



# Pickleball NEWS as of March 12/2026

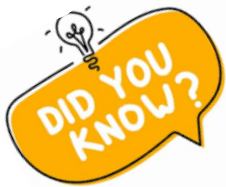
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## IMPORTANT MARCH DATES:

- \* Friday, March 20 NO PLAY at FAIRVIEW
- \* Monday, March 23 – MOVE to Clifton Centre 9 – 11am Open 1 – 3pm Non-Comp.
- \* Wed., March 25 MOVE to Palliser! 8:30-10:30am Open 10:30-12:30pm Non-Comp.

*Be sure to refer to the “NO PLAY DATES and/or VENUE CHANGE” chart on 2<sup>nd</sup> page for other known changes!*

## Interesting Club Info:



With our goal being to be completely transparent to our members, here are some things you may, or may not know!

**Current membership:** 183!! With that comes some growing pains as we try to think of all levels of play when determining scheduling moving forward! We welcome your ideas/suggestions! Talk to a Board member or email the club [pickleballswiftcurrent@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballswiftcurrent@gmail.com)

**Play Fees:** All players MUST be Pickleball Canada members. If you are a S.C. Pickleball Club member, then you pay the current fee of ONLY \$5/play time! If you aren't a S.C. Pickleball Club member, you will pay \$10/play time.

**Stockade Play:** If there are more “open” players on that ½ of the courts than there are on the “non-competitive” side, one court will be shared to balance out play time. If number of players is equal, and there are extra “sitters” for both levels, the first hour a court may be shared with “open” players, and the second hour the court will be back to “non-competitive”. The Club has a designated “court host” (aka Emile 😊) who will ensure consistency and fairness for all. There is nothing “personal” in the decisions! Trust the process!

**Couples Play:** We are thrilled we have so many of our club members preparing for tournaments and Provincials! How can we support them? One way is by permitting them to play as a “couple/team” during regular play times. They will follow the paddle rotation and will not disrupt the “sit” time of other plays. Please chat with a Board Member IF this ever becomes a topic of discussion, and we will revisit this. Good luck to all in your quest for medals!

## Recruitment Time!



Yep... new Board Members will be required for the 2026/27 year! Do YOU have a longing to help with bookkeeping or newsletter or social media (FB, website, Gmail, WhatsApp)? Or perhaps you want to have some input on ideas as a Board Member! Shoulder tapping will be taking place but feel free to share your interest! With 183 (and growing) members, we should be able to squeak out 2 -5 new people!

## Stay Connected!

We really try to keep everyone informed! Facebook, Club website, G-mail and the WhatsApp are all platforms we use. Consensus is the WhatsApp is the quickest and basically the easiest way to share info. Are YOU connected to us via WhatsApp? If you are not and want to be, shoot us a quick email and we will get you connected! NOTE: You will have to download the WhatsApp app on your device.



**Email:** [pickleballswiftcurrent@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballswiftcurrent@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Swift Current Pickleball

**Website:** [www.swiftcurrentpickleball.com](http://www.swiftcurrentpickleball.com)

**As we know, short notice changes can happen! That's why it is vital to stay connected with one or all of the platforms!**

## Learn to Play Pickleball!

Do you have friends or family (18+) inquiring about how to start Pickleball? Gaylene Little, 306-741-7049, offers free lessons for beginners who are new to the game. This volunteer coaching provides a welcoming and supportive way for new players to learn the basics, develop proper skills, and gain the confidence to join regular club play and enjoy the sport of pickleball.

Already have skills and want to join? Simply direct them to the Pickleball Canada website to obtain a SC Pickleball Club membership! <https://pickleballcanada.org/>



❖ **HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED?** If so, please remember to change your email address on your Pickleball Canada membership when you renew for 2026. You can also email the Club to share your current email ([pickleballswiftcurrent@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballswiftcurrent@gmail.com)) This will ensure you receive S.C. Pickleball Club information.

❖ **Correct cash (\$5) is appreciated to pay for your play time.**

\* It's been a minute since we mentioned our "Code of Conduct". Here it is... a gentle reminder to all!

### Code of Conduct

As a participant of the Swift Current Pickleball Club, all players agree to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner both on the courts and when observing play. All participants are reminded that the goal is to provide an environment where all players can play the game to the best of their physical ability and most importantly "have fun" while doing so. This code applies to all organized pickleball events.

