



Dear Pickleball Enthusiast,

We are excited to announce that we are hosting the **Red Deer Open Pickleball Tournament August 08 to August 11, 2024** This is a sanctioned tournament by [Pickleball Canada](#) and we expect to have over **600** skilled players from across North America competing in various events and levels.

As the new tournament Director, I would like to thank all volunteers that have helped in the past and future tournaments success. I know lots of the volunteers put in some long hours over the years. It is my goal to lead all teams to success, by having good team leads in place, clear and specific job duties, and scheduling shifts. The Tournament and Key Areas will have specific plans outlined and documented with a tournament playbook to support volunteers. Making this a very successful tournament and providing us a self-rewarding challenge as a club and for individual volunteers.

As you know, pickleball tournaments are not possible without the help of dedicated volunteers. At this point we are looking for individuals that can take on a challenge and lead a team to help with the success of the tournament and the overall goals of the club. You don't need to be the best pickleball player or know lots about the game, but strong leadership and management skills are considered an asset.

This call is for Team Leads. Here is what we have in place today: positions and vacant positions. If you feel you have the skills, please indicate which position you are interested in, or if not quite sure and need more clarification contact myself at [tournamentdirector@reddeerpickleball.com](mailto:tournamentdirector@reddeerpickleball.com)

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| Tournament Director   | Rich Thul  |
| <b>Tournament Desk Headquarters:</b><br>Heartbeat of the tournament keeps things moving, draws, check in, order tournament balls  | Lori Gillespie, Ryan Almo, Teresa Durette, Patrick Galesloot |
| <b>Round Robin onsite Coordinator:</b><br>Will work with the tournament desk and the Round Robin Captains & Referees to keep the Round Robins moving on the courts, training is provided. (Will | Team Lead - Vacant   |

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| require 10 court monitors per day to achieve the completion of tournament)   |                            |
| <b>Administration:</b><br>Budgets, invoicing P.O system sponsorship, funding, budget   | Teresa Durette             |
| <b>Facilities:</b><br>Prepares the courts and sites for tournament, set up & tear down, parking, food trucks, setting up practice courts<br><br>Must work with day to day facility group | Team Lead - Vacant         |
| <b>Special events coordinator:</b><br>Beer Gardens, permits, player lounge, create fun environment, tournament celebration, all logistics, order tents, ice, organize player food        | Dave Ginter, plus one more |
| <b>Referee in Chief:</b>   | Vacant                     |
| <b>Communications:</b><br>Check and write communications to players<br><br>Review and distribute all communications  | Vacant                     |
| <b>Referee software:</b>   | Doug Dewitt                |
| <b>Medical:</b>  | Joan Skiba                 |
| <b>Technology Coordinator:</b><br>Internet, we can dream, figure new ways of doing things  | Vacant                     |
| <b>Photos / Drones:</b><br>Will work with social media with daily footage  | Vacant                     |
| <b>Announcer / Medals Presenter:</b><br>Opening ceremonies, daily morning announcements, order medals, coordinate photos   | Vacant                     |

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| <b>Tourism:</b><br>Coordinate with City of Red Deer, work with hotels, campgrounds (we have past contact names)  | Vacant   |
| <b>Fundraising and Sponsorship:</b><br>Manage vendors, raise money, fundraising decks are prepared (we have past sponsors list)  | Vacant   |
| <b>Sponsorship coordinator:</b><br>Work with vendors, create signs, gather banner information from vendors, schedule vendors, lay out map for vendors, align logistics for fundraising sponsorship sales group | Vacant   |
| <b>Tournament Advisors:</b>  | Mike Murias, Gene Volmin, Mike Hoxie and GG          |
| <b>Social Media:</b><br>Post information play, vendors, medal winners, interviews posted daily   | Vacant   |
| <b>Pickleball Clinics prior or after tournament:</b>   | Vacant   |
| <b>Volunteering Coordinator:</b><br>Use Sign Up Genius or similar application to manage the specific teams<br><br>Assist in creating a volunteer schedule with team leads                                      | Vacant<br><br>Kelly Verduyn assisting Sign Up Genius |

Volunteering at a pickleball tournament is a great way to support our community, support the sport, support the vision of Red Deer Pickleball Club, meet new people, and have fun.

If you are interested in volunteering or co-volunteering for any of these positions, please send us an email with your name and your qualifications or interests. Once we have the team lead positions, we will start to fill up teams with volunteers.

Rich Thul

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*My Grandson asked me what is the most expensive thing we can buy? He is thinking of going to the moon to play hockey. He asked me and I said "Time".*

*I hope you can find the time to help with the success of the tournament. Let's all work together and make Red Deer a destination and a great place to play the game we love.*

*Sincerely*

*Rich*