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OFFICIAL EPF RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 PICKLEBALL WORLD CUP EVENT

On behalf of the European Pickleball Federation, we are pleased to recognise and express our support for the 2026 Pickleball World Cup event, taking place in Da Nang, Vietnam, from 30 August to 6 September 2026.

The continued growth of pickleball depends upon the dedication of organisations and individuals who invest their time, resources and energy in creating meaningful opportunities for athletes to compete, develop their skills and build connections within the international pickleball community.

The European Pickleball Federation remains neutral in relation to the existing international pickleball organisations. EPF's recognition of this event should therefore not be interpreted as an endorsement of, or alignment with, any particular international federation or governing body.

Equally, this recognition relates specifically to the event and the opportunities it provides for participants. It should not be interpreted as conferring upon the competition the status of an officially sanctioned world championship or official World Cup under a universally recognised single international governing structure.

EPF continues to advocate strongly for the unification of international pickleball governance under a single, independent, democratic and appropriately constituted international federation. We believe that such unification is essential to establishing a universally accepted framework for the future sanctioning and recognition of official international and world-level competitions.

In the meantime, EPF believes it is important to support credible initiatives that promote participation, international sporting exchange and the responsible development of pickleball.

In this spirit, EPF is pleased to recognise the 2026 Pickleball World Cup event and commends the organisers and all those involved for the considerable commitment required to deliver an international competition of this scale.

We encourage eligible European athletes who may be interested in participating to consider doing so, subject to the organiser's eligibility requirements, entry conditions, competition regulations and official rulebook.

We wish the organisers, participants, officials and volunteers every success in delivering an enjoyable and memorable event that celebrates athletic competition, friendship and the continuing growth of pickleball around the world.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Arico
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