

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

We are pleased to announce that Pickleball Manitoba has become the ninth affiliate of pickleballs' national governing body, Pickleball Canada. The affiliation takes effect August 1, 2019. Between now and then we are sorting out the administrative details to ensure a seamless member transition.

What does this affiliation mean to you, a Pickleball Manitoba or Pickleball Canada member? Below are answers to some questions you may have regarding our affiliation. Additional questions and comments are welcomed – please send them to [dcable6@gmail.com](mailto:dcable6@gmail.com) and I will get back to you.

### **What Does Affiliation Mean?**

Affiliation means a formalized relationship between the provincial sport governing body, Pickleball Manitoba, and the national sport governing body, Pickleball Canada.

A Memorandum of Understanding, which details the specifics of how PM and PC will work together to realize their respective objectives, is the document that officially connects the two sport governing bodies.

For more information on the MOU see the Pickleball Manitoba website <https://pickleballmanitoba.ca>

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of pickleballs' national and provincial/territorial governing bodies see:

[https://pickleballcanada.org/provincial\\_territorial\\_sport\\_o.php](https://pickleballcanada.org/provincial_territorial_sport_o.php)

[https://pickleballcanada.org/national\\_sports\\_organization\\_.php](https://pickleballcanada.org/national_sports_organization_.php)

### **What Are The Benefits Of Affiliation?**

The benefits are substantial. When speaking on behalf of the sport, and its players, a unified voice of some 19,000 members is best. Without affiliation with Pickleball Canada, Pickleball Manitoba would not be able to offer the Manitoba pickleball community the range of programs and services our growing sport requires.

Immediate benefits include:

- Support in attainment of formal provincial sport organization status;
- Free access to Pickleball Canada bilingual publications, Pickleball Matters (quarterly magazine), Pickleball Scoop (monthly updates);

- Coverage under the players and facilities insurance program; and
- Pathway to national certification for referees and officials.

Longer-term benefits include programming in the areas of:

- Athlete development;
- Coach/instructor certification;
- Para pickleball;
- Youth participation;
- Canadian rating system for tournament players; and
- Regional and National Tournaments

Full details on these benefits can be found at

[https://pickleballcanada.org/membership\\_benefits.php](https://pickleballcanada.org/membership_benefits.php)

### **Will There Be A Cost For Pickleball Canada Membership?**

Not for the first year. Pickleball Manitoba will, on behalf of all its members as of May 31, 2019, pay the first year Pickleball Canada membership fee of \$5 (first year is August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020).

Prior to your membership expiry in 2020, you will receive an email notifying you that membership fees for the next year are due. At that time, you go to the Pickleball Manitoba website and follow the prompts to renew your annual memberships to Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Manitoba.

### **At Membership Renewal, Must I Join Both Pickleball Manitoba and Pickleball Canada?**

Yes. Integrated memberships, (club, province and national levels) ensure consistency in development and delivery of pickleball programs across the country. They permit the sport to speak with one voice. Integrated pickleball memberships are in place in other provinces, and all other Sport Canada funded sports follow this approach.

### **What About My 5-Year Pickleball Manitoba Membership**

Your Pickleball Manitoba membership remains in effect to July 31, 2020. As above, you will be notified of the expiration of your Pickleball Manitoba membership and will renew it at the Pickleball Manitoba website.

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