

First, some context: the Minor League Pickleball (MiLP) league is entering its first year. Much like its older cousin [Major League Pickleball](#), it is a team sport with 2 men and 2 women on a team. Each team match is a best of 5 games with rally scoring up to 21 points. The games are Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and then the other combination for Mixed Doubles. If the series is tied 2-2 at this point, the 5th game is a singles match where each team sends out a different player every 4 points (known as "The Dreambreaker"). The first official event with all 12 MiLP teams is September 21st – 24th weekend in Atlanta which coincides with the MLP event that weekend as well also in Atlanta. There will be other MiLP events beforehand, but we are still working on finalizing the dates and locations.

MiLP is broken down into multiple divisions based on [DUPR](#) ratings of the team as a whole. For example, one of the divisions is DUPR 20, meaning that the four players' combined DUPR scores cannot exceed 20.

### **MiLP Divisions**

- Open Division - No max DUPR rating
- DUPR 22
- DUPR 20
- DUPR 18
- DUPR 16

Our team is called the South Bend Snake Eyes. We are looking to find 2 men and 2 women to represent us in each of the above divisions. For players, this is an opportunity to play top tier competition in a team dynamic, as well as allow for visibility at the highest level. Our ownership overlaps with the Southern Cal Hard Eights, a Premier level MLP team. Whether you are looking for a fun weekend playing competitive pickleball or trying to advance your pickleball career, representing the Snake Eyes a few weekends a year could be the perfect opportunity.

The details around costs, tournament fees, prize money, etc. are still being worked out; we will let you know as soon as that's finalized. That said, the MiLP is committed to having competitive prize money and reasonable tournament fees to attract top tier talent throughout the country. As a team, we're working through options to help subsidize costs for our athletes. As soon as we have these things figured out, we will let you know. These are all areas we are working on internally and should have answers in the next few weeks.

We would love to talk with you about the possibility of representing the Snake Eyes in a tournament this year if it ends up being a good fit. Also, we're always on the lookout for others who would be interested in applying their talents in this type of team format. If you know of anyone, please let us know.

Finally, we value your feedback! What do you think is most exciting about this concept? What would you want to change? The league is in its infancy, and we want to make sure it's the best experience for the players. Let us know how we can make that happen.

If you have any other questions, comments, or ideas, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you

