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1. PRI Summer 2020 Programs

Pickleball Regina Inc. has plans ready to offer outdoor structured pickleball programs on Regina's new dedicated pickleball courts this summer. However, nothing can be finalized until the SK Health Authority deems it is safe, and the City of Regina issues the permits that have been applied for.

A Sign Up Genius invitation was recently sent to members to determine the level of interest in structured summer programs. Three two-hour sessions are planned daily, including week-ends. The sessions are varied, and intended to provide excellent options for pickleball play for members of all skills levels at various times. Members will pay one low registration fee (\$50) for the summer and will have the opportunity to sign up on a weekly basis for the sessions they are qualified for.

The anticipated schedule has sessions alternating between the Douglas Park and Mahon Courts. The schedule will be finalized once the permits are received and if needed, adjusted mid-season.

Please note - participation in skill level sessions at the 3.0 and higher level will be restricted to individuals with Club or Tournament skill ratings of the appropriate level.

We have partnered with the Arcola East Community Association to provide this program at reduced pricing, so all participants must be a member of **one of** the City of Regina Community Associations. If you do not currently belong to a community association, you will be required to purchase a \$5 AECA membership when you register. **No funds are being collected at this point.**

We will need Hosts for the sessions. Please note in the Comments field if you will volunteer as a host and if there are specific days that you prefer. With more than 20 sessions each week, lots of Hosts will be needed!

Two options for **indoor evening play at Evraz** on Tuesdays and Thursdays are also planned (with more times available if there is sufficient interest). A separate sign-up for Evraz indoor play, with costs similar to other indoor programs, was recently sent to all members.

2. Winter Program Refunds

The PRI Board has decided to provide partial refunds to members enrolled in the winter programs that were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The prorated refunds have been calculated based on the following formula:

- Registration Fee less SUG Admin Charge (5% +.50)
- Divided by total number of sessions
- Multiplied by number of sessions cancelled

Refunds will be provided to 173 members in amounts from \$25 to \$114. The total amount refunded equals \$7,336.00

3. Western Canadian Regional Championship Tournament

The July 24 – 26 **Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championship** has **NOT** been cancelled. Registration began on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. as planned. We have asked players NOT to submit the registration fee at this time. A decision on whether or not the tournament can proceed will be made on June 1. Registrations can still be made at [2020 Western Canadian Regional Tournament](#).

4. Member Ratings

PRI [member ratings](#) have been updated and are posted on the PRI website. Please check your rating as it will be used to support your assignment in PRI skill level sessions and tournaments.



5. Training Support

Pickleball Regina Inc. needs to strengthen and grow our Training Committee in order to continue to offer opportunities for the further development of our members. To that end, we are seeking volunteers to take on the following roles:

1) Introductory Training Facilitator

- Respond to all emails directed to the Training email.
- Arrange training sessions for new learners
- Arrange for trainers to teach the new learners

This is a replacement role.

2) Player Development Facilitator

- Set up mentoring program for new learners
- Arrange Skills and Drills sessions for all members
- Arrange for delivery of mentoring and skills/drills sessions

This is a new role.

The above individuals will be members of the PRI Training Committee. The Committee is also responsible for inviting professional trainers, arranging club rating sessions, and handling requests for pickleball demonstration sessions from schools and other groups in Regina.

We invite interested individuals to contact: [Karen Rust](#)

Stay Safe!

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Learn, Play, Grow Together!

