

APPLICATION GUIDE - MEMBER CLUBS

Membership is important to the development of the sport of pickleball. Through membership, in Pickleball Ontario (PO) and Pickleball Canada (PCO), as Member Clubs and their membership gain a voice in the development of our sport member club you will be supporting the growth of pickleball through the provincial and federal sports organizations as well as grassroots clubs.

Pickleball Ontario is working towards supporting and strengthening our current grassroots clubs and working with newly affiliated clubs as they become added to our roster.

To become a Pickleball Ontario Member Club, 100% of the members in your club must be Pickleball Ontario (PO) members and Pickleball Canada (PCO) members and must have a minimum of 10 members designated as members of the Home Club.

COST FOR SINGLE MEMBERS

Costs for a member include the following:

- Your own Club* Membership fee - is what YOUR club decides to charge. (* + Admin fee if applicable)
- Pickleball Ontario - \$10* a year (* + Admin fee)
- Pickleball Canada - \$10* a year (* + Admin fee)
- New members who sign after September 1st receive 16 months membership (i.e. until Dec 31st following year)
- Club fees - there are no fees for the Club to become a Club Member and to access the PCNS system.

MEMBER CLUB BENEFITS

Club Membership includes the National System (PCNS) which is an integrated system that includes:

- Ability to assign partial access to a variety of club administrators
- Membership database with search, reporting, statistics, data export etc.
- Integrated registration system which combines club, provincial and national in one process
- Ability to have different registration groups i.e. different ages, summer/winter etc
- Some customization of registration form to include other questions i.e. Are you available to volunteer?

Financial:

Download of fees to club with payment of PO and PCO done at the same time, no need for separate remittance:

- Mass email capabilities which include the ability to create templates for memos, newsletters etc. as well as the ability to email certain groups
- Record keeping, statistics, reports
- Automated welcome messages upon registration, automated renewal reminders
- Website - easy to design, customize and maintain
- Event Management module for club activities i.e. workshops, events, ladders etc.

Insurance:

- Liability insurance for your club, your club directors and personal injury insurance.
To learn more visit: <https://pickleballcanada.org/membership/insurance-program/>
- Ability for members to track registrations in events etc.
- Access to Places to Play
- Access to tutorials on system

WHAT ARE OUR CLUB REQUIREMENTS?

In order to receive the benefits described, your club must become a member Club with Pickleball Ontario. This requires a signed agreement whereby the authorized Club representative is agreeing to and abiding by the club requirement listed below, thereby your club will become a Member Club and receive all the benefits that come with Membership.

- Recognize Pickleball Ontario provincially and Pickleball Canada
- Nationally as the governing bodies of pickleball in Ontario and Canada, respectively.
- Support the vision, mission and goals of Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada.
- Maintain 100 % membership in Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada
- Have a minimum of ten (10) members designated as members of the Home Club.
- Have a Board of Directors
- Charge fees to belong to the club
- Have a bank account
- Have a non-misleading name
- Designate one person to interact with Pickleball Ontario

Once you have determined that you wish to become a Member Club with Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada, we will send an Agreement for Club Membership to be completed. Once your membership has been approved an Onboarding virtual session will be arranged for your club to access and learn the PCNS system and how to set up your club's site.

If you have any question, please contact Suzanne Penner, Director of Clubs at suzannepenner@pickleballontario.org or info@pickleballontario.org. Thank you for your interest in Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada Affiliation and its many benefits.