



## Message from the President Val Vollmin

As we approach our AGM this month on June 27, I would like to thank the following Directors for their contributions to the Pickleball Canada Board in the past. We know that our sport would not have the phenomenal growth we are experiencing without the efforts of people like these:

Dave Edwards and Chuck MacDonald have been on the Board in the past year and we wish them all the best. Thank you so much for your service and dedication to pickleball in Canada.

Cynthia Clark has been on the Board of Pickleball Canada since 2021. Cynthia is currently serving on the Board of the Global Pickleball Federation as the Membership Operations Director. We wish Cynthia all the best in her new role and know she will be very busy as membership across the globe continues to expand at a terrific rate.

In my last article, I asked what our recreational players would like to see from PC. Thank you to all those who responded. With the growth that our sport is seeing, the overwhelming problem seems to be the shortage of facilities. PC would like to have a committee to develop a package that we can send to our Clubs to help them in approaching their municipalities and in the construction of new courts. If this is a project, that you would like to be involved in, please send your contact information to [info@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:info@pickleballcanada.org)

We were very pleased to extend a couple of recent opportunities to our membership in conjunction with Pickleball Canada partners: Franklin has provided preferred pricing on paddles and balls to affiliated clubs of Pickleball Canada, and Rescue 7 held webinars in French and English to provide our members information as to what can be done in cases of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Halifax for the 2024 Myoflex® Pickleball Canada National Championship Presented by Think Turkey, wish our host committee the best for a successful Atlantic Regionals in Moncton this June, and if you are in the West, we will see you in Vernon for the Western Regionals in July.

Val Vollmin



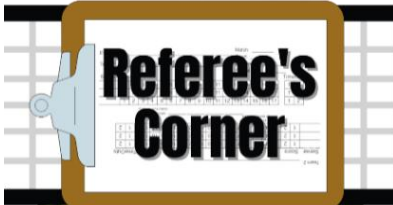
*Coffee and snacks, your pre-and post-game needs taken care of! Crank® Coffee and Neal Brothers are excited to be fuelling the pickleball community at tournaments and events across Canada! The team is eager to get involved and get in the kitchen! Or out of the kitchen.*

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*We also have recently launched the Crank Community Coffee Break Program, awarding community-oriented, Canadian organizations a well-deserved coffee break. At Crank® Coffee, we are committed to supporting and giving back to the communities that we hail from and beyond, and this program will help recognize and reward deserving organizations who are also doing their part.*

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## Pickleball Canada Officiating Program Change Announcement

Alan Thomson

***CREDENTIALLED REFEREE? WOULD LIKE TO BE A CREDENTIALLED REFEREE?***

***THEN YOU NEED TO READ THIS ARTICLE!***

The last SCOOP officiating article explained the proposed changes to the program, and in this article, we are confirming and highlighting some of those changes.

The most important change for ALL Credentialed Referees will be the mandatory annual **Maintenance Program**. The intent of the maintenance program is to help ensure that all Referees are keeping themselves practiced & current.

ALL credentialed Referees will have to record the number of matches Refereed, distinguishing between Tournament and Recreational matches. Review online documentation, especially the Rules, Casebook and best practices contained in the Officiating Handbook, and of course take the online quizzes to ensure your understanding of that information is correct.

Another big change to the program is the **expiration of credentials**, 3 years from the date of issue. As each official approaches the date of expiration they will also be required to undergo a short test of knowledge and best practices. These tests will be tailored to the level of credentials held.

All members, including Officials must comply with the Pickleball Canada 'Code of Conduct.' Suspected breaches and concerns will be administered by the PC Executive Director and when involving officials the National Leader of Officiating will be consulted to recommend an investigating team... Case Manager & member.

The Compliance Standards policy is being introduced to administer any Officiating performance concerns, and like all the above items, can be and should be read in detail on the PC website... <https://pickleballcanada.org/officiating-program/>

USA Pickleball is again revising their assessment and Advanced Training Session (ATS) processes and to ensure that our program

achieves the desired results we will be moving from the PC Referee Assessment Form (RAF) to the Tiered Referee Rating Form (TRR) which is more objective in its methodology.

The ATS is the last step in a long process leading to Evaluation and to help increase the candidate's success rate the procedures are changing.

- The ATS is to be (only) lead by a trained ATSA (assessor).
- Should be assisted by 2 other CR's and should NOT include the trainer or mentor.
  - Nor related, or seen to be in a conflict-of-interest situation.
- A written exam will be administered prior to the ATS.
- The candidate's mentor will recommend them for the ATS when they determine there is a strong likelihood of success.

