



# Pickleball Canada

*The fastest growing sport in North America*  
*Le sport qui affiche la croissance la plus rapide*  
*en Amérique du Nord*



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## President's Message - Dave Shepherd



I hope that you and your fellow players will be able to make it to Abbotsford, B.C. in July for our third Pickleball Canada National Open Championship.

Pickleball Canada has listed these possible accommodations for your convenience. We have arranged some special discounted

hotel rates which are shown below.

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**Fort Camping RV resort in Fort Langley** (30 minute drive), 9451 Glover Road, Fort Langley, Toll-Free: 1-866-267-3678 Tel: 604-888-3678.

#### Pickleball Canada National Open Championship T-Shirts

For the 1st time, a Pickleball Canada National Open Championship T-shirt is available!

You can order online from Pickleball Depot, you

can select men's and women's cut styles for only \$17.95 + taxes! Look good and play great with this 100% polyester pique knit



T-shirt, moisture wicking, anti-bacterial and tagless.

Your shirt can be mailed in

advance or you can pick it up at Nationals. A limited number of t-shirts will also be

available for sale at the tournament but why wait... order today! <http://pickleballdepot.ca>

#### Social Dinner:

Join us for a social dinner at 6:30 pm on Friday July 4 at the Phoenix Lounge & Global

Dining on 33780 King Road, Abbotsford, B.C. The cost of dinner is NOT included in the

National Tournament. \$10.00 dinner special menu includes Hi-rise burger, Margarita 10" pizza, old style fish & chips.

#### Member Information:

All PCO communications are by email only. Please notify Merrie Lee, PCO Membership Chair if your email address changes so that PCO can continue to send membership information and the newsletter to you.

#### Congratulations Kamloops Pickleball Club

##### Third Club Signs Up for New PCO Club/Group Membership

Great news! Pickleball Canada would like to welcome twenty three members of Kamloops Pickleball Club of Kamloops, B.C. as members of the third Affiliated Club. Thank you Kamloops Pickleball Club for joining Pickleball Canada, your National governing body.

*Submitted by Shirley Shepherd*



## Top PCO Tournament Point Earners

*Follow this page to read the profiles of PCO tournament point earners*



### Pickleball Canada's Top Point Earners

This month Pickleball Canada is recognizing the achievements of 3 more top point players, Nancy Stern (4.5 with 2400 points), Brian Lam (4.5 with 2000 points) and Theresa Orcutt (5.0 with 1700 points). As we speak these 3 amazing players continue to compete and earn top place finishes in Canada and the USA. Theresa just competed in the 3rd Annual Mission Royale Tournament at Happy Trails, Arizona and won a silver medal in Women's Doubles 5.0 and a bronze medal in Mixed Doubles with Dave Touchet (Surrey BC). Brian will be competing in the inaugural Fraser Valley Pickleball tournament BC, Mission Madness, February 8-9th in Mens' Doubles.

#### Theresa Orcutt

In 2010, my husband and I decided to stop in at Palm Creek RV Resort in Casa Grande for a month and after



discovering pickleball we decided to stay 3 months. I took the lessons and in no time I was hooked.

I come from a racquetball background and have always loved racquet sports. We decided to make

our second home during the winter months at Palm Creek where they have 24 beautiful courts and I get to play 3 - 4 hours a day. Being in Casa Grande I am in close proximity to many great tournaments around the Phoenix area. During the spring, summer and fall I spend most of my time playing pickleball in Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Victoria, Kamloops and the lower mainland. As you can see pickleball has taken over my life and thanks to my husband Les, I am able to enjoy going from tournament to tournament.

In 2011, I started playing competitively, and in my first tournament was rated a 4.0, by the tournament director. That year I received a total



of 2500 USAPA tournament points, which consisted of 3 Golds, 2 Silvers and 1 Bronze medal. In 2012 I received a total of 3000 points consisting of 5 Golds and 2 Silvers and was moved to a 4.5 by the end of the winter season. 2013 was my best year yet receiving 4800 points, 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 3 Bronze. I was moved to 5.0 in March of 2013. 2014 has been awesome so far as I have won 2 Silvers

and a Bronze in my first two tournaments.

