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## Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championships

PRI is pleased to announce that **The Prairie Pickleball Shop**, from Winnipeg, is our title sponsor, for the Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championships' Tournament. **The Prairie Pickleball Shop** will have a variety of merchandise on display for viewing and purchasing.



In January, PRI finalized the agreement with Evraz Place, as the home of the tournament.



Pictured are Cindy Michel and Tyson Brinkworth from Evraz with Karen Rust and Reg Lakness from PRI.

This major event on July 24-26, 2020 in Regina, at the International Trade Centre at Evraz Place. Player registration begins on April 6, 2020. Many volunteers will be required, so please keep these dates available. More information on roles and volunteer numbers will be available soon.

### Show Our Prairie Hospitality - Hosts/Billets Needed for Referees

Referees are being invited from across Canada to help out by refereeing at the July Western Canadian Regional Tournament. If you are able to provide accommodation, that would help offset their travel expenses. PRI already has some requests for billets.

If you are able to help with billeting, please let [Karen Rust](#) know (sooner than later)!

## Like to be Close to the Action? Referee Training Opportunities

The pickleball community continues to need many referees for the various tournaments and events that are planned for the months ahead. Training opportunities are planned for May 2020, if you would like to be involved. Refereeing provides a front row seat to follow the game and the players. Stay tuned for announcements in the coming weeks and get ready to learn and practice!

## These Could be Yours – Medals will be Awarded!

Here are the medals that will be awarded at the Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championships:



## Summer Programs:

PRI is excited to announce that we have partnered with the Arcola East Community Association to provide structured programming, at Douglas Park and Mahon Place courts, over the summer months. The summer program will not be age restricted and will be open to PRI members, from all areas. This partnership will result in our ability to provide reasonably priced outdoor programs, over the summer. Sign up times, the program schedule, and other registration information, are being finalized.

## Play Safe Out There!

As we grow and introduce more members to pickleball, we would remind you of the importance of wearing eye protection and to ensure you have quality court shoes. While acquiring these may be a bit costly, they will be a good investment in your safety on the courts, as you play and enjoy the game.

## **Sportsmanship Play**

All members are reminded that there are expectations for on court play. Members need to treat each other with respect and embrace the concepts of “fair play”. Pickleball grew from a start where the focus was on social interaction and contributing to a person’s wellness through the physical activity of the sport. Competition grew out of the interest of some members to try to achieve the best results in comparison to other members. The PRI sportsmanship policy is available by clicking [HERE](#) and all members are encouraged to review it.

## **Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association (SSFA)**

### **Qualifying for 2020 Provincial Games**

The 2020 Saskatchewan Provincial 55+ games will be held in Prince Albert on June 16-18,2020.

The Regina Sport District will be eligible to send the following Pickleball Teams:

Doubles: 2 teams per gender per age/skill level category

Mixed Doubles: 2 teams per age/skill level category

Total: 90 teams per district

The Pickleball Age/skill level categories for the tournament include:

Women/Men 55+ Up to 3.0/3.5/4.0+ Doubles /Mixed Doubles

Women/Men 60+ Up to 3.0/3.5/4.0+ Doubles/Mixed Doubles

Women/Men 65+ Up to 3.0/3.5/4.0+ Doubles/Mixed Doubles

Women/Men 70+ Up to 3.0/3.5/4.0+ Doubles/Mixed Doubles

Women/Men 75+ Up to 3.0/3.5/4.0+ Doubles/Mixed Doubles

The Canada 55+ Games have defined the following levels:

Recreational (skill level up to 3.0), Competitive 3.5 (skill level 3.25 to 3.75),

Competitive 4.0+ (skill level 4.0 and above).

If two players from different age categories join to form a doubles team; the age of the younger player will determine which age category, they will compete in. If two players’ skill levels are different, the player with the lower skill level must play up.

In order to participate each player must have an annual SSFA membership, be a Pickleball Regina member, a resident of Regina and be 55 years of age by December 31, 2020.

Annual SSFA membership fee is \$10.00 for fiscal year. April 1- March 31. There will be a player sign up registration fee of \$5.00.

The Sign Up Genius will be sent out on March 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm to Pickleball Regina members who are residents of Regina and are 55+. If two or less

teams are registered in any category, they will automatically qualify for the 2020 Provincial games. If more than two teams are registered in any category it will be the responsibility of those teams to hold playoffs to determine which two teams qualify for the games. Deadline for registering will be April 1, 2020. Playoff games, if required, are to be completed by April 27, 2020.

The Canada 55+ games will be held in Kamloops, B.C. on August 25-28, 2020.

For more information, please contact [Carla Desnoyers](#).

### **Pickleball Rule Changes**

The rules of play for pickleball continue to evolve as the game grows. Click on the link, for a document outlining ALL [changes](#) introduced with the [January 15, 2020 rulebook](#) update. Some of the most relevant to PRI members are:

1. ANY player may indicate “not ready” prior to the start of the score being called. One of the following signals must be used to indicate “not ready”: 1) raising the paddle above their head, 2) raising the non-paddle hand above their head, 3) completely turning their back to the net. After the start of the score being called, “not ready” signals will be ignored unless there is a hinder.
2. The service motion must not start until the score has been called in its entirety.
3. After the score has been called, a player who stops play to challenge the score when there is no error will have committed a fault.
4. The opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on line calls made. Any ball that cannot be called “out” will be considered “in.” A player cannot claim a “let” because the ball was not seen or there is uncertainty. A player who does not make a call may appeal to the referee (or the opposing team) to make the call if they did not clearly see the ball land. If the referee or opposing team is unable to make the call, the ball is “in.” Furthermore, the moment the player appealed to the referee or opposing team, the receiving team lost their right to make a subsequent “out” call.
5. Players may call faults on themselves or line calls to their disadvantage during or after the completion of a rally.
6. Players may call NVZ faults and service foot faults on the opponent’s side of the court. If there is any disagreement among players about the called fault, a replay shall occur.

2020 Rulebooks are available for [download on-line](#) or in hard copy from [Murray Cook](#) for \$5.

**Note: All play at Laval is cancelled on Saturday March 7, 2020. Drop in vouchers will be available from the hosts.**

**Mark Your Calendar-Future Events:**

June 6-7, 2020	Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament	Nutana Curling Club, Saskatoon
June 16-18, 2020	SSFA Provincial Games	Prince Albert
July 3-5, 2020	Saskatoon Cup	Saskatoon
July 23-26, 2020	Western Canadian Regional Championship	International Trade Centre, Regina

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**Learn, Play, Grow Together!**

