

THE ONE PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Opening & Closing Ceremony Plan

Purpose: A simple, energetic and organized framework for launching and closing the championship.

OPENING CEREMONY

Purpose: Create excitement, introduce all participating nations, appreciate the supporters of the championship, and officially launch the tournament.

Step	Segment	What Happens
1	Gather All Teams	All players gather in the designated area. Each team holds their country flag.
2	Welcome	MC welcomes everyone to The One Pickleball Championship.
3	Parade of Nations	MC calls each country/team one by one. When called, the team stands, raises their flag and gives a big cheer.
4	Short Welcome	Brief welcome from the organizing committee. Keep it around 2–3 minutes.
5	Sponsor Appreciation	Acknowledge and thank the key sponsors and partners supporting the championship.
6	Official Opening	Chairman/designated person officially declares The One Pickleball Championship open.

Opening Flow: Gather Teams → Welcome → Nation Cheer → Short Welcome → Sponsor Appreciation → Official Opening

Target Duration: 10–15 minutes

CLOSING CEREMONY

Purpose: Celebrate the completion of the championship, recognize the people involved, honour the players and officially close the event.

Step	Segment	What Happens
1	Gather Everyone	Bring all teams and players together after the final matches.
2	Tournament Recap	Short recap of the championship — nations, games, memorable moments and highlights.
3	Recognition	Recognize teams, players, volunteers, referees and people who contributed to the tournament.
4	Awards & Prizes	Present championship awards, medals and prizes.
5	Thank You	Thank the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, players and everyone who made the event possible.
6	Official Closing	Chairman/designated person officially closes The One Pickleball Championship.

Closing Flow: Gather Everyone → Tournament Recap → Recognition → Awards & Prizes → Thank You → Official Closing

OVERALL CEREMONY STRUCTURE

OPENING: Welcome the Nations → Build Excitement → Appreciate Sponsors → Officially Start

TOURNAMENT: Competition → Fellowship → Relationships → The One Championship Experience

CLOSING: Celebrate → Recognize → Award → Thank → Officially Close

Key Principle: Keep both ceremonies simple, energetic and organized without overloading players with too many speeches or activities.