

## **Strathcona County Pickleball Association**

### **Pickleball Machine Policy and Guidelines**

#### **For Members:**

- SCPA currently has two pickleball training machines available for use at Sherwood Heights.
- Court Reserve will be used to reserve a pickleball machine
- The member booking the machine is expected to recruit other members for the booking time slot. The members' names should be added to the optional informational field.
- The members must follow the pickleball machine tutor's instructions and understand the safety procedures before starting the practice.

#### **For Tutors:**

- The Equipment Director will arrange an annual training session for members to be trained on the use and operation of the pickleball machines.
- Players trained on the use of the pickleball machine will be authorized to sign out the machine for training purposes and will be given access to the Sherwood Heights Rink Shack to sign out the machine(s) and returning the same once training has been completed.
- When returning the machine to the Rink Shack cabinet, the machine shall be plugged in and locked in the cabinet.
- The players so authorized will be responsible for operating the machine on the courts, providing safety instructions, and supervising the use of the machine.

#### **Safety Precautions**

The machine can fire balls at a rate of 60 mph or 97 km/h. Here are some important safety precautions.

- Safety glasses are required to be worn by all users.
- Do not walk in front of the machine.
- Do not look into the ball ejector when operating the machine.
- Unsupervised children cannot be on the court when the machine is being used.
- The machine must be shut off if the hopper is empty or the machine is not being used. This will extend the battery life and prevent hidden balls from being unexpectedly projected.
- It is recommended to start the machine at lower speeds and then adjust accordingly.
- The machine will not always project the balls at the same speed due to elevation, wind, and the type of balls used.