

Saskatoon SSFA

Pickleball

Newsletter



Happy Halloween

Beginner Lessons at Ebenezer Church

- ✦ Beginner lessons will be offered for pickleball players at Ebenezer Church on Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- ✦ Other courts not used during lessons will be for recreational play. All members welcome.

Volunteers Needed

- ✦ SSFA Pickleball needs volunteers to help at the courts during regular play. Setting up chairs, sweeping gymnasiums, helping with checking in members etc. If interested, please email Dennis at fetters@gmail.com or Bob at rfoesewaldheim@sasktel.net or Karen at Lakeview at kbauche@hotmail.com.

Punch Cards & Membership



- ✦ Punch cards (\$30) and Memberships (\$20) are available at the courts. Cash or Cheque please.

Indoor Play at Churches



A Pickleball Calendar has been attached up until December 31 for all three churches. Please print off and keep handy or go to saskatoonpickleball.org.

Rec Pickelball Etiquette

1. When retrieving a ball from an adjacent court, don't just hit the ball back into their court without looking. That's very annoying!
2. Don't play "keep away" from the best player on the other team during rec play just so you can win – they want to play too!
3. Don't cross the court behind a match until play has stopped. It's not only rude, but dangerous.
4. If you are asked to play with a group that is of a lower skill level than you, graciously accept and play a game with them. They will appreciate your graciousness and likely learn some too.
5. If you are one of the strongest people in your foursome, tone down the competitiveness and hit your opponent's balls that they can return. Work on a new skill – perhaps it's a great time for work on that third shot drop shot.
6. If you and your partner can't determine if the ball was in or out – or if you disagree with your partner on a line call – the benefit of the doubt goes to your opponent. *That's an "official" rule!*
7. Play a strategic dinking game occasionally and remember the ball does not always have to be smashed.
8. In rec play, don't exploit someone's physical limitations just so you can "win." Not cool!
9. Call out the score loudly before you serve.
10. Meet at the net after the game. Use your paddle face or paddle stick and say thanks for the game.
11. Wait until everyone is ready before you serve.
12. If a ball gets caught in your side of the net, but it needs to go to your opponent, don't weakly throw the ball back over. Make sure it reaches your opponent.
13. Congratulate people who make good shots.
14. Don't give people a lesson on the court. Unless they want one of course. Generally, in recreational play people do not want to always be corrected.
15. Watch out for outbursts. It's supposed to be fun!



Questions/Concerns

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