

PICKLEBALLBC Head Referee Report
For
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Pickleball Canada's (PCO) referee training program is on their website, and now underway across the country. At this time, candidates can take several quizzes to test their knowledge of the rules and procedures used to become an accredited referee to either level 1 or 2. PCO has purchased referee pouches for those successfully being rated to either of those levels. At this time, the program does not have a certification process defined.

Referee training is not easy at the best of times in Canada due to the limited number of tournaments available for those looking to learn, practice and refine their skills. With the onset of Covid-19, it has been made even more difficult.

A four-hour Zoom training session was conducted in July, with a follow up on court session in Burnaby. A rating opportunity was attempted the following day, but limited time, and too many people did not allow for a thorough rating opportunity for each candidate.

Hoping that Covid-19 will be well behind us by the Spring. I have submitted a plan to do some travelling throughout BC in 2021, with the intent of providing on court referee training. If people are well prepared, this could lead to a rating opportunity. It would be great to get some Level 1 & 2 rated referees situated throughout the Province. They in turn could help provide direction and training to other interested candidates.

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