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## PICKLEBALL NEWS

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Happy  
New Year



January 2025

🎉 Welcome to 2025, Pickleball Enthusiasts of Alberta! 🎉

As we step into a brand new year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for all the thrilling pickleball moments that await us. Let's make 2025 a year of fun, camaraderie, and unforgettable matches on the court!

To all the clubs across Alberta, we encourage you to continue fostering an environment where pickleball is not just a sport, but a joyful experience for everyone involved. Let's work together to create a community where players of all levels feel welcome and inspired to play their best.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the executives of each club. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in growing the sport and bringing people together. Your passion for pickleball is truly appreciated, and we look forward to another fantastic year inspired by your leadership.

Here's to a year filled with laughter, friendly competition, and the spirit of pickleball! 🎯



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# BOARD MEMBER ILSA WONG

Coaching Director



**National Coaching Certification Program**

Coaching clinics are held throughout the year for certified levels NCCP 1 and NCCP 2.

For questions contact: [coaching@pickleballalberta.org](mailto:coaching@pickleballalberta.org)





**Learn about NCCP Coaching**  
**The NCCP Pickleball Pathway is the cornerstone to Canada’s coaching program and is geared towards people who not only love playing pickleball, but who want to help other people enter the sport and to play it better. This includes local ambassadors committed to growing the game, instructors and coaches tasked with refining skills, and even club managers who need to plan and deliver great pickleball programming.**

**REGISTER NOW**

To register for these courses, or learn more about the NCCP Pickleball Pathway,

Currently there are two levels offered through the NCCP Pickleball Coach Education Program. They include:

**Instructor 1: Introducing Pickleball.** This one-day course is focused on preparing instructors so that they can ensure that a new player’s first experience with Pickleball is safe, inclusive and incredibly fun. Participants will learn to manage groups, organize play and focus on key fundamentals so that new players are set up for success and go home sharing a passion for Pickleball. This Level includes the completion of a 3-hour online portion in advance of the one-day in-person session.

**Instructor 2: Developing Recreational Players** is focused on supporting instructors who can help existing Pickleball players to play the game better. With an increased focus on intermediate tactics and technique, this course takes place over two-days and prepares instructors to develop in their players a wide range of key skills that they will need as they advance.



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# Check out our website to view our Strategic Plan



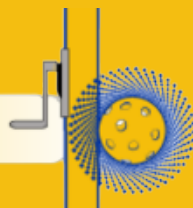
**Pickleball will be valued as an essential element in thriving and healthy communities.**



**To orchestrate an aligned and sustainable, premier sport delivery system to effectively spread the joy and benefits of pickleball.**



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We set bold aspirations focused on growth, forward momentum, and action, and we work hard to achieve them.  
We strive to continuously develop our knowledge and expertise, and we are generous to share it.  
We engage in regular evaluations and reflections.  
We take some risks – not foolish ones, but ones that stretch us and inspire innovation.  
We are not afraid to be the first to forge new paths.  
We learn from our failures and refuse to be paralyzed by uncertainty.  
We are role models and remain resilient through hard times.

## Continuous Improvement



## Teamwork



We seek opinions and input from others.  
We work together towards common goals, leveraging each others strengths.  
We are empathetic and understanding of each other's challenges and needs.  
We value diverse perspectives and promote an inclusive environment.  
We address conflicts promptly and constructively focusing on solutions.

## Safety



We take care to regularly identify and evaluate potential risks.  
We provide a high level of support for all our people including a focus on personal health and well-being.

## Integrity



We endeavor to do what will benefit the entire sport and the broader community.  
We behave ethically and endeavor to do the right thing at all times.  
We have a strong work ethic and strive to produce high-quality work consistently.  
We show respect by collaborating, communicating openly, and showing due regard for the opinions, rights, and traditions of others.  
We are resourceful and make sound decisions, even under high-stress situations.

