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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

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Indoor Programming

Indoor programming is underway at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. Various offerings for members are available to respond to your interests.

Go to [CourtReserve online schedule](#) for the current line up of programs.

If you have ideas on new/different or more program times, please let us know at admin@pickleballregina.ca

Check back often as the schedule is live and may change in response to member requests (e.g. All Levels Open Play added Mondays at 5:00pm).

Outdoor Summer Programming

Pickleball Regina has submitted our request to the City of Regina for permits for outdoor play at Douglas Park and Mahon Courts. The new, 12 court Douglas Park facility is scheduled to be available by June 1, 2024. The permits for courts will be received by March 2024. Programming begins on May 1st, weather permitting. Ongoing, indoor programming will continue at the Queen City Pickleball Hub over the summer months.

New Members - Learn to Play

A reminder that Pickleball Regina Inc., offers a one-time two hour introductory Learn to Play Pickleball session for new members. Loaner paddles, balls, and protective eyewear (if needed) will be provided. Cost is \$17.00 plus service fees to cover court rental at the Queen City Pickleball Hub. For more information, contact training@pickleballregina.ca.

Youth Programming

With our continued effort to develop programs for youth, PRI will be offering Youth Learn to Play sessions in February-March and activating the youth league during February-March 2024. Details are being finalized. Contact georgia.hearn@pickleballregina.ca for more information.

2024 Membership Renewals

Thanks to those who have already renewed for 2024. Those who have not renewed can log in to their account to renew now OR email membership@pickleballregina.ca to have a direct renewal link emailed to them.

2024 Rule Changes – Highlights

Correcting Server, Receiver and Player Position Errors (4.B.9)

Faults for incorrect server, incorrect receiver and player position errors are eliminated. The referee will now correct any such player errors before calling the score. Rule 4.B.9 is the primary rule text. Several other rules have been modified or deleted to correlate with this change.

Draping Net (2.C.6/11.L.5.b)

Rule 2.C.6 called for a replay when a ball goes over the net and hits a net that is draped on the ground (except on a serve) but only if the referee determined that the ball was affected by the draped net. This rule, and Rule 11.L.5.b for temporary nets, now call for a replay without qualification. A determination that the ball was affected by the draped net is now not required in officiated or non-officiated play.

Catch or Carry Ball on the Paddle (7.L)

Rule 7.L now makes catching or carrying a ball on the paddle a fault without having to determine that the catch or carry was deliberately done.

Conceding a Rally (13.E.4/13.E.5)

Rule 13.E.5 calls for a replay when a player overrules to their detriment a line judge's 'out' call as 'in.' The player or team may now choose to concede the rally to their opponent if they determine they would have been unable to return the 'in' ball.

Similarly, Rule 13.E.4 calls for a replay when the referee overturns a line judge's out call as in. The player or team who benefitted from the referee's ruling may now choose to concede the rally to their opponent if they determine they would have been unable to return the 'in' ball.

Similarly, Rule 13.E.4 calls for a replay when the referee overturns a line judge's out call as in. The player or team who benefitted from the referee's ruling may now choose to concede the rally to their opponent if they determine they would have been unable to return the 'in' ball.

Medical Time-Outs (10.B.2.c)

A player is now allowed to use available standard time-outs after the 15-minute medical time-out has expired to allow more time before the player must retire from the match.

NOTE related to medical time-outs: *A request for a medical time-out cannot be rescinded even if the request to rescind it is made before medical personnel arrive. Once requested, the medical time-out is required to be charged to the player.*

Paddle Specifications (2.E.2/2.E.5.a/2.E.5.c)

Paddle specifications have been updated to address new and emerging paddle technology and features and to clarify the alterations that players are allowed to make to certified paddles.

Mini-Singles (12.O)

Mini singles is currently an approved format. The specific rules governing mini singles are now incorporated in the Rulebook.

Go to <https://pickleballcanada.org/officiating/demo-officiating-program-information/> for the complete 2024 Pickleball Rule Book.

Pickleball Reaches Full Sport Recognition

In case you missed the announcement, Sask Sport has recognized pickleball in Saskatchewan as having reached full sport status. This is an honour as Saskatchewan joins Nova Scotia as the only provinces with this level of recognition. Reaching full sport status means that the province has enough certified coaches, referees and clubs to join other sporting organizations as fully functioning sporting communities. Congratulations to Pickleball Saskatchewan Inc., for the leadership and commitment to encouraging the many provincial clubs to work with members to achieve this milestone!

PRI Welcomes New Directors!

At the Annual General Meeting, five new directors joined the Board of Pickleball Regina. We welcome Tony Coppola, Les Covey, Sheldon Gray, Stanley Head and Keith Kawecky to the Board to fill out the eleven-person Board.

We thank the directors that retired for your service to help PRI grow to be a major club in Saskatchewan.

Longer Term Planning

PRI has started a longer-term planning process to consider the future priorities of the Club. We've had seven years of growth, success at managing major tournaments, introducing pickleball to hundreds of new members, solidifying our relationship with QCPH and building a solid financial base. The Board believes its timely to consider the future and what PRI can do to continue to provide excellent services and support to the pickleball community. As the direction is determined, more information will be provided to members.

Future Tournaments:

June 11-13, 2024, Sask. Seniors Fitness Association (SSFA) will host the 55+Games in North Battleford. Watch for details on how to qualify from the Regina Zone for this event.

June, 2024, Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Championship, Dates and location have not been finalized. Watch for details.

July 25-28, 2024, 2024 Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship, hosted by the Vernon Pickleball Club, Vernon, BC. Contact vpatouraments@gmail.com for information. Watch for details.

August 20-24, 2024, Myoflex 2024 Pickleball Canada National Championship, hosted by Pickleball Nova Scotia, being held at the Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre at Bedford, Nova Scotia. Contact djohnston@pickleballnovascotia.com for information.

Meet your 2023 – 2024 Board of Directors

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Questions or comments:

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