



Battlefords Pickleball Club

Newsletter: September 2020

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The purpose of the Battlefords Pickleball Club is to facilitate the development and promote the growth of pickleball as a fun, healthy sport and social activity in the Battlefords area.

BPC Board

We are pleased that members have volunteered to become Directors.

The Board Members are:

Debbie Iwanchuk, President
Adele Perrett, Secretary
Carol Oke, Treasurer
Niel Pentz, Director at Large

Rob Squair, Director at Large
Vanitha Moodley, Director at Large
Zelda Marshall, Director at Large

Membership

Thank you to all the players who became members of BPC in 2019 and continue to renew each year to support our club. Our membership currently stands at 75 members with approximately 33 due for renewal. We sure hope you plan to do so.

We are currently needing a volunteer to become a liaison/representative with Pickleball Saskatchewan to ensure we have a connection between our club and the provincial organization. Should you be interested or willing, please approach one of the Board members for further information.

Upcoming changes

Many members have enjoyed the benefits of playing at Northland Power Curling Center since Aug. 17, 2020; sadly however, that arrangement came to an end on Sept. 27, 2020 and prior to the installation of ice for the regular curling season. Members will return to the NationsWEST Field House which re-opened on Sept. 16, 2020. Initially the drop-in schedule will be as follows although NationsWEST Field House staff and management anticipate that an expansion to hours of operation/drop in opportunities will occur in time:

Wednesday	12:00 – 3:00 PM
Thursday	12:00 – 3:00 PM
Friday	12:00 – 3:00 PM

Tentative: Friday 6:00 – 8:00 PM; Sunday 12:00 – 3:00 PM

For information purposes, players may call ahead to reception and book courts outside of the above hours (calling ahead to ensure courts are available for play) or, rent a court(s) for a fee (check with field house reception for current rates/hour) which would guarantee play.

NationsWEST Field House requires players to abide by the following COVID-19 protocols:

- When courts are blocked off (drapes down) and social distancing can be maintained, 30 players are permitted. The facility has a maximum threshold of 180 patrons and staff in all areas when the above number is met.
- All areas of the FH are open
- Masks are not mandatory but recommended if you believe you cannot maintain your social distancing.
- Maximum play is 4 per court with social distancing between players
- When playing during drop-in times, COVID-19 protocols of the NationsWEST Field House apply to members/players
- When playing during rental arrangements Pickleball Canada/BPC protocols will be in effect.
- Showers are available but the shower curtains have been removed to improve the cleanliness of that area
- Facility staff are cleaning high use areas on an ongoing basis and a deep clean of each area 2X per day.
- All patrons (members included) will be required to sign in to assist with contact tracing and facility capacity.
- Hand sanitizers will be positioned at reception, and patrons are encouraged to bring their own. All washrooms have ample soap on hand.
- We will continue to store our equipment in the facility, but we will be required to disinfect the equipment and trolley with our own disinfecting solution each time it is brought out for use.
- Rentals are being charged an extra 8% due to COVID-19. This charge will be removed as soon as restrictions ease or City of NB dictates a change.
- There is one entry and one exit – clearly marked on the doors to assist with social distancing while entering or exiting the building.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation following the above protocols.

Good News ahead

In December 2019, Board members were invited to participate in the Battlefords Parks and Recreation Master Plan to hear from Battlefords Pickleball Club in respect to our future goals and wishes. Suffice it to say that within the report-back which was received Sept. 23, 2020 the future looks bright for pickleball in the Battlefords.

Please visit the City's website (www.cityofnb.ca) and the Town's website (www.battleford.ca) to review draft Master Plan material. You can provide your feedback on the draft Master Plan by clicking on the feedback link that accompanies the draft material. **Feedback will be collected between September 22nd and October 5th.**



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