



Outdoor Pickleball Best Practices for Covid-19 Precautions (Clubs where you are able to book courts)

During these times of restricted, but maybe loosening, social activity, the pickleball community needs to respond with a modified operating model. The free, open drop in concept and socializing by the side of the court approach does not match the requirements and orders put in place by our Provincial Health Authority. The following are suggested guidelines to be considered when returning to the courts.

Physical Distancing

Stay home if you are sick or have come in contact with someone who is sick (14 days)
Maintain social distancing
Pre-arrange play
Play with a limited number of players (groups of 8 or less) - no drop-in or pickup games
Where possible try to play with the same partner
Do not arrive early or linger after your play time - 10 minutes maximum
Do not go to the courts to 'watch'
No large groups of players assembling off court

Cleanliness Concerns

Avoid touching your face until you have washed your hands (soap and water or sanitizer)
No sharing of equipment, chairs, water bottles etc
Bring your own container of hand sanitizer and use it before and after your games
Avoid touching surfaces with your hands where possible (gates, nets, fencing, benches)
Cleanse all balls after each game
No paddle taps at the end of the game

Management

Management of the courts/facilities, crowd control, booking arrangements are all the responsibility of the local clubs. They have the responsibility to ensure all Provincial Health Orders are enforced and fair play opportunities are provided to all pickleball players - not just club members.

Pre-booking should be done by court number and for specific time slots. Staggered time slots should be considered to minimize congregations of players. Pre-booking is essential to limit the number of players assembling.

These practices apply to outdoor dedicated pickleball court configurations where there are dividing fences between courts and adequate space between the boundary lines and the fences.



If there are no dividing fences between courts consider using alternating courts only. If your ball travels to another court, ask the player to kick your ball back to you .

Players should be encouraged to limit their contacts to enable contact tracing if required. Records should be kept.

If fees are involved, avoid the use of cash and use debit or credit cards where possible.

RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO STAY HEALTHY WHILE HAVING FUN