



# THE INSIDER

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## 1. Managing Risks in the COVID19 Era

The PRI Board has started to develop a plan to outline how we can manage the risks associated with pickleball play when the courts are opened. The plan will be finalized as we work with the City of Regina to assure them that PRI will strive to minimize the risks of play as the pandemic passes.

Some topics that will be covered will include: sanitation of Pickleball equipment and venues, elimination of the paddle box, added expectations on members for hand washing prior to playing, off court social distancing, onus on members to stay away if unwell or have travelled out of province/country and expectations that members will notify PRI if they have tested positive so contact tracing can occur.

## 2. Proposed 2020 PRI Summer Programs

Pickleball Regina's Program Committee has developed the following schedule for play this summer both outdoors at the Mahon and Douglas Park courts and indoors at Evraz Place. However, play will not commence until the SK Health Authority deems it is safe, and the City of Regina issues the permits.

While we wait, the organizing can continue. The first step involved obtaining Expressions of Interest from members. This input was taken into account in developing the schedule. Next is publishing the schedule and giving the membership an opportunity to comment and indicate which sessions they are willing to host.

Please contact the following:

Volunteer Hosts: Les Kingston ([leskingston@sasktel.net](mailto:leskingston@sasktel.net))

Comments: Reg Lakness ([laknessr@gmail.com](mailto:laknessr@gmail.com))

## PICKLEBALL REGINA INC. SUMMER PROGRAMS - 2020

### Douglas Park (DP) Courts - Canada Games Athletic Complex, Wascana Park

PLAY TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
7:00 AM								
8:00 AM	Open 2.5		Beginners & Recreational		RR 3.0		Open 3.5+	2.5
9:00 AM								3
10:00 AM	RR 3.0		Level Play (C&C)		RR 2.5		Beginners & Recreational	3.5+
11:00 AM								Beg/Rec
12:00 PM								Level Play
1:00 PM								
2:00 PM								
3:00 PM								
4:00 PM								
5:00 PM								
6:30 PM		Team Level Play (C&C)		RR 3.5+		"B" Shootout		
7:30 PM								
8:30 PM								

### Mahon (MH) Courts - 130 Brotherton Ave.

PLAY TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:00 AM							
8:00 AM		Open 3.0		Open 2.5		"C" Shootout	
9:00 AM							
10:00 AM		Open 2.5		RR 3.0		"A" Shootout	
11:00 AM							
12:00 PM							
1:00 PM							
2:00 PM							
3:00 PM							
4:00 PM							
5:00 PM							
6:30 PM	RR 3.5+		Open 3.0		Beginners & Recreational		RR 2.5
7:30 PM							
8:30 PM							

### INDOORS - Evraz Place

Beginners & Recreational	Open 3.0	Open 2.5	Team Level Play (C&C)	Open 3.5+
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**Legend:** RR = Round Robin Play, participants will be randomly assigned partners and courts. Must arrive 10 minutes early!  
 Shootout = session and court assignments are based on player C&C rating. Two sets of games are played and players move up/down based on results. Must arrive 10 minutes early!  
 Level Play = Start at your average C&C level. Move up/down and split based on your wins/losses.  
 Team Level Play = sign up and play with same partner for all your games. Start at your avg C&C. Move up/down based on wins/losses.  
 Open = as games conclude, the winners and losers go into separate pools and split up for the next game  
 Beginners & Recreational = time slot where new players will be introduced to pickleball (must pre-register). And where players not ready for more competitive play will have the opportunity to develop their skills.

Once we get approval to start the summer schedule, there will be two separate SignUp Genius invitations issued to provide an opportunity to register:

- 1) **Outdoor** Play - \$50 for the season for all days & sessions you are eligible to participate in. If you do not currently belong to a community association, you will also be required to purchase a \$5 AECA membership.
- 2) **Indoor** Play – cost will be based on \$5 to \$6 per session signed up for. Total cost will be determined once the dates available are confirmed. Weekday evenings have been tentatively booked. To express interest in indoor, daytime play, contact Reg Lakness.

Participation in the OUTDOOR sessions will be managed **weekly** through SignUp Genius. Every Sunday at 4 p.m., you will have the opportunity to sign up for one session for the next week.

*Note: You will be allowed one sign up on Sundays, in addition to any sessions you are hosting.*

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., you will have the opportunity to sign up for an unlimited number of additional sessions for the next week. If you are unable to take part in a session you have signed up for, please be sure to cancel in order that another member can take your place. Since we will be playing seven days/week, there will be two sign-ups open at a time.

There will be no weekly sign-up for the INDOOR sessions. If you have paid the required registration fee for that session, just show up. Space permitting, drop-ins will be allowed at the \$10/player rate.

**Please note – participation in skill level sessions at the 3.0 and higher level will be restricted to members with Club or Tournament skill ratings of the appropriate level.** Separate tabs on the signup will reflect the 3.0 and 3.5+ sessions. Members may self-rate themselves in order to participate in 2.5 skill level sessions. Level play sessions are open to members of all skill levels.

Results from all Shootouts and Level Play sessions will be input to the Clique & Club rating program and will generate a Club rating. Click here for more information on [ratings](#). For information on the types of play referred to in the schedule, click [here](#).

Of course, all this planning is dependant on the pandemic situation easing and the issuance of the required permits. There may be need for further modifications of the schedule if a transition period is required (e.g. only half the courts being used). Stay tuned.

### **3. Wind Screen Donation**

The South Zone Recreation Board has decided to manage the outdoor pickleball program at Lakeview Par 3 courts in 2020 without any involvement from PRI. PRI was asked to donate the windscreens that were purchased and installed by PRI volunteers in 2018. The Board agreed to this request, knowing that many PRI members enjoy playing at Lakeview, and the windscreens will continue to enhance play at this location.



#### **4. Training Support (STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!)**

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.

Special thanks to Sylvia Ross for volunteering as the Training Coordinator!

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

## **Please be patient as Saskatchewan re-opens!**

Your 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors,

President - Karen Rust

Vice-President - Reg Lakness

Treasurer - Murray Cook

Secretary - Michelle Askew

Directors at Large - Allan Carpentier, Barry Thuen, Leslie Kingston, Donna Loran,  
Shelley Serle, Randy Dove and Doug Olson.

**Have a comment, notice or need information?**

**Contact us at: [pickleballreginainc@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballreginainc@gmail.com)**

**Learn, Play, Grow Together!**

