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1. Pickleball Canada National System - Launch!

Pickleball Canada has been developing a fully integrated system for pickleball clubs across Canada. The Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS) will bring together many of the independent systems now being used into one single integrated system. Modules include membership, rating brackets, scheduling, websites and tournament play/results across the country, with the membership and website modules to be implemented in phase one.

Saskatchewan will be one of the first provinces to implement the membership and website modules. Conversion planned for early March 2021.

2. Pickleball Canada- Membership Changes

Pickleball Canada will be adjusting its annual membership dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 effective April 1, 2021. This will bring the total annual fee for membership in Pickleball Canada/Saskatchewan/Regina to \$20.00 plus service fees (\$21.55).

An in-depth review of expenses and initiatives at the national level to both manage rapid growth and to continue to prioritize and improve the advancement of pickleball for all, has resulted in this decision. Rising costs of insurance for members is a major contributor to the need to adjust the fees.

As part of the new system, all memberships will be changed to expire on December 31st of each year. During 2021 your renewal reminder email will still come at the start of the month of your current expiry date, but your renewal will only extend your membership until December 31st.

Going forward, all members will renew during December for January 1st of the following year. New members (or late renewals) can be done at any time throughout the year; however, the membership will still expire on December 31st.

Any renewals or new members joining October 1st through December 31, 2021 will expire December 31st of 2022.

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

Please review and update your profile on www.pickleballcanada.org prior to conversion in early March with current information – including **birthdate, gender and emergency contact** information. Contact membership@pickleballregina.ca if you have questions or need assistance.

3. Changes to Shootouts – The Times, they are Changing

Shootouts have been a very popular form of play for our members for several years. They evolved from the early days with a spreadsheet program tracking wins and losses and assigning a ranking number. In October 2019, we started using the Clique & Club program to calculate a four digit rating which is similar to the UTPR used by USA Pickleball.

There is a new and exciting option which Pickleball Regina will implement when play resumes, thanks to the recent agreement between Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Brackets. Pickleball Brackets is a leading provider of tournament and club management software. It is very user friendly and does a superior job calculating both performance based ratings and tournament ratings. The calculation takes into account the points scored and uses a 65/35 formula in determining the team rating to recognize that the weaker player will get 65% to 80% of the balls. More details on the calculation are found [here](#).

This calculation engine will also be used to implement the Canadian Tournament Player Rating (CTPR) for Canadian tournament players, which is in the development stage.

If you plan to participate in PRI's ladder (shootout) leagues in future or play in a PRI tournament, you can set up your profile now. You will go to <https://pickleballbrackets.com> and:

- 1) Click on 'Sign Up' to create your Player Profile and follow the steps indicated.
 - a. For your rating, use the highest of your club and tournament rating from the most recent [Member Ratings sheet](#), far right column. If you are not rated, consult with other players and visit the [Pickleball Canada website](#) for ratings information.
 - b. Notify [Les Kingston](#) if you would rather use your four digit Click and Club or UTPR ratings as your starting point in the ladder leagues. Note – adjustments can only be made before your first games are played.

- c. Don't forget to record your Pickleball Canada membership number as this will provide a link between the new Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS) and Pickleball Brackets.
- 2) Click on 'Clubs' in order to link your profile to Pickleball Regina (PRI).
- a. Search for PRI by clicking on the box to the left of 'Create a NEW Club'
 - b. In the search field, type 'Regina'
 - c. Tap on the PRI logo and click on "Become a Member".

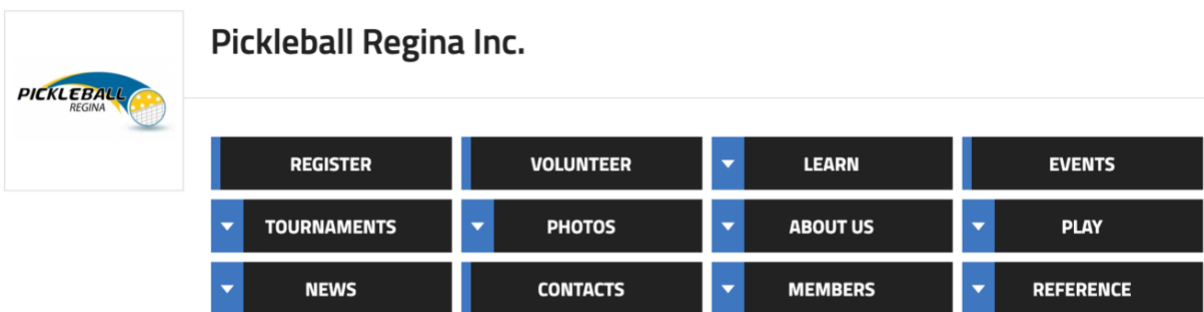
We are going to implement a few more recommended changes to ladder play leagues (formerly called shootouts) to make them more like a tournament/competitive experience. All games will be played to 11 and win by 2. Players will be arranged into groups of 4, 5, or 6 based on their performance rating. There will not be enough time in the normal two hour slot, for two rounds, so once you have partnered with every player in your group, you may use the remaining time for fun games or drilling.

Another nice feature of the new Pickleball Brackets system for performance ratings is you will be able to view the history of games played that contribute to your rating.

4. Pickleball Regina Web Site Re-Launch

As part of the PCNS, Pickleball Regina will relaunch our pickleballregina.ca website in early March 2021. It will offer easier navigation for you to locate needed information as well as being fully integrated with the membership system.

Information from the current site has been migrated to the new site or archived so our history has been stored for future reference. When the site is re-launched in March the navigation menu, with pull down folders, will be displayed as follows:



5. Health Orders Extended

In case you haven't heard, the Saskatchewan Health Orders have been extended to March 19th. They specifically state that "All team/group sports, activities, games, competitions, recitals, practices, etc. are suspended, including amateur and recreational leagues for all age groups." Anyone in contravention of these guidelines could be fined and should be aware that any insurance provided by Pickleball Canada is not in effect.

6. Mark your Calendars- 2021 Tournaments:

a) 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.

Watch for the registration (without payment) starting on April 5th with a final decision set for June 1, 2021.

b) True North Tournament

A new tournament scheduled for Saskatoon on **August 8-9, 2021**. Details soon.

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 10 - 15, 2021**.

d) Saskatchewan Provincial Championship

Saskatoon Pickleball Inc. will host the 2021 Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament. The dates are **August 28-29, 2021** at the new indoor Soccer Centre courts.

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