All of my achievements and medals would not have happened if not for the great partners I have played with along the way. Those partners being Donna Robins, Morgan Robins, Colin Caldwell, SJ Lehmann, Dave Touchet, Karen Iggulden, Maurice Parobec, Paul Ellis, Curtis Martin, Elaine Lerner, Cookie Drake, Brenda Jmaeff, and my son Will Orcutt.

I love this sport and am very blessed to be able to play as much as I do, hopefully for a long time to come.



**Nancy Stern - Nanaimo B.C.**

Nancy's first exposure to pickleball was January 2010 while vacationing in Arizona. With the sun, the fun and the social aspects of pickleball evident, it didn't take Nancy long to realize pickleball was a great sport to get involved in. After

two months of outdoor pickleball in Arizona, Nancy found the indoor game through Nanaimo Parks and Recreation programs. Her first tournament was in Surrey B.C. and since then has participated in both Pickleball Canada Nationals.

Since retiring from teaching in 2012, Nancy spends winters in Mesa, Arizona and enjoys mountain biking with husband Harvey, pickleball, tennis and slo-pitch. She is now a member of the

Mesa Regal Pickleball Board, an active member of the Nanaimo Pickleball Club and provides lessons and clinics for new players. "Pickleball has provided the opportunity for me to keep fit, make great friends and share a love of the game with others."

**Pickleball Awards:**

2012 B.C. Senior Games	PCO Nationals
MXD 55+ Silver	MXD 55+ Gold
PCO Nationals	LD Under 55 Silver
MXD 55+ Bronze	2013 B.C. Senior Games
2013 Tucson Sr. Olympics	MXD 4.0 Silver
LD 55+ Gold	LD 4.0 Gold
MXD 55+ Gold	Mesa Regal
Venture Out	MXD 4.0 Silver
LD 3.5 Gold	LD 4.0 Silver
MXD 3.5 Gold	2014 - Tucson Sr. Olympics
Robson Ranch	LD 4.0 Gold
MXD 4.0 Bronze	MXD 4.0 Silver
	Singles 4.0 Gold

**Safety tip: Safety is a culture.**

Every day we perform activities that have inherent hazards. It is important that we give careful consideration to these hazards to reduce the risk of injury.

"I'm playing safe today so I can play again tomorrow"

***Upcoming Games where Pickleball is Featured***

<http://www.canada55plusgames.com>



**Langley 2014**  
**BC Seniors Games**  
**Everyone Wins!**

Check it out at:

<http://>

**Brian Lam from Port Moody, BC**

Born and raised in Vancouver, I've played

tennis and badminton for over 40 years beginning at age of 12.

Formerly ranked #1 in tennis in BC at the 4.5 level, as well as the "B" level for those old enough to remember, in both singles and doubles play.

Completed 17 marathons (26.2 miles or 42.2 km) since my first at the age of

43.

I noticed Pickleball being played at Port Moody Recreation Centre in 2010 and was naturally attracted to it as it was similar to many racquet sports.

As my knees were giving me problems from

overuse due to running, I gave it a try and was welcomed by a small group of players led by Shirley and Warren Edwards. I immediately loved the sport as it was an easy transition from tennis and badminton and relatively easy on the knees.

Four short years later, we have a limit at drop-in and players are arriving very early to claim a spot. Level of play at Port Moody has increased dramatically, especially over the past two years with players being much more aggressive.

Won bronze in singles at both of our 1<sup>st</sup> two national championships in Abbotsford. Lost to both of the previous USAPA national champions, but enjoyed the experience of playing high level competitive singles.

Won silver in 1<sup>st</sup> National and gold in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Under 55 mixed event with Milda Postler.

I created some Pickleball instructional videos on Youtube.com. My channel is MarathonX12 and the videos are entitled Pickleball POV. It's free so the price is right.

