



THE INSIDER

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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

1. PRI - DID You Know?

Pickleball Regina Inc (PRI) is dedicated to growing the sport for members of all ages and skills in the Regina region. The Programming Committee has worked diligently to provide structured programs aimed to respond to the interests of 850 members. PRI has also worked to respond to changing member needs by adjusting, revising and modifying programs to respond to feedback from members.

To provide an array of programs, PRI incurs costs for equipment, court rental, software, as well as special added expenses brought on by the ongoing pandemic. In addition, PRI has chosen to introduce a fee to build a fund for future use for more dedicated courts.

Volunteers work on behalf of the members to help guide PRI and its operations. Members elect a Board of Directors and entrust the directors to manage the organization in the best interest of the members.

Members have always been cost-sensitive and have not been shy about expressing their views that pickleball should continue to be affordable for all ages, skill levels and interests on a collective basis. PRI has worked to understand this view and provide programming at reasonable prices to cover costs while adding a small margin to fund the dedicated court fund.

When you join Pickleball Regina as a member, you immediately gain access to these benefits:

- Access to a variety of structured programs throughout the year
- Dedicated indoor and outdoor court times at affordable fees
- Insurance coverage in the event of injury while playing
- Certified coaches to help improve your game

- Structured instruction to become certified as coaches or referees
- Organized, sanctioned and fun tournaments
- A ratings process to test your skill and performance levels
- Ratings and scheduling software to support your play
- Equipment available at no added costs (Playmate ball machine)
- Opportunity to develop your volunteer and leadership skills
- The largest pickleball club in Saskatchewan and a leader in Canada
- Connections to SaskSport through Pickleball Saskatchewan for resource materials and information
- Membership in Pickleball Canada for support to have pickleball recognized as a national sport
- Grant supported innovation to build the game (youth program)
- Participation in the direction of PRI through the democratic process/AGM

2. Overhead Assessment

The Board has heard considerable feedback from members about the \$2.00 fee per session (\$1.00 per hour per play) that has been implemented to support PRI operations. Half the fee is being allocated to the dedicated courts fund for future court projects as recently reconfirmed at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

These fees are important to continually upgrade and renew pickleball equipment for the benefit of members playing in PRI structured programs. When you see charges of \$32 to \$34 per program, please remember that while it may look like a large cost, it's really for 2 hours of play for 16 or 17 weeks.

The Board continues to seek your feedback and ideas as this approach has been implemented for the winter program. Suggestions for alternative fee structures are welcomed by the Board. A review of PRI pricing will occur during the winter months.

3. Winter Programming – Easy Way to Sign Up

Registration for Winter sessions is well underway – over 250 members have already signed up. You can register for as many sessions as you like. Visit the PRI website for latest version of the [2022 winter schedule](#) (subject to change). A few programs have recently been cancelled due to low enrollment.

To register for the various programs that interest you, log in to Sign Up Genius today. For easy access, download the “Sign Up Genius” app to your phone or log in at www.signupgenius.com on your computer. Note that you do not need to wait for an email link, if there is a timeline, you can just log in to SUG and refresh your screen at the given time to sign up.

4. Membership Renewals

With the implementation of the new Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS) earlier this year, all memberships now expire December 31st annually. If you renewed or joined prior to October 1st your membership expires December 31, 2021. Please renew your membership today to continue to be a member in good standing and be eligible to register for the Winter programs and many activities sponsored by PRI over the coming year. Members that joined/renewed October 1st or later, will not expire until December 31, 2022.

Check your email for a renewal link from Pickleball Canada or go to www.pickleballregina.ca and click on the JOIN-RENEW button.

Fees continue to be \$5.00 for PRI, plus \$5.00 for Pickleball Saskatchewan and \$10.00 for Pickleball Canada. You can also join additional clubs and only pay the additional club's fee (and additional Provincial fee if additional club is outside Saskatchewan).

5. Youth Pickleball League (YPL)

PRI launched a program for youth aged 10-17 years in September -October 2021. 20-24 young players were coached by our volunteer coaches for six weeks to learn the basics of pickleball. The session was highly successful with many positive comments from both youth and families that participated.

With the huge demand, PRI will offer two sessions for 10–14-year-olds, on a weekly basis, starting January 12-February 9th and February 16th-March 2nd at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. In addition, a session for 7–9-year-olds will be piloted between March 16-30, 2022. Please contact [Georgia Hearn](#), Project Lead for more details.

6. Want to Volunteer – We Need YOU!

PRI will need many volunteers to help as we prepare to host the Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championships in Regina in July 2022. Needs for a variety of roles are needed so let us know about your availability.

For members that are working towards certification as referees, and want some on-court practice time, the QCPH Prairie Polar Pickleball Playdown on January 27-31, 2022 is the place for you. Let us know about your interest to support our partner at this important tournament as we gear up for tournaments in 2022.

The Board is also looking for a person to assist as a recorder for the various Board meetings. This role involves keeping the meeting minutes from the monthly Board meetings. For an interested person, the role can expand to become a full Director as the Secretary to the Board.

For any of these volunteer opportunities, click [HERE](#) to let us know about your skills and interests.

7. Rule changes coming for 2022.....

The main change that will immediately impact club play, is with respect to the wrong score being called:

If a player thinks a wrong score has been called, a player may stop play to ask for a correction before the ball is served. If it has been served, the rally is to be played out and the score correction (if any) is made before the next serve occurs.

8. Mark your Calendars- 2022 Tournaments

a) Prairie Polar Pickleball Playdowns

Scheduled for January 27-31 at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. Registration is underway. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

b) Pickleball Canada National Championship

The “Nationals” are planned for Kingston on June 20-26, 2022. Click [HERE](#) for details.

c) Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship

Scheduled to **July 22 - 24, 2022** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. For more information, click [Here](#)



Happy Holidays from your 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors:

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Questions or comments:

Let us know at pickleballreginainc@gmail.com

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