

## **OVERVIEW of PICKLEBALL PROPOSAL**

The Penticton Pickleball Club Executive is committed to providing the safest activity possible for both physical and mental health. These are extremely challenging times for all of us and it is our collective belief that pickleball, when managed accordingly by the players, with directions from the club, City of Penticton, and health professionals, can be as safe as any other outdoor activity/action, outside of complete self-isolation.

The executive, with advice and guidance, have identified potential “contact points” at the courts to help make our members fully aware of risks. This is all part of our effort to remind everyone to wash their hands should they encounter one of these “potentially infectious” contact points.

### **Areas of Contact Opportunity**

1. Storage locker at courts. (Only the court host will have access.)
2. Garbage cans. (Do not use, pack in/pack out your garbage)
3. Seating areas. (Do not use)
4. External entrance/exit gates to courts.
5. Internal entrance/exit gates/fences between courts.
6. Nets/posts.
7. Balls.

Note: If a player does not access the storage locker, does not touch the garbage can, does not sit in the stands, the gates are opened/closed by the court host and does not touch the net/post/fence during play, the only contact point he/she will encounter is the ball.

Implementing the types of changes proposed will allow the courts to be active again and make a lot of people very happy. Modifications can be adjusted over time as conditions, guidelines and recommendations warrant but the ones suggested here would address current health concerns:

- Social distancing maintained.
- Common surface touching would be addressed effectively.
- All aspects of person-to-person transfer have been significantly reduced.
- Activities on all courts will be supervised.

We hope that you will give serious consideration these modifications and will approval will be granted to open the courts as soon as possible to the Penticton Pickleball Club.

Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the PPC executive,

Dave Burgoyne, Vice President, Program Director

