

Dear Members,

The North Bay Pickleball Club is pleased to announce the **Algonquin Winter Blast Tournament**, taking place Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, 2026.

Since the decision was made to move forward and organize our tournaments electronically via Pickleballtournaments.com, you will notice that the Winter Blast is different in many ways from the Fall Blast, such as fees, requirements and registration method.

This decision was made to make it easier to run our tournaments. However, there is always a learning period when changing methods and we hope you will all work with us to achieve our goal.

DIVISIONS

Divisions are based on skill level to ensure fair and competitive play. Players must register according to their current North Bay Pickleball Club rating. Tournament Coordinators reserve the right to combine or adjust divisions based on registration numbers.

Mixed

- 3.25 and Under
- 3.5
- Over 3.5

Men

- 3.25 and Under
- 3.5
- Over 3.5

Women

- 3.0 and Under
- 3.25
- 3.5 and Over

SCHEDULE & LOCATION

All events will be held at Algonquin Gyms – Grade 7 & 8 Gym and Big Gym.

Mixed Divisions

Friday, April 10

4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Women's Divisions

Saturday, April 11

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Men's Divisions

Saturday, April 11

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Round-robin play followed by single-elimination playoffs
- Four (4) games guaranteed
- Format may vary slightly depending on registration numbers

Round Robin: One game to 15 points (win by 1)

Quarter-Finals & Semi-Finals: One game to 15 points (win by 1)

Bronze Medal Match: One game to 15 points (win by 2)

Championship Match: Best 2 out of 3 games to 11 (win by 2)

All results will be posted to DUPR.

ELIGIBILITY

Only registered 2025 Spring/Summer, 2025 Algonquin Fall, and 2026 Algonquin Winter North Bay Pickleball Club members are eligible to participate.

Registration code for Club members: **winterblast2026**

ENTRY FEES

\$45.00 per player

\$15.00 for each additional event

Please note there is a \$5.00 service charge per event (maximum \$10.00). This fee is not controlled by the Club and is non-refundable.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- First come, first served
- Limited to 10 teams per event

Players must register according to their North Bay Pickleball Club level of play. To promote fair and enjoyable matches, participants are asked to register in the event that best aligns with their current skill level. Players may choose to compete in a higher division but may not register below their established level.

If you do not have a partner and would like to participate, please contact a Board member.

Registration opens Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Registration closes Monday, March 23, 2026

Register at:

<https://pickleballbrackets.com?AlgonquinWinterBlast>

Assistance with registration will be available if needed.

SKILL REVIEW

Prior to the tournament, Coordinators will review player ratings to ensure proper placement. They reserve the right to move players to the appropriate division to maintain fair and competitive play.

DUPR ACCOUNT REQUIRED

A DUPR rating is not required; however, all participants must create a free DUPR account before registering.

To create your DUPR account:

1. Go to www.dupr.com or download the DUPR app
2. Click "Sign Up"
3. Enter your information
4. Create a password
5. Verify your email address

If you see a blue DUPR+ promotion with fees, simply return to the previous screen. There is no cost to create a DUPR account.

CREATE YOUR [PICKLEBALL.COM](http://www.pickleball.com) ACCOUNT

Next, you must create an account at www.pickleball.com and connect your DUPR account.

1. Go to www.pickleball.com
2. Click "Create account"
3. Enter your details
4. When prompted to create or connect a DUPR account and asked if you have an existing DUPR account, click "Yes"
5. Click "Create account"
6. Enter the verification code sent to your email address
7. Click "Verify & Create Account"

Please complete both account setups before registration opens to avoid delays.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds (minus non-refundable service charges and a \$10 administration fee) will be issued for withdrawals made on or before March 16, 2026. **Note: Refunds will be processed after the tournament.**

We look forward to two strong days of competitive play and great camaraderie.

Sincerely,

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