

Red Deer Pickleball Club to Host 2021 Pickleball Canada National Championship

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Pickleball Canada (PCO) is proud to announce the Red Deer Pickleball Club in Red Deer, Alberta, will be the host site for the 2021 Canadian National Pickleball Championship (Nationals). The dates of the championship are August 11-15, 2021.

The format of the Canadian National Pickleball Championship in 2021 will be an event open to all Canadian residents to crown the best-of-the-best players in Canada at all levels of play. The evolution of this event is that in time we will be able to select a National Team to represent our country at international events.

“The Red Deer Pickleball Club has been supportive of annual tournaments and provincial championships from the inception of the club to the present and we are appreciative of this committed and enduring relationship to the game,” said Richard Chambers, PCO President. “By holding a true national championship, we are providing additional opportunities for Canada’s best players to compete and crown a true Canadian champion.”

The Red Deer Pickleball Club has 20 permanent, outdoor, separately fenced courts, which were built in 2019. The venue features wind screens, virtually unlimited parking, permanent washrooms, and an area for an expo.

“The Red Deer Pickleball Club is honoured to be selected as the host site for the 2021 Canadian National Pickleball Championship,” said Gene Vollmin, Director of the Red Deer Competitions Committee. “We look forward to our partnership with PCO and the city of Red Deer in delivering a first-class national event. In Red Deer, our mission as a pickleball club is to grow our sport and host major competitions for all levels – men and women, professional and amateur, seniors and juniors. Hosting the 2021 Canadian National Pickleball Championship fits perfectly with our mission. We look forward to welcoming the best players from across Canada to compete at our dynamic new facility.”

With the 2021 Canadian National Pickleball Championship, Red Deer will become the first club to host a national championship in Alberta.

Canadian Open Pickleball Championship

Pickleball Canada's vision is to host two national events: the Canadian National Championship, an event open to Canadians, to crown the champions of Canada in all divisions; and the Canadian Open Championship, an event open to competitors from across Canada and around the world.

"I look forward to competing at both our Nationals against Canada's top players, and the Canadian Open against the world's best. Both events will grow our sport and encourage young players to play pickleball, compete, and raise their game" said Steve Deakin, Canada's top male player and International Ambassador for Pickleball Canada.

"Adding the Canadian Open has been part of our vision over the last two years at Pickleball Canada. We look forward to see it coming to fruition and hosting the best players across Canada and around in the world in our country" said Richard Chambers, President of Pickleball Canada.

Pickleball Canada is the only association in the world that will be hosting two national championships in a calendar year.

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