**Pickleball Volunteer of the Month****Jules Kay**

You may all remember reading about Jules Kay, a resident of Kingsville Ontario, and pickleball friends who were instrumental in having outdoor pickleball courts established in Kingsville, August 2013. Jules and other dedicated

pickleball players partnered with the Kingsville Tennis Organization to add pickleball lines to the tennis courts and change the name to Kingsville Tennis and Pickleball Association, a monumental achievement. PCO had hoped to showcase Jules in this month's newsletter but he is on a well deserved cruise out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida as we speak, and could not supply us with a bio for this issue. Jules will be in Florida until mid April,



but this has not stopped Jules from volunteering to promote pickleball. He is busy working on a tournament for the resort community of Estero, Florida, February 22-23. Jules also continues instructing intermediate players and introducing new players to the game while down south. He is also working at distance on a

few things back home in Ontario that may involve a major boost for pickleball in Essex county if funding is secured. Look for a bio by Jules in the March or April issue of Pickleball Canada's Newsletter. We want to know what makes you tick Jules and why you have been so successful in living the pickleball dream! *Submitted by Denise Griffin*



## Pickleball Around the World



### ***International Pickleball Survey Results Are In!***

***By Michael Hess***

Pickleball is often described as “The Fastest Growing Sport in North America” and given its evolution over the past decade it’s hard to find another sport more deserving of this title. Along with the growth of pickleball is players’ growing attachment to the sport; it’s not uncommon to hear players describe the sport as “addicting”.

To gain a better understanding of pickleballers’ commitment to the sport we performed a survey in 2013 to explore the motives and barriers for participating. The findings of our survey, summarized below, are intended to help organizers of pickleball events, clubs, training and tournaments to enhance players’ experience and to attract new players to this great sport.

#### ***Survey Participants***

Nearly 600 pickleball players from the US, Canada and Ireland participated in the survey. Participants were evenly split between females and males with an average age of 66. The large majority of respondents (87%) live in the US, while 8% were from Ireland and 5% from Canada.

All of the Irish players were new to the sport, having played for less than 3 months at the time of the survey. We introduced pickleball to Ireland in September of 2012 by organizing a pickleball demonstration at the University College Dublin. A 6-week pickleball introduction program was then set up and the participants took part in this survey upon completing the program.

#### ***Commitment to Pickleball Participation***

Over 90% of the survey participants expressed a high level of commitment to pickleball (i.e., they are “determined” or “very determined” to continue playing), including over 75% of the “rookie” pickleballers from Ireland.

#### ***What Motivates People to Play Pickleball?***

To help us understand pickleballers’ motives, participants were asked to provide the three to five most important reasons they play pickleball. More than 2,000 motivation factors were given. Below is a ranking of “the most important reason for playing” for both males and females based on the frequency with which the reasons were expressed:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Health-related: exercise, fit, active, health, physical, workout, shape, body, cardio
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fun-related: fun, enjoy, doing something I’m good at, travel
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Competition-related: competition/compete/competitive, challenge, win
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Social-related: social, friend(ship), people, meet, spouse, partner, family, team, camaraderie, fellowship
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Development-related: learn, improve, achieve, mental, mind, brain, alertness

Males and females expressed very similar reasons, though there were some slight differences. For example, “fun-related” factors were mentioned more frequently by females and “competition-related” factors were mentioned more frequently by males.

While the order in which respondents ranked the motivation factors is important, it should in no way undermine the importance of the lower-ranked reasons. For example, most respondents identified “personal development” as a very important motivator, which includes

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(Continued from previous page) working on skills and techniques, learning from others, and setting and reaching performance goals. Competition is also a key motivator – nearly all respondents claimed that they are “determined competitors”, “enjoy trying to beat someone/a team they’ve never beaten before”, and “try their hardest to win”. In addition, over two-thirds of all respondents stated that “winning is important”.

### **Factors that Limit or Prohibit Pickleball Participation**

Participants expressed close to 1,000 prohibiting factors (only half the number of motivation factors expressed) and several respondents commented that “there are no barriers” to playing pickleball or simply left this question blank.

For both males and females, the most frequently mentioned barrier categories are:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Access/facility-related: court availability, weather (heat, rain, wind), distance, access
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Health-related: health, illness, injury, ailment, physical, joints, arthritis, pain, age
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Other commitments-related: time, work, family, busy
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Partner/opponent/skill-level-related: finding right level/opponent/partner
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Cost/expense-related

### **Take-Aways from the Survey Results**

We hope that the survey findings, which further enable us to understand the increasing popularity of the sport, can help pickleball organizers to fine-tune promotional efforts and generate new approaches to enhance the overall playing experience. These results can also assist all of us in attracting new players to the sport, whether in North America or in new countries such as Ireland, where virtually no one has ever heard of pickleball... until now.

