



# THE INSIDER

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## 1. Fall Programming Cancelled

All Pickleball Regina Inc. Fall Program sessions have been cancelled effective Nov 27<sup>th</sup> to the end of 2020, following the Government of Saskatchewan's COVID-19 Update – New Measures in Effect Nov 27, 2020.

With the pandemic, during the fall programs, extra costs have been incurred for sanitization at the venues to increase players' safety. Also, contracts are in place for facility rental to the end of December and it's uncertain if we will need to pay for the remaining times.

As a result, the Pickleball Regina Board of Directors have decided not to provide prorated refunds for the remainder of the fall session. Any surplus from fees collected less expenses will be allocated to the Dedicated Court Fund to support the continued development of pickleball facilities for all members.

## 2. Pickleball Regina Winter Programs

The Program Committee will be arranging options for indoor play this Winter. The Winter term is planned for the months of January through April. Programs are priced to recover the rent charged (from \$60 - \$75/hour), to make a contribution to the Dedicated Courts fund and to cover the cost of equipment, sanitation and supplies.

A Sign Up Genius invitation will be issued in December for the Winter term. Members who volunteered with Pickleball Regina programs in 2019 and 2020 will be given first chance to sign up. After registration has been offered to the volunteer group, registration will be open to all Pickleball Regina members.

Due to the limited number of spots available, you will be able to register for a maximum of one session initially. Registration for the remaining programs will be avail-

able later. We need your co-operation, so everyone has a chance to register for the available programs. Waitlists will be available for every session. By signing up on a waitlist, the Program Committee will know if there is enough interest to offer another similar session. Payment instructions will be included with the Sign Up Genius invitation and payment will be required via debit or credit card to secure your spot(s).

Note - Participation in 3.0+ and 3.5+ Rated sessions will be restricted to individuals with Club or Tournament skill ratings at the relevant level.

***Disclaimer:*** *Pickleball Regina cannot guarantee that play will commence or continue with the ongoing pandemic. Expectations for safe play may also change during a programming period based on guidelines advanced by provincial health authorities.*

### **3. Volunteers Needed**

We are also looking for a volunteer(s) to work with a steering committee of the PRI Board to redevelop our website. For more information, please contact [Al Carpenter](#).

### **4. Sanitizer Support**

A big “thank you” to Minhas Sask. for the donation of 960 bottles of sanitizer recently provided to PRI for members’ safety. They proved very popular by all members that were able to obtain a supply.



### **5. PRI Drop-in Play Vouchers**

Given the uncertainties about future play, the PRI Board has decided to NOT extend any vouchers provided to members during 2020. This decision was made as no drop-in play will be allowed for the foreseeable future, and the understanding that there are only a minimal number of vouchers outstanding.

### **6. Renew Your Membership:**

Keeping your membership up to date keeps your Sport Accident insurance in force plus provides opportunity to receive invitations to register for organized play and training opportunities.

Also review and update your profile on [www.pickleballcanada.org](http://www.pickleballcanada.org) with current information - especially **emergency contact** information. Contact [membership@pickleballregina.ca](mailto:membership@pickleballregina.ca) if you have questions or need assistance.

## **7. Mark your Calendars- 2021 Tournaments:**

### **a) Saskatchewan Provincial Championship**

Saskatoon Pickleball Inc. has been awarded the hosting of the 2021 Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament. The dates are **June 5 - 6, 2021**.

### **b) Western Canadian Regional Championship**

The inaugural Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championship has been rescheduled to **July 23 - 25, 2021** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. Many of our sponsors have shown incredible support by continuing their commitment to the tournament in 2021.

### **c) Canadian National Championship**

The Red Deer Pickleball Club is excited and proud to host the Pickleball Canada National Championship 2021. The dates are **August 11th - 15, 2021**.

## **Happy Holidays!**

As we approach the festive season, your Pickleball Regina Board wishes you all the very best. We join together in extending our thanks for your support and cooperation during this turbulent year. Wishing you all continued good health and happiness as we work together to advance pickleball in Saskatchewan!



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