



PICKLEBALL NEWS



May 2025

AROUND THE POST

<https://pickleballalberta.org/club-competitions/>

Pickleball Alberta Calendar

Find out what exciting events are happening in our province!



**SIGN UP
NOW**



We need more Juniors at Provincials!!

No girls have registered yet!
This could be your child's
opportunity!

Only 2 boys from each category have
registered

Junior boys doubles 3.5 - is looking for
a partner. Act now!!

Grant Opportunity

Active Communities Initiative (ACI) Grant Opens Soon
The 2025 ACI will be available to eligible community groups, non-profit organizations, and societies, and First Nations and Métis Settlements, that wish to build or enhance active spaces that support sport and recreation in their communities.

ACI aims to fund capital projects that increase sport, physical activity, and recreation opportunities for Albertans. The initiative addresses sport and recreation infrastructure pressures by supporting eligible organizations to renew, expand, and/or build small to medium sized public-use community sport and recreation facilities.

Please visit the [Active Communities Initiative Grant Webpage](#) for more information including guidelines that will be posted soon.



Team Alberta will compete at the first ever Provincial/Territorial Team Event hosted by Pickleball Canada (PCO) as an additional event this year on August 21, 2025 at the National Championships in Winnipeg, MB.



Rich Pal



Sandy Pous



Brenda Hawryluk



Keaton Kirchner



Milt Nickel



Shea Koebel



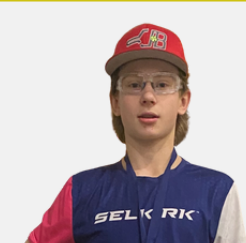
Kim Layton



Kris Kennedy



Veronique Dewilde



Jacob Bolkowy



Mary Ann Streukens



Chris Alain



Mickel Hartman



Anyarat Surin



Connor Weeks



Norm Kowalchuk



Kelly Eby



Brian Harris



Chadwick Burnell



Aileen Gorman

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WHAT IS MY RATING?

Rating 1.0

- New player with understanding of the game and rules.

Rating 1.5

- Can hit the ball back and forth a bit
- Learning to serve
- Fails to hit easy balls frequently
- Beginning to learn the basic rules such as scoring, lines, side outs, etc.

Rating 2.0

- Sustains short rallies
- Makes basic strokes such as forehand, backhand, volley, and can serve the ball
- Understands court positioning and doubles rules

Rating 2.5

- Can sustain longer rallies but not a fast pace
- Makes most easy shots including backhands, but still needs some work
- Able to approach the non-volley zone and hit volleys.
- Aware of dinks
- Good understanding of the rules
- Struggles to cover the entire court

Rating 3.0

- Has a consistent serve and returns medium-paced balls reliably.
- Able to make all basic strokes. Lacks control when trying to place the ball.
- Attempts lobs and dinks with limited success.

Rating 3.5

- Consistent control and placement of medium-paced shots.
- Able to return fast-paced shots with slightly less success.
- Improved control and placement of the ball.
- Needs more shot variety.
- Can play aggressively at the non-volley zone.
- Anticipates opponent's shots.
- Learning the strategy of doubles play.

Rating 4.0

- Consistent both forehand and backhand strokes.
- Can use spin with some success.
- Can occasionally force errors when serving.
- May lose rallies due to impatience.
- Uses the dink and drop shot successfully.
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies.
- Aggressive net play in doubles.
- Full understanding of the rules.

Rating 4.5

- Beginning to master placement and spin.
- Beginning to master 3rd shot choices.
- Good footwork and positioning.
- Adjusts for opponent's strengths/weaknesses and court position.
- Good shot selection. Does not force shots.
- Serves consistently and can vary speed and spin.
- Good court positioning. Anticipates opponent's shot.

Rating 5.0

- Mastered all shot types. Excellent shot anticipation.
- Accurate shot placement.
- Forces errors. Limits their own unforced errors.
- Mastered dinks and drop shots.
- Mastered 3rd shot strategy.
- Mastered different strategies and can vary play style.
- Raw athletic ability is often what separates 5.0 players from the rest.

[Self Assessment
Skill Level Click
here](#)

**Self Assessment Skill
Levels
UNDERSTANDING THE
IMPLICATIONS OF SELF-
ASSESSMENT SKILL
LEVELS CHOICES IN THE
PICKLEBALL BRACKETS
PERSONAL PLAYER
PROFILE**



ALBERTA STEPPING UP

Cochrane Indoor Pickleball Club

Sylvan Lake Pickleball Club

Pincher Creek Pickleball Club

Drumheller Pickleball Club

Vulcan Pickleball Club

Drayton Valley Pickleball Club

Wetaskiwin Picklepals Club

**Welcome to
our newest
Clubs!!**

Meet the 2025 Pickleball Canada Ambassadors from Alberta!



Name: Veronique Dewilde

Location: Airdrie, Alberta

About:

Veronique Dewilde is a passionate and accomplished pickleball player based in Airdrie, Alberta. As a certified Level 2 instructor, she actively contributes to the local pickleball community through coaching and mentorship. Her dedication to the sport is evident in her role as a board member of the Airdrie Pickleball Club, where she also serves as the Fundraising & Sponsorship Coordinator and IT & Website Director. Veronique's commitment to promoting pickleball extends to organizing and coaching at local camps, such as those offered by Airdrie Camps and APC.

In addition to her on-court involvement, Veronique is the owner of Pickled Passion, an online store that offers a variety of pickleball-related merchandise, including apparel, accessories, and equipment. Through Pickled Passion, she aims to provide quality products that enhance the playing experience for pickleball enthusiasts across Canada, US and the rest of the world, as she is a world traveler, playing pickleball around the world.



