



THE INSIDER

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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

1. Want to Volunteer – We Need YOU!

Our thanks to you for volunteering so help PRI! We still will need many more volunteers to help as we prepare to host the Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championships in Regina in July 2022. The Organizing Committee has developed a sample of many of the roles so that you can volunteer in areas of most interest to you. Click [HERE](#) for details.

For members interested as referees or linespersons, we need you! Officials are needed for the Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Championship in April and the Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship in July.

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

Pickleball Regina is looking for a volunteer to perform the duties of the Secretary position. Duties include recording meeting minutes, maintaining organizational documents and records and coordinating meeting materials for monthly Board meetings. If you are curious about this role, please contact pickleballreginainc@gmail.com.

2. Summer Programs

The Programming Committee has developed the schedule for the May-September summer program for PRI. Click [HERE](#) for the current schedule.

Fees for the outdoor summer program remain unchanged for 2022. Unlimited outdoor play fees at Mahon and Douglas Park Courts between May 1- September 30, 2022 are set at \$50.00 per member.

The indoor play schedule, fees and sign up for May-June 2022 at the Queen City Pickleball Hub is available [HERE](#). PRI is supporting these programs at the QCPH over the summer.

3. Working Together – Member Ratings

PRI and QCPH have agreed to partner and offer an integrated approach to member ratings. This means that the skills phase will continue and the games will shift to an on-court assessment led by Phil and Anna from the QCPH to monitor overall player performance.

Both PRI and QCPH have agreed to accept these ratings and recognize them as valid for PRI and QCPH program eligibility.

Contact the [QCPH](#) directly to inquire about upcoming rating opportunities.

4. Skill Ratings and Ladder Rankings – What’s the Difference?

We have received tons of questions from you about how the skill-based ratings and the ladder results through Pickleball Brackets works. Recently the Ratings Committee met to sort out how these two systems can co-exist.

While both systems use a similar number scale, there are key differences in how the rating values are determined.

For skills-based ratings, the measurement is based the player’s ability to demonstrate a variety of shots (drops, volleys, serves, etc.) with consistency and accuracy, combined with 3 ratings games where an overall point threshold must be achieved. This process is intended to approximate a skill level as described in the standard ratings definitions.

When it comes to Pickleball Brackets (PB), the ratings are calculated based on game results against other players. While [many factors influence](#) how many rating points will be gained or lost, it really comes down to wins and losses. As ladder play continues, players will trade rating points back and forth with each other. Given this, the PB rating mostly represents your relative rank within the club ladders and is not meant to closely follow the standard ratings definitions (that is the intent of the skill-based ratings).

In simple terms, skill-based ratings are the result of the assessment made through skills and games, while your PB rating shows your rank within the ladder.

PRI will be updating our club ratings to show both skill based and PB ratings alongside each other. This will show players their skill grouping, as well as their player rank within the competitive ladders. Both sets of ratings are important in helping the Programs Committee understand the skill level of the membership to inform program design to give everyone the best on court experience.

5. Future Dedicated Courts

With the City of Regina announcing their intention to begin planning for a new dedicated pickleball facility at Douglas Park, PRI has provided 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 include the \$80,000 dedicated court fund that members have been funding since 2017. Your Board believes this is an opportunity to employ this fund as an investment in the continued development of pickleball in Regina.

6. Membership Update

PRI is pleased to report that our membership has reached 875 current members. Our thanks to you for renewing your membership and supporting Pickleball Regina as one of the larger clubs in Canada. Your support provides PRI with a solid base for programming, volunteers and enough size to pursue grants and funding as a non-profit organization in Saskatchewan.

7. Youth Pickleball League (YPL)

The youth pickleball lessons have concluded with about 65 new members completing the 5-week learning process. The pilot for the U-10 group (7-9 years) was also successful with about 24 participants over the three-week program. These new programs have led to the introduction of a youth league with up to 15 of the “grads” playing on a weekly basis.

The youth program has exceeded all expectations and has been a huge success and is also one of the first programs of this size in Canada. Congratulations to all the new PRI members from the youth program, their parents for support, the coaches that spent endless hours teaching and Georgia Hearn for her dedication to make this program work. For information about future youth programs, please contact [Georgia Hearn](#), Project Lead for more details.

8. Save the Date - 2022 Annual General Meeting

The 2022 AGM is being planned for October 15, 2022 at 7:00pm. Currently, the Board is considering either a virtual or in-person event. If you have a preference, please let us know.

The Nominations Committee (Randy Dove, Al Carpentier and Marilyn Picard) is also looking for nominees for the Board as several terms are set to expire in October. If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Director, please contact rwd51@sasktel.net.

9. 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**. 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 Viterra International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. For more information, click [HERE](#). Special thanks to our sponsors (shown as part of the Western Regionals on Pickleball Brackets) for their generous support of this event.

10. 2022 SSFA 55+ Games

Meet new friends, get active and have fun!

- Five Pin Bowling
- Contract Bridge
- Darts
- Cribbage
- Bank Shuffleboard
- Golf
- 8-Ball
- Slo-Pitch
- Swimming
- Kaiser
- Track & Field
- Pickle Ball
- Poetry & Short Story Writing

Who can take part?
Games are open to Saskatchewan residents who will be 55 years of age or older as of December 31, 2022. Participants must become members of the Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association (SSFA). Contact district representative for membership & games info.
Unlimited number of participants in each event/age category except Pickle Ball.

Scan this QR Code to visit our website.

To register, contact your respective District Representative under Register on the website.

Meet your 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

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Georgia Hearn*, Murray Bennett, Marilyn Picard and Steven Sagal*

*Term expires at the October 2022 AGM.

Questions or comments:

Let us know at pickleballreginainc@gmail.com

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