experiences including discounted access to Feast & Fire, Kona's premier lū'au held every Monday and Thursday night, by using promo code PICKLEBALL25.

For a limited time, guests can also save 40% on ocean-view rooms for stays through October 31, 2025. Beyond the tournament, the resort offers direct access to top island adventures, from paddleboarding and kayaking in Keauhou Bay to guided lava hikes and swimming with manta rays under the stars. With spacious rooms, signature Hawaiian hospitality and elevated options like the newly renovated Royal Huaka'i Suite, OUTRIGGER Kona is more than a place to stay, it's where competition and adventure meets rest and recovery.

"OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa welcomes guests to experience the energy and beauty of Hawai'i through sport," said Geoff Pearson, General Manager of OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa. "Whether guests are here to compete, support loved ones or find their own adventure, we're honored to be a part of their journey."

Registration for the OUTRIGGER Pickleball Open is open now through September 30. Entry is \$85, increasing to \$115 beginning September 1. Find full details on <u>pickleballtournaments.com</u>.

As Hawai'i Island gears up for a thrilling season of world-class competition, OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa stands at the heart of the action. From August 28 to September 1, the world's largest long-distance canoe race, the Queen Lili'uokalani, brings over 2,500 paddlers to Kona's shores. On October 11, the IRONMAN World Championship welcomes elite endurance athletes from around the globe. OUTRIGGER proudly supports the iconic race by staffing a 12-hour shift at Run Aid Station 4 on Palani Drive and serves as the official venue for the IRONMAN Medical Symposium, a five-day accredited program for sports medicine professionals.

The OUTRIGGER Pickleball Open reinforces OUTRIGGER's long-standing support of sports in the Islands. In addition to being a Diamond Sponsor of University of Hawai'i Athletics, OUTRIGGER also serves as the official hospitality partner for signature events such as the Duke Kahanamoku OceanFest, The Hapalua Half-Marathon, Honolulu Marathon and the Sony Open.

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