

PICKLEBALL ONTARIO

NEWSLETTER



March 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yesterday I took our dog for a walk in leggings and a sweater and it was perfect. Now we are expecting a winter storm with lots of snow. I guess not ready for those outdoor courts yet. We are very excited to let you know what has been going on at Pickleball Ontario and to provide you some updates.

Pickleball Ontario Championship Series:



The Pickleball Ontario Championship Series will officially start this month with our East Regional tournament in Kingston on March 16 – 19. Thank you to all who have signed up. It promises to be a great time. Good luck in getting that golden ticket to attend the finals in Collingwood.

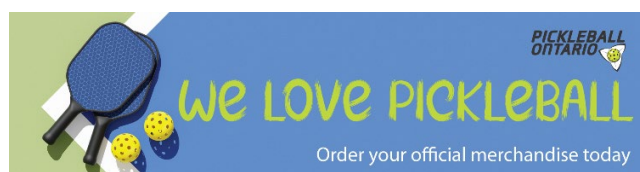
The next tournament after that will be the Southwest Regional in Stratford on May 5-7.

Workshops:

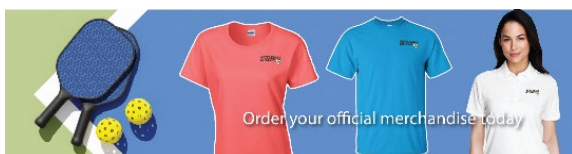
We have received very positive feedback from our Member Club representatives who attended the two Marketing workshops. We are happy to hear that you found them informative. On March 21st we will be holding our third information session presented by Sprung Structures. Suzanne Penner and Gail Prior also have three sessions lined up for you on the PCNS system updates that they will tell you about. Junior Bent will be unveiling a new Pickleball Ontario website shortly dedicated to all our tournaments. I got a sneak peak, and it looks fabulous. You will be able to get all tournament info in one spot.

Our next big update is Pickleball Ontario Merchandise. I'll let Gail Prior fill you in. I've already got my cart full.

Enjoy your pickleball everyone.



Check out the new official merchandise being offered!



A wide variety of styles and colours available. Just pick out what you want, order and Positive Identity will mail it right to your home.

T-shirts with the Championship Series Logo are also available.

Check back often for new offerings.



[Pickleball Ontario Merchandise offered by Positive Identity.](http://positiveidentity.com/onpickleball/) <http://positiveidentity.com/onpickleball/>

Attention Club Executives and Officials! – this is for you!

Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS) Learning Sessions

We will be providing three (3) separate sessions via a Zoom Webinar format for instructions on a number of topics related to the use of the PCNS. The system has updated since its creation and some new or updated features have been added so we want to help you utilize the system to its capacity.

The topics will be:

Events Management - tournament and clinic registrations, other uses as well – **March 27th – 7 pm EST**

Membership database – tips and hints for ease of use, types of memberships, wait list, different fee structures etc. – **April 13 – 7 pm EST**

Webpage – How to customize and set up Club webpage – **April 24 – 7PM EST**

Watch your email for more details and how to register for your chosen sessions – choose one or all!

Welcome Newly Affiliated Member Clubs!

We have been very busy at Pickleball Ontario in the past couple of months and are very happy to welcome the following newly Affiliated Member Clubs:

Richmond Hill Pickleball4Life Association - Oakville

Elevation Athletics Pickleball - Newmarket

Windsor Pickleball Club Newmarket Pickleball Club BIGE Pickleball Club - Toronto

Kingsville Pickleball Club

If you are a V-Club ON member and you know of a club in your area interested in becoming an Affiliated Member Club, please contact info@pickleballontario.org and indicate **“Club Affiliation”** in the Subject line.

What does it mean to be an Affiliated Member Club?

- Through your continued membership you will be supporting the growth of pickleball through the provincial and federal sports organizations as well as grassroots clubs. Pickleball Ontario is working towards supporting and strengthening our current grassroots clubs and working with newly affiliated clubs as they become added to our roster.
- Each club receives access to the Pickleball Canada National system (PCNS) which is an integrated system that includes membership management through a database, event management for clinics, tournaments etc., easily customized webpage, mass email capabilities, all in one payment system for club fees, Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada fees payable by credit card.
- Liability insurance for your club, your club directors and personal injury insurance. Members are covered by personal insurance when playing anywhere in Canada.

Check this out! From one of our Supporters

Offer:

FREE! 5 Penn Indoor balls with the purchase of any Pickleball paddle over \$100.**

Instructions:

First, please choose your paddle and add it to the cart. Next, select the Penn 26 Indoor Pickleball (Red), and then add 5 in Quantity. Finally, proceed to Checkout and enter the discount code "POAXPG".

** Offer expires in-store or online on March 31, 2023.



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