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1. Training Update

Outdoor 'Introduction to Pickleball' classes will start at the beginning of July. Indoor training is on hold until it is allowed by the Provincial Health Authority, which should be later in July. The Training Committee: Sylvia Ross, Lonnie Dynna, Brenda Fry and Karen Rust are making plans to provide a full slate of training opportunities to members as the restrictions are lifted.

Introductory Training:

Facilitator: Sylvia Ross

Sylvia has surveyed the existing pool of trainers to find out who is willing to be lead or assistant trainers. She is also looking for mentors for the scheduled Beginner sessions. Any experienced player who wishes to help new players advance in the sport is welcome to sign up as a mentor. A smile and good sense of humour is essential!

If you know of anyone who would like to learn to play pickleball, advise them to email training@pickleballregina.ca

Preliminary plans are also being made to offer a 'Train the Trainer' session to members who would like to get involved in introducing pickleball to new learners. Please email [Karen Rust](mailto:Karen.Rust@pickleballregina.ca) if you would like to be invited to attend a future 'Train the Trainer' session.

Player Development:

Facilitator: Lonnie Dynna

Lonnie updated the Introduction to Pickleball lesson plan and reviewed it with the existing trainers on June 28.

He is also fine-tuning the lesson plans for a Skills and Drills BOOTCAMP for members of the various skill levels. Plans are for one skills/drills session per week for five weeks, indoors at Evraz for each of the 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5+ skill groups. Co-instructors are required to deliver this program. This will be held as soon as Evraz is available to us – tentatively July 6. Watch for the SignUp.

External Liaison

Facilitator: Brenda Fry

Brenda is continuing to liaise with external coaches with the goal of offering more skill-based clinics, member rating and Train the Trainer sessions over the coming months.

Steve Deakin July 21 – 22, 2020

Steve still plans to come and put on his clinics, assuming the facility is available, training is allowed, and there are sufficient participants registered.

Rose Sawatzky is prepared to come and do Skill Sessions and Ratings.

Charles Neufeld

Is available to put on clinics this summer - planning is on hold until training is allowed.

Mark Renneson

Might also be available for later in the fall.

Respect In Sport

Pickleball has been granted 'Emerging Sport' status in Saskatchewan. A Pickleball Saskatchewan committee is preparing a grant request for an initial level funding to advance the sport in the province during 2020 – 2021.

The next year's grant application is anticipated to allow for the inclusion of Member Assistance Program (MAP) funding. MAP funding flows through to member clubs. One of the criteria that will influence the amount of funding is how many Coaches we have. Sask Sport requires all Coaches to have completed the "Respect in Sport" course. Respect in Sport is a three-hour on-line course that educates youth leaders, coaches, officials and participants (14-years and up) to recognize, understand and respond to issues of bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination.

You will hear more about this in the months to come. But anyone who is interested in taking the course at this time is welcome to do so. The link is: <http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/RiS/>. Since 'Pickleball' is not yet included in the list of recognized sports,

select 'Sask Sport'. Once you have completed the course and received your certificate, please notify [Brenda Fry](#).

The Respect in Sport course is also recognized by the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

2. Officiating

Pickleball Canada has launched a new three-level program for referees. Complete details are found on PC's website under the [Rules/Officiating](#) tab.

Karen Rust, Head Official for the Province of Saskatchewan, along with committee members: Norm Drummond, Jason Windjack and Doug Kramble are responsible for training referees and lines people, upgrading referees, managing referee and technical supplies and maintaining the registry of officials.

Now that we have access to courts for practice and evaluation purposes, rollout of the new program can start in Saskatchewan.

Existing referees and scorekeepers will be the first to be brought into the new program. Once this is complete, opportunities will be provided for new referee candidates. The on-line meeting tool, ZOOM, will be used for classroom sessions in order to maintain physical distancing. On-court training and practice will be held in small groups with the appropriate safety considerations.

3. Mark your Calendars- 2021 Tournaments

a) Western Canadian Regional Championship

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

b) 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**.

c) Saskatchewan Provincial Championship

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

4. New Concussion Protocol

Pickleball Canada has announced a new protocol for anyone that may suffer a potential concussion while playing or be showing concussion symptoms on the courts. Please review the new [concussion protocol](#) as it will be in force for all members.

Remember to renew your Pickleball Regina membership when notified so your Sport Accident insurance remains in force and you will be invited to register for organized play and training opportunities when offered!

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