



Policy: Minors' Participation in Programs

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### **Introduction:**

Pickleball Regina Inc. (PRI) is focused on the growth of the sport of pickleball and the inclusion and development of players of all ages.

### **Purpose and Scope:**

Pickleball Regina Inc. is committed to promoting the safety and well-being of minors who engage in authorized pickleball programs. PRI expects all members that may be involved in programming for minors will adhere to the PRI policies with emphasis on the Code of Conduct and on court Sports Etiquette.

### **Definitions:**

- A "minor" is a PRI member younger than 18 years.
- A parent or guardian is a mother, father, stepmother, stepfather or grandparent.
- A "trusted adult representative" is an adult that has been deemed as an acceptable person to accompany a minor by a legal parent or guardian.

### **Expectations:**

For the purposes of this policy, the following guidelines will apply:

- All minors will be current members of Pickleball Regina Inc. (including Pickleball Saskatchewan and Pickleball Canada).
- All minors expecting to play at PRI scheduled programs need to register in advance.
- PRI programming and equipment fees will be paid by all minor players.
- PRI memberships are not transferable between any members.
- All PRI members are subject to the policies of PRI including disciplinary action in the event of a formal complaint about another member's behaviour.

### **Implementation:**

PRI will involve minor aged members as follows:

- Members younger than 10 years of age will not be permitted in PRI scheduled programs due to safety concerns and the level of physical and cognitive development.

- Members aged between 10 years and less than 16 years can participate in recreational youth focused programs and tournaments with the on-site supervision of a host(s).
- Members between 16 to less than 18 years can register and play/spare unaccompanied in any appropriate PRI program related to their skill level and club rating where applicable. A parent or guardian will be required to sign a waiver indicating their permission and understanding of the terms within which their minor member can participate in PRI programs.

**Review:**

As this is a direction new to PRI, the policy and guidelines for minors' participation will be reviewed annually and adjusted as needed to meet the needs of all affected PRI members.