**Welcome to the Bow Valley Pickleball Association!**

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**The following information tells you many things you need to know about how our club operates and how you can start to enjoy playing pickleball in the Bow Valley.**

**You can access our website**[**HERE**](https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/bow-valley-pickleball-association/32481/) **for more current information. We also have a Facebook page accessed**[**HERE**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bowvalleypickleball.org)**.**

**BVPA Pickleball Seasons**

At BVPA, we run two pickleball seasons: **Outdoor Play and** **Indoor Play.**

Our **Outdoor Play** season runs May 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023 and a weekly signup link is emailed to members for scheduled sessions.  We do not do drop-in play - all club play is scheduled.  Outdoor play is scheduled for both the Larch multipurpose rink (1200 17 Street, concrete surface) and Veterans Park (925 9 Street, traditional hard court). Outside of scheduled court play, public play times are available on a drop-in basis.

We have divided our **Indoor Play** season into three separate sessions (Fall - November/December, Winter - January/February and Spring - March/April). For all indoor play, we presell “Ticket Packets” which members may purchase online through our website. Information about our 2023-24 Indoor season will be forthcoming through our email newsletters, website, and Facebook. Indoor play is in Room 200 at the Canmore Recreation Centre, 1900 8 Avenue.

**Round Robin Play**

BVPA play is primarily Round Robin Play. Once you have signed up for specific sessions on your weekly signup (a new link is emailed each week), just show up for your session, sign in and get your player number. Each Outdoor session has a Captain who will organize the session and get you going on your round robin. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early as the round robin play schedule is based upon the actual number in attendance at the start of your session. Participants are responsible for helping set up or take down the nets as required. BVPA provides the balls.

**Levels of Play**

With just under 200 members, we have developed a structured approach to play based upon player skill level from Novice 2.0, Novice 2.5, Intermediate 3.0 and Advanced. **Players new to pickleball begin at the Novice 2.0 level where the play is often mentored**. Admission to Advanced play requires club consultation with Helen Thomson, Membership Services (helen@bowvalleypickleball.org) and/or a scheduled Challenge Round Robin.  More information about our **BVPA Skill Levels of Play is attached**[**HERE**](https://files.trackie.com/uploads/redactor/2023-07-07-14-12-15-1814339574-30606.pdf)**.**

**Pickleball Etiquette**

Please read and abide by our BVPA Etiquette Guidelines. These can be found [HERE](https://files.trackie.com/uploads/redactor/2022-11-16-00-39-05-1402087631-146.pdf) and are on the website for your review as necessary.

Have any questions or comments?

Feel free to contact Vice-President/Membership Services Helen Thomson (helen@bowvalleypickleball.org) or Secretary/New Member Coordinator Sheila Churchill (sheila@bowvalleypickleball.org).

See you on the courts!