Our goal is to promote the growth and development of pickleball. Players must embrace the values of good sportsmanship. It is important that all players and spectators, in promoting this goal, model good behaviour, lead by example, display respect and show self control.

#### **Safety**

- Ensure health and safety of all players at all times.
- Play within your physical abilities – remember, you are playing for FUN, reduce the risk of injury.
- If a ball enters other court, STOP PLAY immediately, call "ball on court" to warn other players. Wait for the other court players to return the ball.

#### **Respect**

- Respect all levels of skill and ability. Play with all skill levels.
- Recognize skill levels of opponents and where appropriate enable lesser skilled beginners – work on your short game, work on ball placement. Mentor and offer advice kindly. Do not intimidate weaker players or dominate the game. Play to have fun.
- Number of players – if players are waiting for courts consider reducing the game score to quicken play, ie. Play up to 9, not requiring to win by 2 points.
- Be respectful of people's sensitivities and voiced concerns.
- Treat the facility, equipment and others with respect.

#### **Sportsmanship**

- Good sportsmanship is the rule
- Exhibit fairness and honesty in dealing with others
- Receiving team makes line calls. Clearly state "in" or "out".
- Give advice on play OFF COURT. Do not delay game play.
- Honor system – call yourself or partner if in the kitchen or service faults.

The Swift Current Pickleball Club acknowledges the support of the following...



**INDOOR PLAY SCHEDULE (as at March 12/26 & subject to change)**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Stockade</b> <b>10 – 12 noon</b> - Open & Non-Competitive on designated courts.	<b>Clifton Centre</b> <b>8:30 – 10:30 am</b> Open  <b>10:30 –12:30 pm</b> Competitive	<b>Stockade</b> <b>10 – 12 noon</b> - Open & Non-Competitive on designated courts.	<b>Clifton Centre</b> <b>9 – 11 am</b> Open  <b>Fairview</b> <b>7 – 9 pm</b> Competitive	<b>Clifton Centre</b> <b>8:30–10:30 am</b> Open <b>10:30 – 12:30 pm</b> Non-Competitive  <b>Fairview</b> <b>7 – 9 pm</b> Open	<b>Fairview</b> <b>1 – 3 pm</b> Open  <b>3 – 5 pm</b> Competitive

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MONTH	VENUE (city facilities): STOCKADE/CLIFTON/PALLISER	VENUE: FAIRVIEW SCHOOL
<b>MARCH</b>	*Monday, March 23 – MOVE to Clifton Centre 9 – 11 Open & 1 – 3 Non-Comp.  *Wed., March 25 MOVE to Palliser! 8:30-10:30 Open & 10:30-12:30 Non-Comp.	Friday, March 20 NO PLAY
<b>APRIL</b>	*Friday, April 3 NO PLAY  *Wed., April 8 – MOVE to Palliser! 8:30-10:30 Open & 10:30-12:30 Non-Comp  *Monday, April 13 – MOVE to Clifton Centre 8:30-10:30 Open & 10:30-12:30 Non-Comp  *Monday, April 27 – MOVE to Clifton Centre 9-11 Open & 1–3 Non-Comp.	Monday, April 6 NO PLAY  Thursday, April 9 NO PLAY
<b>MAY</b>	*Monday, May 4 – MOVE to Clifton Centre 9-11 Open & 1–3 Non-Comp. *Wednesday, May 6 – MOVE to Palliser 8:30-10:30 Open & 10:30-12:30 Non-Comp. *Monday, May 18 NO PLAY	tba

Tentative last day of play in city facilities is Friday, May 29.

**“DESCRIPTION OF PLAY”**

“NON – COMPETITIVE” – a club member that is completely familiar with the rules and who may even have played competitively, but prefers a bit slower and less aggressive game.

“OPEN” – all club members playing at any level. All four players on the court need to play at everyone’s comfort level. More experienced players might use this game to practice some different strategies or placing the ball rather than smashing the ball, etc. The inexperienced players would use the same game to improve their skills also, but still feeling comfortable on the court.

“COMPETITIVE” – a club member that is very proficient in the rules and strategies of the game. Has played competitively in tournaments or would be working toward that level, or is at that level but has not actually played in a tournament. This player is comfortable with very aggressive play.

“NEW PLAYERS” – a club member that has not yet had the experience of playing one full season, multiple times per week on a consistent basis and is not completely familiar with all the rules of play.