



THE INSIDER

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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

1. 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. The Organizing Committee is compiling various roles and needs. Please watch for an upcoming Sign Up Genius “expression of interest” invite, where you can indicate the area(s) you’d be willing to volunteer.

For members interested as referees or line judges, we need you! Officials are needed for the Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Championship in April and the Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship in July. Sign up is now open for referees and line judges for both events on www.pickleballdesk.com.

2. Winter Programs Continue

PRI Winter Program continues to end of April – Prices have been reduced for the remaining weeks. Join as many sessions as you like - the more the merrier - let's fill the courts!

Click [here to see the current schedule](#) - Links to sign up are below. You can also log in to Sign Up Genius (SUG) at anytime to view various sessions at Laval and Queen City Pickleball Hub (QCPH) locations.

There are some open spots especially for the newer members – see the SUG links below for several Recreational sessions on various days and times at both locations!

Reminder to all - the weekly sign up's are important for court allocation - Please sign up for the upcoming week if you plan to attend and if you know you won't be there, arrange for a spare and sign up putting the spare's name in the comments.

Are you signed up as a spare and not getting called? – ensure your phone number is in the comments!

Or sign up at the reduced cost for a regular spot and come every week!

SUG [Link](#) to sessions at Laval

SUG [Link](#) to sessions at QCPH (multiple tabs)

Membership questions or assistance – email membership@pickleballregina.ca

3. Ratings Update

Congratulations to the members that participated in the skills rating process on February 5th and games on February 13 and 27th. From the smiles on the many faces, it was apparent that members enjoyed the sense of achievement in going through this rating option.

Skill based ratings sessions will be scheduled regularly in coordination with the PRI programming events so members can play at levels based on their skill rating.

Members with a ranking through ladder play (Pickleball Brackets) are encouraged to continue with ladder play to build their rating in competitive play.

4. Dedicated Courts

The City of Regina recently announced their intention to begin planning for a new dedicated pickleball facility at Douglas Park. PRI was asked for input to assist the planning process. In the submission from PRI, we have included a potential commitment to help fund the new facility. Funding would be provided from the dedicated court fund that members have been funding since 2017. While nothing has been finalized, your Board believes this is an opportunity to employ this fund as an investment in the continued development of pickleball in Regina.

5. Places to Play

Tuxedo Courts, located at 1575 Elliott Street is now open for play. With five hardwood courts, you can pay the \$10.00 drop-in fee and try out this new facility weekday afternoons after 1:30pm. Call 306-531-6998 for bookings and reservations.

6. Did You Know?

In 2019, Pickleball Canada awarded the Western Regional Championship to be hosted by Pickleball Regina in 2020. With the pandemic, it was postponed and is now planned for July 2022 at the International Trade Centre (ITC) at Evraz Place.

The bid was successful based on several key factors including:

- 24 courts are available. (We are planning on using 18 with the option to expand should demand require expansion).
- Expanded room is available for spectators, volunteers, officials, sponsors booths, vendors and competitors.
- The venue is air-conditioned.
- LED lighting has been installed.
- Access for food services.
- Dedicated parking will be available.
- Available housekeeping and technical support from Evraz staff.

7. Summer Programming

Planning has started for outdoor play during the summer months. Scheduling is planned for the facilities at Mahon Courts and Douglas Park Courts. We appreciate the cooperation of the Arcola East Community Association who supports our application for court rental from the City of Regina. Indoor programming is being considered for the QCPH for the summer also. Watch for details on pricing and court times in the coming weeks.

8. 2022 Rule Changes

Rule changes have been made effective January 1, 2022. These have been approved by the International Federation of Pickleball and are applicable to all PRI sanctioned events. Click [HERE](#) for details.

9. Youth Pickleball League (YPL)

Another winter session for 10–14-year-olds is underway at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. This five-week session will run until March 23, 2022. A session for 7–9-year-olds is open for registration for March 16–30, 2022. Please contact [Georgia Hearn](#), Project Lead for more details.

10. Membership Renewals

With the implementation of the new Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS), all memberships now run January 1 – December 31. If you have not renewed for 2022, please renew your membership [today](#) to continue to be a member in good standing and be eligible to register for programs and activities sponsored by PRI.

Annual membership 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 the club is outside Saskatchewan).

If you know someone who did not receive the newsletter it could be that their membership has expired or that they do not have the "opt in to emails" box checked. Active or expired members can log in to www.pickleballcanada.org and view/update their profile information.

If you have questions or would like a direct renewal link sent to you, please contact membership@pickleballregina.ca

11. Living with COVID-19

With the lifting of the guidelines by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the provincial government related to COVID, PRI will continue to provide sanitization supplies at PRI programs. We are seeking your cooperation to be respectful to anyone that feels the need for more personal protection by masking.

We still would ask you to be careful, take personal responsibility for your actions by self-monitoring and if not feeling well, to stay away from play until you are feeling better. If you have concerns, get tested, and be vigilant for the following 5-7 days to be sure you are not contagious.

12. Mark your Calendars - 2022 Tournaments

a) Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Championship

Pickleball Saskatchewan has partnered with the Queen City Pickleball Hub to host the "Provincials" on **April 29-May 1, 2022**. Registration started on February 20, 2022. 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

The Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship has been scheduled to **July 22 - 24, 2022** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. Registration starts on **April 4, 2022**. For more information, click [HERE](#).

13.2022 SSFA 55+ Games

The Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association will hold the 55+ Seniors Games in Prince Albert on June 14-16, 2022. Pickleball will be among the various competitions at the games. These competitions set the stage for the Canada 55+ games, scheduled for August 23-26, 2022 in Kamloops, BC.

If you are interested, you will be required to qualify in your geographic zone to be named to play at the Senior Games. Go to www.ssfa.ca for more details.

14. Save the Date - 2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM is being planned for October 15, 2022 at 7:00pm. At this time, a decision has not been made whether the meeting will be virtual, in-person or a hybrid approach. If you are interested in being a nominee for the Board of Directors, please contact any member of the current Board.

Meet your 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

President – Reg Lakness

Vice-President – Randy Dove

Treasurer – Joyce Rieder

Secretary – Randy Dove

Directors at Large – Al Carpentier, Donna Loran, Lonnie Dynna, Georgia Hearn, Murray Bennett, Marilyn Picard and Steven Sagal

Questions or comments:

Let us know at pickleballreginainc@gmail.com

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