## Accountability



We accept responsibility for outcomes, both successes and failures.  
We deliver on commitments and work hard to exceed expectations.  
We set and communicate clear goals and strategies.  
We strive to implement and set sustainable and modern best practices, and act responsibly with respect to planning and the management of resources.  
We encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Strategic Plan





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Club	2024-12-31
Coaldale Pickleball Club	389
Medicine Hat Pickleball Club	480
Lethbridge Pickleball Club	374
Airdrie Pickleball Club	411
Carstairs Pickleball Club	42
Chestermere Pickleball Club	131
Cochrane Pickleball Club	284
East Rocky View Pickleball Club	103
High River Pickleball Club	191
Okotoks Pickleball Club	315
Olds Pickleball Club	50
Strathmore Pickleball Club	205
Sundre Pickleball Association	112
Calgary Pickleball Club	1789
Northern Lights Pickleball Club	371
Camrose Pickleball Club	291
Lacombe Pickleball Club	266
Ponoka Picklers	52
Red Deer Pickleball Club	928
Rocky Mountain House Pickleball Club	51
Tees Pickleball Club	29
Barrhead Pickleball Club	67
Drayton Valley Senior Pickleball Club	38
Edson Pickleball Club	60
Fort Saskatchewan Pickleball Association	171
Parkland Pickleheads	623
Seba Pickleball And Tennis Association (Spata)	240
St. Albert Pickleball Club	1225
Strathcona County Pickleball Association	688
Westlock Pickleball Society	75
Yellowhead West Pickleball Club	381
Edmonton Pickleball Club	739
Cold Lake Pickleball Club	92
Elk Point Pickleball Club	15
St. Paul AB Pickleball Club	121
Grande Prairie Pickleball Club	348
Mighty Peace Pickleball Club	81
V-Club AB	1087

## One of our first clubs to activate the 2025 HOTSHOTS

FREE TRY IT event  
Feb 06, 7-8 pm

**Strathcona**  
HOTSHOTS Clinics

Scan for Try It & Clinics

**22 FEB, MAR, 1, 8, 15**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**\$75 PER PERSON**  
Plus if not a member of PA/PC extra \$25  
Incl: Poach paddle  
Safety goggles & cap

Limited Registraton  
Age 8-18  
Emerging players

8 sandpiper Dr, Sherwood Park

[pickleballcanada.org/event/strathcona2025](http://pickleballcanada.org/event/strathcona2025)



Clubs, scan here to join the 2025 HOTSHOTS

Unleash the pickleball pizzazz for the little champs in your neighborhood! We've got the coaches on standby and will handle the sign-ups, let's get these junior superstars swinging!



**NOMINATE NOW!**



# OF THE AWARDS FOR 2024

Nominate by clicking below and filling out the form

**Deadline is January 7, 2025**

<https://forms.clickup.com/9014476563/f/8cmvzrk-4214/K9U5C2EEKDBCUN6YYY>

or scan QR code



NOMINATIONS



January 2025

Pickleball Alberta's Transgender Policy will be reviewed as per the Provincial "Ensuring fairness, safety & inclusivity in sport"



Please be on the lookout for an upcoming survey designed to collect data related to developmental facility grants. This survey will focus on community partnerships, maintenance agreements, and facility operations.

**Congrats!**

Many of our clubs received confirmation of the \$25,000 SPAR Grant Pickleball Alberta helped achieve!



A reminder that "ALL" clubs are required to have all members sign the waiver upon registration





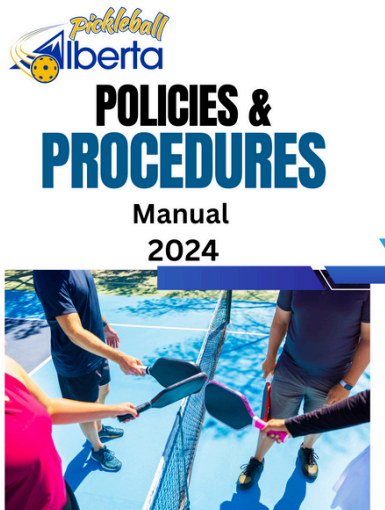
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Ensure all volunteers are screened as by our policy on page 78 available at [www.pickleballalberta.org/about-us-2/](http://www.pickleballalberta.org/about-us-2/)

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support of Pickleball Alberta. Such partnerships play a vital role in fostering the continued growth and success of our organization. We eagerly anticipate many more years of collaboration ahead.

## Sponsors

Please familiarize yourself with the updated 2024 Safe Sport Policies outlined in the Procedure Manual for each club.



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