



Abbotsford Pickleball Association

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Welcome to Abbotsford Pickleball Association, a non-profit organization run by volunteers!

On behalf of your Board of Directors and all members, we are happy to have you join us. Pickleball is not just for fun and competition, it enlarges our social circle and improves our physical and mental well-being.

Part of our mission statement says we are to facilitate growth and development of Pickleball in Abbotsford and surrounding areas by promoting the health, physical and social well-being of participants of all skill levels and age groups through involvement in Pickleball; scheduling opportunities for pickleball players of all levels to find the appropriate environment in which to develop their games. We do this by welcoming all players regardless of how long they have been playing or what their skill and experience level may be.

Now that you have taken the first step by purchasing the annual membership, here are the next steps:

1. Pickleball Sign Up Hub (SUH) is the webapp we use to purchase Play Credits, book ourselves in or out of play sessions, and see who else is playing. Register here [SUH](#), we will approve that registration, then you can come to play at our 12 court facility [AgRec Centre](#). The first time you arrive we will give you a FOB for easy confirmation of your participation in sessions. If you can't make it, be sure to cancel your booking at least two hours before it begins. If you don't cancel, or if you don't FOB in, you will be docked at least two Play Credits because it causes delays in play start and a lot more work for the host.
2. When you arrive at AgRec change out of your street foot ware into your court shoes, this helps to keep the floors clean and slip free. We don't want injuries.
3. Learn the procedure for setting up and taking down the play equipment, this is done by us players. Don't start your warmup until all equipment is in place, then help out again at the end of the play session by putting the equipment away.
4. Safety glasses are highly recommended. Place your bags anywhere along the east wall, never in any play area. Your water bottles can be taken courtside but placed tight to the exterior wall or the center dividing tennis net. Do not place clipboards or other items at the end of the pickleball net, players do step there for ATPs and Ernes.
5. During play, if the ball leaves your court area, immediately call out "Ball, Ball" in a loud voice directed to the players where your ball is headed. If a stray ball is entering your court, immediately stop play, pick up that ball, look to see who it belongs to, then send it back to them. NEVER just hit the ball away from your court. Players on other courts could step on it and get injured. Also, wait for your stray ball to be returned, don't just grab another ball and expect others to deal with the ball you were playing with.
6. Be courteous and friendly to your teammates and opponents. Do not give advice to other players if they don't want it. Even if they ask you for advice, they probably don't want it after every time they hit the ball.

If you are the competitive type, or not, please consider signing up in [MyDUPR](#), then join [Abbotsford Pickleball DUPR Club](#). This is the rating system that is used in clubs and tournaments.

If you have any questions speak to any host or [APA Board Members](#) or send an email to info@abbotsfordpickleball.ca

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