

2018 Pickleball Canada National Tournament



Players:

Our club and our tournament committee are very excited that you will be joining us and welcome you to what should be a great tournament! We have 430 players registered for this event and there should be some great matches. Please read this entire message for some important information that you should be aware of prior to your arrival to the tournament.

Food Availability

Mornings: - coffee and baked goods will be available free of charge

Lunch: - a food truck will be onsite from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Participants will receive one \$8.00 food voucher that can be redeemed at the truck and can be used any of the 3 tournament days. No change will be given for the unused portion of the voucher. Basic menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, cold Sandwiches, hot sandwiches, salads and drinks. The food truck has been very popular the past few years – a nice variety of good food.

All day: - bananas, oranges, pretzels and water (free) Our ever-popular fresh cherries will also be available - weather conditions permitting.

Ice cream: - an ice cream truck will stop by throughout the day. (Fun and delicious, but not free!)

Water: - water dispensers will be available for refilling your personal water bottles. There will also be bottled water.

Ambassadors: If you have any questions about anything, please see our wonderful ambassadors at their table. Ambassadors are identifiable by their neon green vests.

Parking: Parkinson Recreation Center has limited parking. As well, a portion of the parking stalls must be retained for use by other activities using the park at the same time. To ease the congestion, local players are asked to park in the Apple Bowl parking lot (access off Burtch Rd) and walk across the playing field to the PRC courts. There is also parking available beside the Basil Meikle tennis courts - enter via Spall Road – these courts will be converted to pickleball courts as part of the tournament for the weekend. The ambassadors will have parking maps available.

Nationals Raffle ticket – 1st prize is the Westjet gift of flight: Two tickets anywhere Westjet flies valued at \$2,500. This year there are also 6 smaller prizes valued additionally at \$1,790. Tickets will be \$20 each. The draw will take place at 2:30 PM on Sunday afternoon. You do

not have to be present to win - make sure your name and phone number is clearly written on your ticket stub. Proceeds of the raffle will support the Pickleball Kelowna Club season purchases of balls, ball machine, additional nets & squeegees so even more of our membership fees can be directed towards the Future Courts Fund. Once again, a portion from this raffle will also go towards Parkinson's Disease Research whose representatives will be at the Pickleball Kelowna Club Booth chatting to everyone about their "Walk in the Park" fundraiser.

Referees: There will be a referee meeting on Thursday, July 5th at 2:00 PM at the tournament site at Parkinson Recreation center.

Registration: Will begin at 7:00 AM each morning. Please bring ID. **You must check in each day at least 30 minutes prior to your event start time - it's the only way we know that you are here!**

Practice - tournament days: Due to the large number of entries, most of the time all 28 courts will be constantly in use during the 3 tournament days. Players are welcome to practice daily prior to the 8:00 AM opening ceremonies or after the conclusion of the day's events. Please do not enter the courts for practice between games unless it is announced or a sign indicates that the courts are available for practice. Courts must be cleared and available for play promptly at 8:00 AM daily. Players who have an 8:15 AM match scheduled get priority on their assigned court starting at 7:45 AM. The temporary courts (13-28) will be locked at the conclusion of tournament play each day (5:30ish) to protect the integrity of the lines. The main courts (1-12) may be used until dusk for practice.

Practice - prior to tournament: We are hoping to have the temporary courts (13-28) available for practice by noon on Thursday, July 5th. The main courts (1-12) will be available for open play and practice starting on Monday, July 2nd - regular programs organized by Pickleball Kelowna are suspended for the week in order to accommodate our out of town guests. Please use proper court etiquette and rotate off of the courts if players are waiting.

Washrooms: Are available in the Parkinson Recreation Center free of charge. Use of the pool or showers will require payment of an entry fee into the facility. There will also be a port-a-potty on site.

Seating: Limited bleacher seating will be available as well as some chairs. There is room for chairs around the outside of all courts. It is recommended that you bring your own comfortable lawn chair.

Shade and Heat: We can expect that temperatures will be in the mid 20's (80) and above. At times, Kelowna can become very hot. Some shade is available under trees and we will have some umbrella shade but please be prepared for the sun (hats and sunscreen will be needed)

Serving Wrist Bands: Serving bands are provided in the welcome package. Please keep these for the duration of the tournament and ensure that one member of your doubles team arrives at every game with the wristband.

