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Plaza Hotel & Casino to host Las Vegas Pickleball Open, Sept. 25-29 Professional and amateur play, \$25,000 in Pro Tournament prize money

LAS VEGAS – With a dozen dedicated pickleball courts next to its rooftop pool, the <u>Plaza Hotel & Casino</u> is the official hotel and title sponsor of the inaugural Las Vegas Pickleball Open, Sept. 25-29. A cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, pickleball is the fastest growing racquet sport in the U.S., boasting more than 2.8 million players.

The Las Vegas Pickleball Open at the Plaza will offer a total of \$25,000 in proplayer prize money, split between grand prize, silver and bronze medalists.



"The Plaza has seen firsthand just how popular pickleball is," said Jonathan Jossel, CEO of the Plaza Hotel & Casino. "Thanks to our partnership with the city of Las Vegas' Department of Parks and Recreation, local residents have a fun and convenient place to play. Having hosted other national events, the Plaza has welcomed hundreds of players from around the country and the world. Now, as the title sponsor of this tournament, we are excited to build on our unique reputation as the pickleball destination in Las Vegas."

Players can register for the tournament online at <u>www.lasvegaspickleballopen.com</u>. Participants can also book hotel rooms at the Plaza at a special tournament rate, starting at \$49 per night on the event site or at <u>https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/entertainment/pickleball-open/</u>.

Expecting nearly 800 amateur and professional pickleball players from across the country, the Plaza will construct special grandstand seating for championship matches that will be streamed live on the event website. Six VIP championship court boxes will also be available offering special food and beverage service.

The tournament will offer men's, women's, and mixed amateur doubles matches as well as men's, women's, mixed and senior (50-plus) professional doubles matches. Matches will be played from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, with the scheduling of the championship matches to be announced. There is a nominal fee to attend the semi-final and championship matches, while spectators can attend all other matches for free. Tickets will go on sale in September at www.lasvegaspickleballopen.com.

About the Plaza Hotel & Casino

Located in the heart of downtown Las Vegas, the Plaza Hotel & Casino combines a vintage Rat Pack attitude with modern styling and personal customer service for the ultimate Vegas experience. First opened in 1971 and built on the site of the original Las Vegas railroad depot, the Plaza has 1,003 updated rooms and suites, a classic Vegas showroom, downtown's only bingo hall and 30,000 square feet of renovated ballroom and meeting space. Guests enjoy a variety of dining options led by the Rat Pack-styled Oscar's steakhouse in the hotel's iconic glass dome overlooking the Fremont Street Experience. Hundreds of slot machines, from the latest games to traditional coin machines, and nearly two dozen table games comprise an 80,000-square-foot casino floor, which is also home to downtown's largest race and sports book. A fully renovated rooftop pool and recreation deck, complete with private cabanas, hot tub, food truck, tennis court and dedicated Pickleball courts, provide guests with a variety of outdoor amenities. For more information on the multiple award-winning Plaza Hotel & Casino, visit www.plazahotelcasino.com and get updates via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.