



Calcutta Tournament Explained

The Bend Pickleball Club fun dinner-plus-tournament play event is also a fundraiser, both for the Club and potentially for the tournament participants. Known as a “Calcutta” tournament, it is a type of auction where competitors are sold to the highest bidder. The auction proceeds are then distributed to the winners of the event. Calcutta tournaments are often used in golf, tennis, rodeos, and college basketball.

This Calcutta is an auction pool conducted by the Club. Competitors in the pickleball tournament are “sold” to the highest bidder and the winner(s) of the pools of money are determined by the results of the event.

How the auction works:

- Competitors, in this case player PAIRS, are auctioned off in a silent auction.
- Each Pair is only “purchased” once
- The highest bidder is assigned the Pair and is identified as the Pair “Owner.”
- The highest point total in each skill Group determines the winners of the Pairs pool. The Owner of the Pair with highest points wins a percentage of the pool.
- The highest point total by Team (3 Pairs per Team) determines the winners of the Team pool.
- Players are not required to bid on any Pair or Team.

Benefits

- Calcuttas can be a fun and competitive way to participate in a Club event
- Calcuttas can raise money for charitable causes

Tip: Some say that the biggest winners are those who bid on teams that no one else wants!

Groups - The BPC Calcutta consists of 96 players grouped into 3 approximate skill ranges: Group A: 2.5-3.0; Group B: 3.5-4.0; and Group 4.5+. The 32 players in each skill Group are sorted by skill relative to other players in the Group and then paired by random draw to achieve 16 Pairs in each Group. The goal is to approximately balance the skills of all Pairs in that Group.

Teams & Divisions - Pairs from each skill Group A, B, and C are combined, again by random draw, to create Teams of 3 Pairs. The resulting 16 Teams are split into two Divisions, with 8

Teams from each group going into one division or the other. For our purposes the divisions are named Mount Bachelor and Broken Top. Each team is assigned a different one of 8 colors to identify the team.

The Reveals

The Auction is part of a “Reveal Dinner” with all 96 players (and optionally one guest of each player) in attendance. Here, the Pairs in each skill Group are announced, i.e., revealed, and players and guests are permitted to “bid” in a silent auction to “buy” a Pair. The winning bidder(s) become auction “Owners” of that Pair. All funds from the silent auction are pooled into Pairing pools by skill Group.

The second part of the Reveal is where the 6-player Teams, Team colors, and their respective Divisions are revealed for a live auction, with bidders attempting to buy an entire Team. The winning bidder(s) in all auctions become “Owners” of their Team. All funds from the live auction are pooled into a separate Team pool. 50% of each pool goes to the Club

Pairs and Teams are entitled to purchase 50% interest in their own Pair or Team from the respective Owner(s) within a time limit established by the Tournament.

The balance of the Pairing and Team pools will be divided among the winners as detailed below.

On Tournament Day, each Pair will play the other Pairs in their Division and skill Group. Each Pair will play a total of 7 matches with an approximate 20-minute break between matches. Matches are 1-11 points, rally scoring, win-by-1, and will be limited to 16 minutes. No adjustments will be made for incomplete matches.

The top Teams in each skill Group from each Division will play off for bragging rights.

Money Split

Pairing Pools (separate pools for each skill Group A, B, and C):

- 50% of Pairings pool to the owner of the highest point pair in group
- 30% of Pairings pool to the owner of the second highest point pair in group
- 20% of Pairings pool to the owner of the third highest point pair in group

Team Pool

- 50% of Team Pool to Highest point team owner
- 30% of Team Pool to second highest point team owner
- 20% of Team Pool to third highest point team owner