Matches: Will be announced via our P/A system. It is the responsibility of all players to watch for their matches - they will be posted on the large screen TV in the ref tent area and they will be available through the tournament page on Pickleballtournaments.com. It is particularly important because our venue has two distinct play areas. Once your match has been announced with an assigned court you will have 8 minutes to get to your court and warm up. Play is

expected to start once the 8 minutes has expired. No bags will be allowed on the courts during matches – you may only bring your water and a towel.

Referee & Player Match Guidelines: All referees and players should read this in the interest of speeding up the start of all matches:

- Maximum 4 minute warm up. (or remainder of your 8 minutes to get to your court)
- Referee will call all non-volley zone line and service line faults.
- All other calls are up to the players....call out balls loudly and promptly.
- A team may appeal a line call to the referee, however the referee will rule on a line call only if he/she saw it clearly. Otherwise the original call stands.
- Serving team may ask if he/she is the correct server and ask for the score. Players may not ask if they are in the correct position.
- Prior to the start of the service motion, the receiving team may only ask for the score, players may not ask if they are in the correct position.
- The server cannot start the service motion before the complete score has been called.
- Once the score has been called, the server has 10 seconds to serve.
- 2 timeouts per game of 1 minute each.
- A player may ask the referee for a water break at any time, however no strategizing or talking may take place during this time.

First Aid: We will have first aid attendants at both the dedicated pickleball courts and the Basil Meikle tennis courts. If there is ANY type of head impact injury, the injured player will not be permitted to continue to compete in the tournament.

Line Judges: Bronze medal winners are expected to be line judges for the gold medal matches. There will be line judges for the gold medal matches only.

Format: This is a Pickleball Canada sanctioned event that will be using IFP rules - including the enforcement of approved paddles. All doubles events will be double elimination with each match being best 2 out of 3 games to 11 on the "A" side of the draw - the "B" side of the draw will consist of matches that are one game to 15 points. Bronze and Gold medal matches will be best 2 of 3 games to 11. All singles events will be double elimination with each match being 1 game to 15 including the bronze medal match - Gold medal matches will be best 2 out of 3 games to 11. (All games are win by 2....games to 11 will be capped at 15....games to 15 will be capped at 19). Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each division - cash prizes for medal winners in Open events.

Tournament Event/Schedule Information:

- Registration will be open at 7:00 AM each day - you must check into the registration desk each day that you play.
- Opening ceremonies will be at 8:00 AM each day
- Day by day event schedule:

- Women's Doubles 3.0 - Friday, July 6 - 9:00 AM start
- Women's Doubles 3.5 - Friday, July 6 - 8:15 AM start
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- Women's Doubles Open - Friday, July 6 – 10:00 AM start
- Men's Singles 3.5 – Friday, July 6 – 11:30 AM start
- Men's Singles 4.0 – Friday, July 6 – 11:00 AM start
- Men's Singles 4.5 – Friday, July 6 – 11:00 AM start
- Men's Singles Open – Friday, July 6 – 10:00 AM start

- Mixed Doubles 3.0 - Saturday July 7 - 10:00 AM start
- Mixed Doubles 3.5 - Saturday July 7 - 8:15 AM start
- Mixed Doubles 4.0 - Saturday July 7 - 8:15 AM start
- Mixed Doubles 4.5 - Saturday July 7 - 8:45 AM start
- Mixed Doubles Open - Saturday July 7 - 11:00 AM start
- Mixed Doubles Senior Open - Saturday July 7 - 11:30 AM start

- Men's Doubles 3.0 - Sunday, July 8 - 10:00 AM start
- Men's Doubles 3.5 - Sunday, July 8 – 8:15 AM start
- Men's Doubles 4.0 - Sunday, July 8 - 8:15 AM start
- Men's Doubles 4.5 - Sunday, July 8 – 8:45 AM start
- Men's Doubles Open - Sunday, July 8 – 10:00 AM start
- Men's Doubles Senior Open - Sunday, July 8 – 12:00 PM start
- Women's Singles 3.5 - Sunday, July 8 – 11:00 AM start
- Women's Singles 4.0 - Sunday, July 8 - 11:00 AM start
- Women's Singles Open - Sunday, July 8 - 12:00 PM start

- MONDAY JULY 9, WILL BE OUR “RAIN DAY” IF NEEDED

This information is intended for players of the 2018 Pickleball Canada National Tournament.