***NOTE: All Credentialed Referees will soon receive an email inviting them to a Zoom discussion and training session to review these changes. We will hold two sessions to try and accommodate different schedules across the many time zones. Timing will be determined by the receipt of the new TRR.***

On another newsworthy front, Pickleball Canada Credentialed Referees can now join the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO). Besides offering numerous benefits, this membership will solidify you as a "Professional Referee" just like many North American sports Officials, whether it be NHL Hockey, NBA Basketball, NFL Football, and all the other sports including those at the university & college level.

Member Benefits: <https://www.naso.org/member-benefits/>

- General Liability Insurance Protection – \$6 Million
- Member Information & Consulting Program
- Referee Magazine – Electronic & Monthly
- Assault Protection Program - \$30,500
- Assigners Insurance - \$100,000
- Game Call Coverage - \$100,000
- NASO Member Apps
- Digital Referee Magazine

- Advocating on Critical Issues Impacting Sports Officiating
- Major Buying Discounts – Marriott Athletic VIP Card

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

PC would like to congratulate **Andrea Blackwell**, Kingston ON, who successfully passed her evaluation to Certified Referee at the APP Vlastic Classic in Cincinnati. This makes Andrea Canada's 27<sup>th</sup> Certified Referee, where we also have 115 Level 2's & 127 Level 1's, giving Canada a total of 269 active credentialed Referees.

## **IMPORTANT PADDLE INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS AND REFEREES**

Please note that effective immediately, the following selected JOOLA paddle models are no longer USA Pickleball Approved, and therefore not to be used for play in sanctioned tournaments.

### **Which JOOLA paddles are affected?**

- Tyson McGuffin Magnus 3 14mm
- Tyson McGuffin Magnus 3 16mm
- Collin Johns Scorpeus 3 16mm
- Anna Bright Scorpeus 3 14mm
- Simone Jardim Hyperion 3 16mm
- Ben Johns Hyperion 3 16mm
- Ben Johns Hyperion 3 14mm
- Ben Johns Perseus 3 14mm
- Ben Johns Perseus 3 14mm
- Ben Johns Perseus 3 16mm
- Perseus Alpha 2024 16mm
- Perseus Alpha 2024 14mm
- Magnus Alpha 2024 16mm
- Magnus Alpha 2024 14mm
- Hyperion Alpha 2024 16mm
- Hyperion Alpha 2024 14mm
- Scorpeus Alpha 2024 16mm
- Scorpeus Alpha 2024 14mm

### **OWL Paddles**

There have been several questions regarding the OWL paddle and whether it is an approved paddle. OWL has seven approved models but does not have the model identified anywhere on the paddle. Referees will need to check the approved paddle list carefully to determine each paddle in use against the approved list which displays graphics and model designation. To resolve the issue, the manufacture has stickers which contain the model designation, and they are to be affixed to the butt end of the paddle handle.



## Notice of Pickleball Canada Annual General Meeting

Pickleball Canada's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm ET.**

### Registration Information:

To attend and be eligible to vote at the AGM, Pickleball Canada members must register in advance. [Please click here to register for the AGM.](#)

Please note the following when registering:

1. Delegates must have an active Pickleball Canada membership at the time of registration.
2. The email address provided at the time of registration will be used for electronic voting purposes, and delegates may not share an email address – each delegate must be registered under a unique email address.
3. Delegates will receive a confirmation email upon successful completion of their registration, and any questions

regarding the registration process can be directed to our staff at [info@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:info@pickleballcanada.org).

4. Registration for the AGM closes on **Monday, June 24, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.**

## MAJOR GIVEAWAY ALERT

One winner will [WIN](#) this grand prize valued at \$500 CAD!

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Giveaway ends on July 5th, 2024 at 12:00pm PST. The winner will be contacted via email.

GOOD LUCK!





## 2024 Pickleball Canada Atlantic Championship

The 2024 Pickleball Canada Atlantic Championship took place from June 14<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Moncton, New Brunswick at the Moncton Coliseum Complex. Over 500 athletes came all across Atlantic Canada to compete at this event.

Make sure you follow our social media see all the action from last weekend. [Click here](#) to see all the winners from this past weekend.

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## On the Lookout for Contributors

We would love to share your stories, club events, photos, news, etc. Let us know if you have any ideas for content that would serve our membership.

We invite you to contact Elizabeth Werner at [scoop@pickleballcanada.org](mailto:scoop@pickleballcanada.org)

***We know you are out there, and we are looking forward to hearing from you!***