### **Thanks**

We’d like to thank all who participated in the survey as well as those who helped recruit participants. We hope you find it interesting to compare your own motives and/or barriers with those of other pickleballers, and we hope your commitment to pickleball continues to strengthen over time.

Michael Hess, PhD, is a Professor of Sport Management and President of the Spanish Pickleball Association ([www.pickleballspain.org/en/](http://www.pickleballspain.org/en/)). He conducted the survey together with David Scally, Sports Administrator of the Westmeath Sports Partnership in Ireland ([www.westmeathsports.ie](http://www.westmeathsports.ie)).

### **Spain, India, The Netherlands and now Ireland and Scotland join the Pickleball World!**

#### **Scotland**

Pickleball has landed in Lockerbie! Pat Burnett was in California on a holiday, watched the game being played and thought it would be great to bring it back home. Some people come back with souvenirs, but Pat brought back a new sport. With friends she has "set up what's thought to be the first Pickleball Club in the UK." A local news reporter writes,



*"One of the main attractions of Pickleball is that it can be layed indoors, so it is ideal for the UK's unpredictable climate."* Chairperson of the Lockerbie Pickleball Team is Raymond Barrie, who has played tennis for more than 50 years. "The Club meets every Wednesday night at the town hall in Lockerbie and at the moment between 30 and 40 people are attending each week. It costs 2 pounds per session and paddles and balls are provided". Copyright ITV website plc 2014

Information submitted by Shirley Shepherd, PCO



### Ireland

The Northern Illinois Pickleball Club has introduced pickleball to the Irish. Check out the Illinois Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.620171291334791.1073741826.114618145223444&type=3>



"Today we taught an Irishman how to play pickleball.

How does he look with that Pro-Lite Impact paddle in his hand? We look to start a pickleball revolution when he goes back to Dublin!" Gotta love it.

*Illinois Pickleball Club*

*Submitted by Shirley Shepherd, PCO*

## Pickleball News Coast to Coast

### PEI pickleball continues to grow.

Things are good here....we have about 20 people trained in Souris, 10 people in Cornwall and now 14 people in Stratford so things are growing slow but steady.

We had a regional 55+ game in Souris 3 weeks ago with 5 teams playing. My wife and I were able to nab the Gold but just



barely which is great because it means that soon the people we trained will be beating us! We have the Provincial 55+ games coming up on March 5/14 in Stratford. Its a bit of a challenge for me with an oxygen bag on my back.

*Submitted by Garth Matthews Provincial Ambassador PEI*

### Ambassadors At Work In Nova Scotia



Ginny Conrad and Patsy Simon of Halifax, Nova Scotia just keep on ticking! That is pickleball ticking. They are two energizer bunny Ambassadors who continue to play and promote pickleball in their province in so many

ways. Recently, a local City Councillor and Deputy Mayor talked up the growth of pickleball at the East Dartmouth Community Centre during a regular Council Meeting. A reporter from the Halifax Chronicle Herald picked up on this announcement, and dropped by the East Dartmouth Community Centre to check out pickleball. They visited with Ginny Conrad, PCO Ambassador and Patsy Simon, Provincial PCO

Ambassador. The reporter, Laura Fraser and photographer, Tim Krochack wrote up a great article, "Pickleball Positively Picking Up in Nova Scotia" and created an informative 1:30 minute video that was published February 1, 2014 in the Herald. The article is well done and PCO members are encouraged to read about the work that Ginny and Patsy have done at the Centre by checking out this link <http://thechronicleherald.ca/metro/1183700-pickleball-positively-picking-up-in-nova-scotia>

One of their comments really portrays the true spirit of pickleball, "The transformation (of new players), for us, is very rewarding".

