



In you are a new member, a hearty **WELCOME** to our Abbotsford Pickleball Association, a non-profit organization run by volunteers! If you are a member renewing your membership, welcome back, you probably know most of this already.

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. When there are odd numbers of players, after each game we offer to sit out and invite the players who have been waiting to play.

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](#), we will approve that registration, then you can come to play at our 12 court facility [AgRec Centre](#). You will need to purchase Play Credits in the SUH Store, cost is \$30 for 5, or \$168 for 30 (two free). The first time you arrive to play at AgRec 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 24 hours before it begins. If you don't cancel, or if you don't FOB in, you will be docked at least two more 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 footwear 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. You can view a two minute [Swiftnet setup video here](#).
4. Eyewear is mandatory. Your regular glasses or lenseless frames are acceptable, full safety glasses are recommended. We have some inexpensive eyewear you can use your first time or if you forget yours, no need to return them.



5. Place your bags anywhere along the east wall (where the entrance door is), 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 Ernies.

6. 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.**

7. 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 our club to place players with those of similar skill level, and in tournaments. You can view our play schedule here [AgRec Schedule](#)

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

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