

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

With Fall approaching and our daylight beginning to dwindle, we are adjusting the September Event schedule. The first morning events will start at 9:00 a.m. and our evening events will start at 5:00 p.m. We are also continuing to alternate the two morning events, so please have a second look when signing up.

Tuesday: up to 3.25 start time 9:00 a.m. 3.50+ start time 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Men's/Women's Round Robin start time: 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: September 5 Lightning Tournament (partner sign up) 9:00 a.m.

New Ladder September 12,19, 26 (3 week commitment) 9:00 a.m.

Skills & Drills starts 11:30 a.m.

Friday: King's Court start time 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: Mixed Doubles start time 9:00 a.m.

Doubles (F/F, M/M, M/F) start time 11:00 a.m.

We are forwarding this email message from the Manager of the South Cowichan Recreation Division regarding "Pickleball Court Usage". There have been questions about the 45 minute maximum play time on courts 5 & 6. This email addresses the issue.

Good Afternoon,

You are receiving this email today as you have been identified as a frequent user of the Kerry Park Outdoor Pickleball Courts and I just wanted to take a moment to pass along a few friendly reminders to ensure everyone has a pleasant experience while utilizing the facility.

Courts 1 to 4 are available for online booking to ensure users are able to block off a couple of hours and have a guaranteed space upon arrival. Many of you take advantage of this option and we are pleased with how smoothly this process has been working.

Courts 5 and 6 are available first come/first serve. This allows the general public to pop in last minute to utilize a court with family and friends. As stated on the signage located at the courts, the usage of these two courts needs to be limited to 45 minute maximum play. Users are not required to rotate out with other general public that show up, so we ask that you please respect the timelines that the Cowichan South Recreation Commission has set and allow those that are using these courts to use their full time without feeling like they need to get off early or rotate play. I recognize that some other courts are run differently and patrons are required to rotate off after each game, however our courts are different. The Commission wanted to allow a reasonable amount of time to encourage new players, families, friends, etc. to come have fun with their group and not feel pushed out by other users. This item was reviewed again last year by the Commission and there is no desire to adjust the timelines of the first come/first serve courts that allows 45 minutes of play.

Our goal is to ensure everyone feels welcome while utilizing the facility and that all patrons are following the guidelines outlined on the signage. I would certainly appreciate it if you and our Pickleball Community could share this information along to fellow players to ensure we are all on the same page and everyone is able to enjoy their time at the courts.