Thank you Ginny and Patsy for being Champion Gold Medal Pickleball Ambassadors! *(Submitted by Ginny Conrad PCO Area Ambassador)*



## Sakatchewan and British Columbia report from Mexico

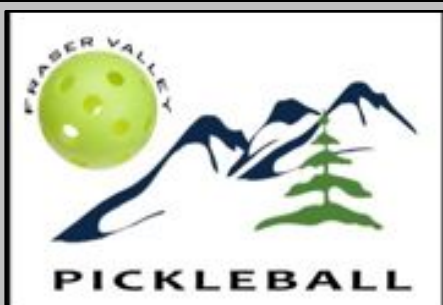
Pickleball has been played at the Canto del Sol in Puerto Vallarta for about three years now, there are players returning every year and everyone is welcome. The 3 enclosed tennis courts are booked twice per week for two hours from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at the beginning of December and ending March 13<sup>th</sup>. Costs are shared among everyone who comes, usually about \$50.00 pesos (\$4.00 CAN) per player. The level of play isn't as much of a factor as the kinship and exercise enjoyed by all. There are all levels of players and sometimes there are very spirited games played. Any left over money is used to buy tape for the courts and supply balls and paddles for new players. All in all this is an excellent way to enjoy your home away from home during those warm winter months in paradise. (Submitted by Ken Frey from Saskatchewan).



## Ed Burke Comments

The average turnout is around 20 plus players. The facility is outdoors but fully enclosed so it is not in direct sunlight and protected from any winds. The lines are taped, not painted and they are hoping as the sport grows that the Canto Del Sol Resort will paint the lines. Villas Vallarta are across the street from Canto Del Sol and are owned by the same company. I have stayed at both places and they are clean with good food, I would recommend either place to anyone. It is cheaper to stay at Villas Vallarta because they are not on the beach but you just walk across the street to Canto Del Sol and use all their facilities FREE. Weather there is fantastic, average temperatures while I was there were 29 to 31 C every day, with blue sky and slight breeze-- perfect conditions! PV is one of the safest cities in all of Mexico with some great sightseeing things to do and now PICKLEBALL too. I have been there about 4 or 5 times. Did not go on a Missions' trip this winter which is mainly in Colima (Manzanillo) area. I was told the longer you stay (some stay here for months) the lower the rates at the all-inclusive resorts . . good to know. A great bunch of people, lots of smiles and laughs, just like it is here.

Submitted by Ed Burke PCO Director



The Ball Has  
B e e n  
D r o p p e d !  
Fraser Valley  
Pickleball  
Tournament  
Play Begins

Mission Madness, the inaugural pickleball tournament scheduled by Fraser Valley Pickleball was held February 8-9, 2014 at Mission Secondary School, British Columbia.

This skill rated, Pickleball Canada Organization Sanctioned Tournament followed IFP rules and a round robin format. (continued on next page) ....

(continued from previous page) Full registration was achieved by February 1st in Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles and Mixed Doubles. This newly formed working group, Fraser Valley Pickleball, is well on their way to achieving their desired outcomes of an open, competitive tournament circuit that presents skill level rated tournaments

offering maximum enjoyment and a level playing field for all participants.

Results and pictures will be featured in the March issue of Pickleball Canada Organization Newsletter. To learn more about Fraser Valley Pickleball and a schedule of planned tournaments, including the Rosebowl of Pickleball Tournament, please go to: [www.fraservalleypickleball.org](http://www.fraservalleypickleball.org)

## ***Upcoming Tournaments***



***Pickleball Canada National Open Championship***  
***July 4 - 6, 2014 at Abbotsford Recreation Centre, Abbotsford, B.C.***  
**21 events including Men's, Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles and Junior Doubles.**  
**Current IFP rules apply. PCO Sanctioned (Tier 1)**  
**Registration form available on December 1.**



***The Amsterdam International Tournament, May 16-18, 2014***  
***See November newsletter for details***



***2nd annual 3.5+ Outdoor Pickleball Tournament***  
**Paddlewheel Park, Vernon**  
**July 26, 2014 10:00 - 3:00 (approx)**  
**7 games, 7 partners, 1 play-off game**



