

Welcome to

The Dryden Pickleball Club

Introduction:

Pickleball was introduced to Dryden in 2016. It has grown exponentially from approximately 8-10 members to the current membership of 80, (we are a sanctioned club under Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Ontario).

Mission:

To create a dynamic and inclusive pickleball community that encourages connection, health and personal growth through the sport of pickleball.

We are committed to providing opportunities to people of all skill levels to play and compete in a supportive, enjoyable and safe environment.

Vision:

We envision a thriving pickleball community that brings people together and inspires lifelong engagement with the sport.

Through the growth of our club, we aim to demonstrate how pickleball is a meaningful activity that enriches lives and builds stronger communities.

Values:

Inclusiveness and Diversity

- We believe pickleball is for everyone. Our club is committed to breaking down barriers that may prevent participation

Community and Connection

- We are more than a club - we are a community that fosters friendship and collaboration

Sportsmanship and Respect

- We uphold high standards of conduct and treat all participants with dignity and respect. We value fair play and integrity

Growth and Development

- We support the continuous growth of our club and are committed to working with other community organizations to further develop our programming and facilities

Membership:

A six person Board of Directors now runs the club

- Mike English: President/Procurement Director, Pickleball Ontario contact
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- Al Cesiunas: Vice President, Co-Treasurer
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- Terri Sisco: Administrative Director, Ladies Contact
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- Cindy Coles: Director at Large, Treasurer, Facility Permits
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- Denise Callaghan: Director at Large, New Member Contact, Club Liaison and
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- Norm Bush: Director at Large, New Court Development, Team Reach
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Registration:

We recognize that pickleball has some inherent risks. In order to better protect our members and the club, securing injury and liability insurance has become essential to supporting our club's operation. The venues we play at during our winter schedules also require proof of liability insurance. This grants us the required permit to play at the schools and the United Church. To ensure we provide the best overall experience for our members, the club has decided to make it a requirement for our members to join Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Ontario, in addition to The Dryden Pickleball Club.

The annual fees for PB Canada and PB Ontario are \$10.00 each. For these fees, we all get the benefits of not only insurance coverage but access to rules, training and event information. The registration year is from September 30 (current year to December 31 of the following year).

The Dryden Pickleball website is available as part of the Pickleball Canada website (**[pickleball canada.org](http://pickleballcanada.org)**) for registration and payment of fees. The total fees are \$30.00 for the Dryden Pickleball Club, \$10.00 for PB Ontario and \$10.00 for PB Canada plus a small processing fee.

Procedure to register on the site:

1. Pickleballcanada.org
2. Top right of page > join
3. Scroll down > join > to next
4. Join/renew again > Province/Territory (Ontario)
5. Click on Dryden Pickleball Club > join-renew (left hand side)

6. Scroll down to "I am a new member" (little blue box in middle of page) > enter all information (a red asterisk indicates it must be filled in)
7. Continue following the prompts > Choose region (06 - Northern...) > click boxes indicating "I have read all the forms"
8. Pickleball Canada > Pickleball Ontario
9. Credit Card info (you will automatically be registered in all three groups with one payment of \$53.33).
10. Upon completion you can scroll down to view your membership > Click member card which shows your name and registration number (not v-club)
11. You may now print your membership card

Instruction/Training:

- Our club offers inhouse training to PB members (if new to the game) - it is recommended that you take advantage of these lessons!
- Please contact Denise Callaghan to schedule a session before you attend a scheduled game
denisejcallaghan@gmail.com

Team Reach App:

Once a membership is acquired, said member will receive an invitation from the Team Reach App administrator to join the app. We encourage all members to download the app and join. The app provides for very quick and efficient communication between the club members and between members themselves. The app provides all weekly schedules for play and instant communication on any changes. You can indicate your desire to play on any given day and must do so as court availability is limited and is secured by your timely response.

Levels of play:

Rating Levels as per Pickleball Canada. **Please refer to the levels as per the Pickleball Canada website.** If you require assistance or have any questions with your rating please contact Mike English and or Al Cesiunas.

It is very important that you honestly evaluate yourself to ensure that you schedule your play according to your skill level. This will provide for maximum benefits for you and your teammates and provide the best play experiences.

Current levels:

- beginners 1- 2.5
- intermediate 2.5 - 3.5
- advanced 3.5 - 5

Categories of play:

- Ladies

- Open play (includes all players regardless of skill level)
- Mixed Intermediate
- Advanced

Please ensure that you schedule yourself properly for the best pickleball experience. As you progress in the skill level you may reevaluate and move forward.

Court Etiquette:

- Be conscious of all skill levels, everyone was a beginner at one time
- Introduce yourself to your opponents and greet them before starting the game
- Play with people of all skill levels and display good sportsmanship. If you are an advanced player, adjust your style when playing with less skilled players
- Mentor and offer advice kindly
- Respect the game and your fellow players; do not intimidate weaker players or dominate a game. Compliment your partner and opponents when they make good shots
- Call out score every time you serve so that your opponents can hear the score
- Make outcalls loud and clear and only when you are certain the ball landed out. Make fair calls and give your opponent the benefit of the doubt
- Do not chase the ball into another court. Call “ball” immediately when your stray ball rolls onto another court. When retrieving a stray ball do not walk onto a neighbouring court; wait until rally is over
- When ball rolls onto your court; stop play immediately. Return ball where it needs to go. Treat others how you would like to be treated
- Arrive early for round robin play
- Abusive language is not allowed
- Meet at the net after the game and acknowledge the other team “good game” or “thanks”

Venues:

Winter Play

- Open Roads School
- Dryden High School
- St. Joseph’s Catholic School
- United Church (small fee)

Summer Play

- Milestone Rink
- Dryden Memorial Arena (small rink) as per posted schedule (small fee)

We are an active, progressive club and welcome any questions, suggestions and or new ideas.

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