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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

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Member Survey

In November 2022, PRI initiated an engagement survey to support the PRI Board in developing programs and training aligned to the desire of their members.

Thanks to Colin McAllister and Perspect Coaching and Consulting for managing the survey.

Thanks to the 492 members who responded to the survey. Your input is appreciated and helps to guide the board going forward.

Key Findings:

- Deliver more organized beginner training and programming
- Provide more play time for working members (evenings)
- Less focus on the competitive programming / less focus on ratings
- Improve a new member orientation process
- More welcoming to all
- More consistent approach to ratings
- More consistent approach to scheduling training/skills/drills (need to have evening opportunities)
- More affordable fees (programs, access to courts etc.)

By the Numbers (based on the respondents):

- The majority (82%) feel PRI is doing good or very good in all categories surveyed
- 2.6 years; average time playing pickleball
- 3.25 was the average rating
- Average of 2.5 sessions per week currently – 3.1 sessions/week is the desired amount of play
- 49% prefer morning; 20% afternoon; 31% evening
- 61% retired, 26% Full time, 7% Self-employed, 6% Part time
- 49% can play all months (this is lower amongst retired members/lowest in Jan/Feb)
- 87% - over 55 years old
- 58% females, 42% males
- 58% also play golf, approx. 25% involved in other racquet sports
- Mixed doubles are the most preferred match (Close behind men's and women's doubles)
- Approx. 15% want to play with the same partner
- 76% selected some form of recreational game as their top choice
- 17% selected competitive ladders/leagues as top choice

- 7% are interested in competitive tournaments as a first choice
- 38% prefer indoor, 22% outdoor – 40% don't care
- Organized programs are deemed the most important offering by PRI
- Health/Fitness is the top personal goal / followed fun have fun/socialize
- 69% would like training / coaching
- 20% are satisfied or very satisfied with rating system in place
- 30% would be interested in some form of volunteering

For members who want to view the survey summary report, contact admin@pickleballregina.ca

Winter 2023 Pickleball Schedule

Pickleball Regina Inc. (PRI) and the Queen City Pickleball Hub (QCPH) have announced the 2023 Winter Program Schedule!

Some highlights of Winter programs:

- Changes to skill categories for expanded program eligibility
- New programs for developing players
- PRI Host Volunteers play for FREE!

Visit the [2023 Winter Programs](#) page on the PRI website for complete details and the most up to date program information.

IMPORTANT: The QCPH has recently updated court fees for the 2023 season and introduced Prime Time hours Monday-Thursday, 5PM-9PM. There are many payment options available including passes, prepaid, punch cards and pay as you go. Learn more on their website:

<https://www.queencitypickleballhub.com/fees>

Club Ratings

Pickleball Regina maintains club ratings for all active members. Having this information is useful when creating programs for members. It indicates the types of sessions we should offer and communicates to members what level of play they should expect in any program. Grouping similarly skilled players leads to some of the most exciting and fun games where the outcome could go either way!

Various sources are used to determine a club rating. When more than one exists, **the highest available rating is the one that's used for the club rating.**

These sources include:

- Skill rating assessments from PRI or the Queen City Pickleball Hub
- Rated PRI ladder leagues ([Pickleball Brackets](#) or [Global Pickleball Network](#))
- Sanctioned tournament ratings ([CTPR](#) or [UTPR](#))
- Existing club ratings

****IMPORTANT:** The highest rating from any of the above sources is what's used to determine your club rating, **including previous club ratings**. That means that your club rating will never go down through tournaments or ladder play. However, if you do achieve a **higher** rating through ladder play, that will become your new club rating.

This information is also available on our [website](#).

2023 Pickleball Canada National Championship

Planning is continuing for the 2023 National Championship coming to Regina on August 23-27, 2023 as we have less than 250 days until the tournament starts.



With up to 700 athletes and 300 volunteers, this event will showcase pickleball for Canada. Registration starts May 15, 2023. Go to pickleballbrackets.com for more information.

For interested referees with a certification level, please check pickleballdesk.com to indicate your interest to help as we will need many referees to support this event.

Future Tournaments:

February 11, 2023, Pickleball Yorkton Midwinter Tournament, an unsanctioned tournament for all levels, hosted by Pickleball Yorkton.

February 17-19, 2023, Prairie Polar Pickleball Playdown, a sanctioned tournament hosted by QCPH at REAL District.

June 9-11, 2023, Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Championship, hosted by the Saskatoon Pickleball Club with play at the Warman Home Centre Communiplex.

July 7-9, 2023, Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship, hosted by the Medicine Hat Pickleball Club, Medicine Hat, AB.

August 23-27, 2023, Pickleball Canada National Championship at the Viterra International Trade Centre and Queen City Pickleball Hub. Check out pickleballbrackets.com for details.

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