***London Pickleball Club***  
***2nd Annual Tournament May 31-June 1, 2014***  
**May 31, 2014 Mixed Doubles**  
**June 1, 2014 Men's & Women's Doubles**  
**North London Optimist Community Centre, London, Ontario**  
**No registration until March 2014. Contact Ken Twilley**  
**[pickleballlondon@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballlondon@gmail.com)**



**Fraser Valley Pickleball**  
**Rose Bowl of Pickleball Tournament March 7,8 & 9, 2014**  
 Rosedale Traditional Community School,  
 50850 Yale Road

Rosedale, British Columbia

Current IFP rules apply. PCO Sanctioned (Tier 4)

For info and registration go to: [www.fraservalleypickleball.org](http://www.fraservalleypickleball.org)



**The Bill Franzman Annual Co-Ed Round Robin Tournament**  
**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

Mount Boucherie School Gymnasium 2751 Cameron Road, West Kelowna.

Registration forms and full details will be available soon.

*Any player or group who would like to have their tournament advertised, please send request to: Denise at [de.griffin@sasktel.net](mailto:de.griffin@sasktel.net)*



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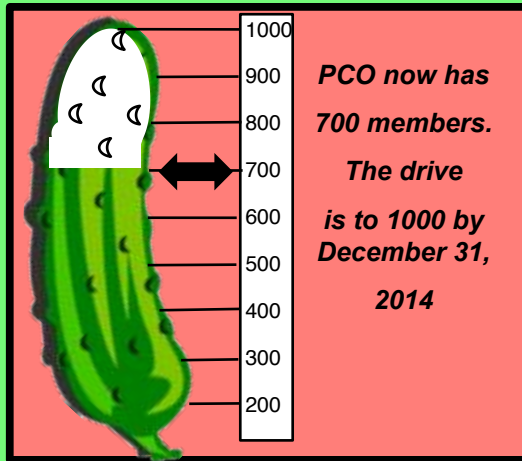


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New/re-new membership rates are:

One year \$12.00

Three years \$32.00

Five years \$50.00

Club Group Rates available (20 members min.), contact: [president@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:president@pickleballcanada.org)



**UPDATE OF THE 2014 NATIONALS:**

The Nationals will be held for three days instead of two days in Abbotsford, B.C. on July 4, 5 and 6th, 2014

Please note that there is a new **UPDATED** Registration Form: 2014 Pickleball Canada National Open Championship will be held at Abbotsford Recreation Centre, 2499 McMillan Road, Abbotsford, B.C. on July 4, 5 and 6th, 2014. This will be a three day event:

**FRIDAY July 4:** 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles

**SATURDAY July 5:** 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ Mixed Doubles, Open Mixed Doubles and Under 55 Mixed Doubles

**SUNDAY July 6:** Open Men's and Women's Doubles and Under 55 Men's and Women's Doubles, Open Men's Singles and Women's Singles, Junior Doubles.

Pickleball Canada members will receive \$5 discount from the registration fees. Registration fee: \$20.00 for PCO members, \$25.00 for non-PCO members. Junior Player: \$10.00. Non Player: \$10.00 (include lunches). Event fees: \$10.00 per event. Maximum 2 events per person.

Fees include lunches and eligibility for prizes.

Payment may be made online, in person or by mail: cheque made payable to "City of Abbotsford" mail to Ryan Coreau, Recreation Coordinator, Abbotsford Recreation Centre, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 7R3

Registration Form is attached to the January newsletter.

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**from your PCO RULES GURU**

**Question:** A player asked this question: Some players insist on standing right at the NVZ line with toes just a fraction of an inch off the kitchen

line, so they are reaching over the line with paddle and arms, which some of us who have read the rule consider it as a fault when they do so, it's hard enough trying to teach them about stepping in or if their momentum carries them in, but what about the rest of the body reaching over the line ?

**Answer:** The non volley zone is an area of the court surface. It is not 3 dimensional. The air above the NVZ is not part of the zone. There is no penalty in reaching over the line to play a volley providing you do not touch the NVZ or allow your momentum from your stroke to cause you to. Know the rules and become a better player!

