



## **Pickleball Officiating Announcement – May 30.2020**

I am pleased to announce **PICKLEBALLBC** Head Referee Al Thomson (Victoria) has been appointed the first ever Canadian Referee Training Coordinator (CRTC) representing Canada and **Pickleball Canada** (PCO) in the USA Pickleball Officiating Organization. He will help Canadians navigate how to obtain referee training and/or certification through either the USAPA or PCO.

If you start into the USAPA Certified Referee Program while visiting the US you may continue your journey while back in Canada - Al, as the USAPA RTC, is here to support you.

If you wish to pursue knowledge with respect to the **Pickleball Canada** Officiating program or need support for your USAPA Certified Referee endeavors - please contact Al Thomson at [headref@pickleballbc.ca](mailto:headref@pickleballbc.ca)

**Pickleball Canada** and USAPA continue to work together to develop and maintain pickleball officials and officiating.

Al will also be involved as a key part of the 2021 USAPA/IFP rulebook creation; he will be part of a four person team that wields significant influence on which (and how) rule changes get presented to the Rules Committee for approval. Al is our nominee for a similar function with the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP), the world governing body for the sport of pickleball.

### **Walter Knecht**

President, **PICKLEBALLBC**

National Leader of Officiating, **Pickleball Canada**