Name: Yan Zhao

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

About:

I am Yan Zhao, from Edmonton, Alberta. My relationship with pickleball was love at first 'volley'. I started playing pickleball in August, 2022 and I have been having so much fun playing, competing and connecting with players ever since. Super excited that I will have the opportunity to advocate the sport with the platforms provided by Pickleball Canada. Feel free to reach out if you are interested in doing drills, setting up some games or comparing notes on our pickleball journeys.

V-Club Alberta

Pickleball Alberta's virtual club (V-Club) is a means of joining Pickleball Alberta without joining any club in particular.

**** If you are a member of any affiliated club in Alberta, please do not join V-Club.****
You may wish to join V-Club to enter a sanctioned tournament in Alberta without joining a specific club.





Club Name	Club #'s	Home #'s	Club #'s	Home #'s	Club #'s	Home #'s
Club Name	March	March	April	April	May	May
Coaldale Pickleball Club	200	118	258	147	292	164
Medicine Hat Pickleball Club	102	94	228	216	322	306
Lethbridge Pickleball Club	170	113	251	167	302	211
Airdrie Pickleball Club	200	171	242	213	263	235
Carstairs Pickleball Club	35	30	38	31	39	31
Chestermere Pickleball Club	89	68	95	73	97	74
Cochrane Pickleball Club	89	204	280	261	372	363
East Rocky View Pickleball Club	104	87	105	87	105	87
High River Pickleball Club	122	99	133	107	144	116
Okotoks Pickleball Club	159	69	195	80	219	89
Olds Pickleball Club	33	21	34	22	38	23
Strathmore Pickleball Club	160	121	167	128	174	131
Sundre Pickleball Association	78	70	81	73	92	83
Calgary Pickleball Club	692	459	859	579	1021	711
Northern Lights Pickleball Club	215	145	236	145	250	150
Camrose Pickleball Club	189	180	239	231	262	250
Lacombe Pickleball Club	180	170	203	187	215	193
Picklepals Club Wetaskiwin						
Ponoka Picklers	43	38	41	37	42	38
Red Deer Pickleball Club	212	165	285	225	577	515
Rocky Mountain House Pickleball Club	49	49	54	54	63	63
Tees Pickleball Club	6	4	6	4	7	4
Barrhead Pickleball Club	57	54	60	57	61	58
Drayton Valley Pickleball Club					37	37
Drayton Valley Senior Pickleball Club	28	25	29	25	31	22
Drumheller Pickleball club					22	22
Edson Pickleball Club	30	28	34	32	38	34
Fort Saskatchewan Pickleball Association	49	28	53	35	80	61
Parkland Pickleheads	434	272	464	294	521	343
Seba Pickleball And Tennis Association (Spata)	52	24	60	31	116	89
St. Albert Pickleball Club	827	663	879	709	933	749
Strathcona County Pickleball Association	442	371	516	441	598	528
Westlock Pickleball Society	51	40	61	50	73	60
Yellowhead West Pickleball Club	302	208	323	223	334	213
Edmonton Pickleball Club	820	783	820	781	822	774
Elliot Lake Pickleball Club	89	87	97	94	99	96
St. Elk Point Pickleball Club	14	11	17	12	17	12
St. Paul AB Pickleball Club	81	70	86	77	91	82
Grande Prairie Pickleball Club	160	146	164	150	190	173
Mighty Peace Pickleball Club	74	69	75	70	77	70
Vulcan Pickleball Club					29	29
G V-Club AB	489	256	635	365	769	433
Grand Total	7126	5610	8403	6513	9834	7722

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More details



2025 PICKLEBALL ALBERTA CLUB SYMPOSIUM



May 31, June 1
2025



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



STEVE INDIG

Sport lawyer specializing in complex legal matters, governance, policy development, and public speaking



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Be prepared to ask insightful questions, as both of our guests are eager to assist our clubs.



JASON STRUDWICK

Co-host of the "Got Yer Back" podcast, public speaker, and radio show host known for observational humor

REGISTER NOW



\$75.00 2 Day Pickleball Symposium

<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/event/2025-pickleball-alberta-club-symposium/39851/?admin=1>

Glenmore Inn & Convention Centre
May 31, & June 1, 2025

Activities



Quick Hits: 3x3 Exchange

Like speed dating, but instead of hearts, you're all about those club vibes!



Bring your paddle

Yes we have courts booked for more fun!!!



Around the room

Share your favorite stories





Calgary May 30, 2025



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Register your club for Pickleball Canada's national campaign event during pickleball week!

This year, National Pickleball is on August 8, and we're thrilled to partner with Myeloma Canada to make Pickleball week (August 4-10) a fantastic success! We're excited to introduce a new initiative, *Smashing Myeloma*, a campaign created in collaboration with Pickleball Canada and Myeloma Canada. Your club can participate in this national event at no cost, enjoy all the benefits, and support an amazing cause. It's a win-win!

For all your Pickleball Alberta updates click here

Hotshots Club Registration

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Send in your dates

2025 Official Pickleball Rulebook Wheelchair

2025 Official Pickleball Rulebook Here

CLICK HERE

Register March 1, 7P.M.

WWW.PICKLEBALLTOURNAMENTS.COM



Junior Championship added this year

March 1, 7 P.M.

We need more juniors!!

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

@ PICKLEBALL ALBERTA PROVINCIALS

\$50.00 with code sent in all junior's emails

+\$15/EVENT

https://pickleballbrackets.com?2025PAC

JULY 10-13
MEDICINE HAT, AB

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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.



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

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