# Pickleball Canada National Open Championship

Abbotsford Recreation Centre

## Registration Form



**Tournament Date:** July 4, 5 & 6, 2014

**Time:** 8:00am – 6:00pm

**Entries must be received no later than June 12, 2014.**

**\*\*CURRENT IFP RULES, NO NON-CONFORMING EQUIPMENT PERMITTED\*\***

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

**Online:** Direct2Rec.com      **In Person:** Abbotsford Recreation Centre

**Mail:** RETURN COMPLETED FORMS & PAYMENT TO:

Ryan Coreau, Recreation Coordinator, Abbotsford Recreation Centre,  
2499 McMillan Road Abbotsford, BC V2S 7R3

For all tournament inquiries  
please contact Dave and  
Shirley Shepherd at  
[dwshepherd@shaw.ca](mailto:dwshepherd@shaw.ca) or  
(604) 859-2841.

### REGISTRATION

#### I AM A:

( ) PICKLEBALL CANADA MEMBER: \$20\* ( ) NON MEMBER PLAYER: \$25\* ( ) JUNIOR PLAYER: \$20\*

( ) NON-PLAYER: \$10\*    EVENT FEES: \$10 each event – max 2 events per person

\*Fee includes 3 lunches & eligibility for prizes.

\*All players registered in a doubles team must be registered 60 days before the tournament to ensure your teams spot. All incomplete registrations will be removed from the selected event at this time.

Cancellations and refund requests must be received no later than **June 6, 2014**. Requests sent after this date will not qualify for a refund. Event fees will be refunded in full. Registration fees will be refunded less a \$10 administration fee.

Please note that at time of registration a City of Abbotsford Waiver Release form will be available at the registration desk and is required to be signed prior to playing in the tournament.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

PICKLEBALL CANADA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:		
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	GENDER:	BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY):
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY, PROVINCE:	POSTAL CODE:
PHONE:	EMERGENCY CONTACT:	EMERGENCY PHONE:

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

**PLEASE NOTE:** Payment must accompany registration form.

( ) Cheque – made payable to **“City of Abbotsford”** ( ) Cash ( ) Credit Card (Type: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## DIVISION INFORMATION

*\*Your eligible age is your age on Dec. 31, 2014.*

- Players may enter a maximum of two events in total.
- Players entering Age Bracket events may only enter one Age Bracket in the event entered.
- Players entering an Under 55 event may not enter the same category in the Open event. For example: If you enter Under 55 Men's Doubles, you may not enter Open Men's Doubles. Players entering an Open event may not enter an Under 55 event.
- Registration table will be open at 7:30am on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please select the divisions you are entering and enter your partner's name where applicable.

<b>Friday Events:</b>	<b>Age Bracket Event: only one age bracket may be entered</b>  <b>MEN'S DOUBLES</b> ( ) 55+ ( ) 60+ ( ) 65+ ( ) 70+ PARTNER'S NAME: _____  <b>WOMEN'S DOUBLES</b> ( ) 55+ ( ) 60+ ( ) 65+ ( ) 70+ PARTNER'S NAME: _____
<b>Saturday Morning Events:</b>	<b>Age Bracket Event: only one age bracket may be entered</b>  <b>MIXED DOUBLES</b> ( ) 55+ ( ) 60+ ( ) 65+ ( ) 70+ PARTNER'S NAME: _____
<b>Saturday Afternoon Events:</b>	<b>OPEN MIXED DOUBLES Skill level 4.0+</b> PARTNER'S NAME: _____  <b>Under 55 MIXED DOUBLES</b> PARTNER'S NAME: _____
<b>Sunday Morning Events:</b>	<b>OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES Skill level 4.0+</b> PARTNER'S NAME: _____  <b>OPEN WOMEN'S DOUBLES Skill level 4.0+</b> PARTNER'S NAME: _____  <b>Under 55 MEN'S DOUBLES</b>  PARTNER'S NAME: _____  <b>Under 55 WOMEN'S DOUBLES</b> PARTNER'S NAME: _____
<b>Sunday Afternoon Events:</b>	<b>OPEN MENS SINGLES Skill level 4.0+: ( )</b>  <b>OPEN WOMENS SINGLES Skill level 4.0+: ( )</b>  <b>JUNIORS DOUBLES: (18 and under)</b> PARTNER'S NAME: _____