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Congratulations to the 2026–2027 Pickleball Alberta Board of Directors!



Thank you



Laura Spencer



Veronique Dewilde

We are pleased to welcome our Board for the 2026–2027 term. Congratulations to Ken Dentzien, Deborah Wacker and Darlene MacLean on their re-election for another two-year term. We also welcome Lester Lim, joining the Board for a two-year term, and Trudy Carrels, joining for a one-year term. We look forward to the experience, ideas, and leadership each will bring as we continue to grow and strengthen pickleball across Alberta.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Laura Spencer and Veronique Dewilde for their time, dedication, and valuable contributions to the Board during the year they served. Your commitment to Pickleball Alberta and its members is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all those who put their names forward for candidacy in our election this year.

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2026 Annual General Meeting

Pickleball Alberta held its 2026 Annual General Meeting virtually on October 15, with representatives from 18 Member Clubs participating alongside Board members and guests. The meeting highlighted progress made throughout 2026, including our largest Provincial Championships to date, expanded youth and school programming, new opportunities for Special Olympics athletes, and continued development of coaches and officials. The Board also reported on initiatives to support clubs, gather member feedback, strengthen organizational operations and build partnerships to support the sport's growth across Alberta.

Members elected five Directors to the Pickleball Alberta Board. Ken Dentzien, Deborah Wacker and Darlene MacLean were re-elected to two-year terms, alongside newly elected Director Lester Lim. Trudy Carrells was elected to a one-year term. We also extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing Directors Veronique Dewilde and Laura Spencer for their time, commitment and contributions to Pickleball Alberta. The 2025 financial statements were presented, and King & Company Chartered Professional Accountants was reappointed as auditor for 2026.

Thank you to all Member Clubs, Directors, candidates and guests who participated in this year's AGM. We appreciate the continued involvement and contributions of our members as we build on the progress made in 2026 and look ahead to another successful year for pickleball in Alberta.

View the 2026 AGM Presentation

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This is an amazing opportunity!! Don't miss out! For more information or to register please contact Gloria Wipf: gwipf007@gmail.com.





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Red Deer Pickleball Club Women's Pickleball Event

The Red Deer Pickleball Club (RDPC) hosted a dual women's event on September 12, 2026. These two events were created to bring women together through community, friendship and fun- and what a response we had!

The morning social welcomed 80 beginner and intermediate players from RDPC for skills and drills with two fun modified games, followed by ladder play and a shared lunch. In the afternoon, 68 higher-level players from the Calgary area, Central Alberta and Edmonton area gathered for a fun 12 round match up. Everyone played against the other regions, mixing with different partners each round. Three hours of fun, laughs and great battles. The event closed with food and fellowship on a great fall day in Alberta.

More than just a day on the courts, the event offered women a safe and welcoming environment where they could meet new people, laugh, get active, learn and encourage one another - without the pressure to perform or fit into a particular group. Pickleball is a wonderful avenue for building friendships and creating a sense of belonging, no matter your skill level.

As players progress in their game, the pressure to perform can sometimes take away from the joy of playing. These events were a reminder that pickleball is, first and foremost, a fun and inclusive sport where we can support each other and become a better version of ourselves - on and off the court.

In addition, we raised $500 towards the women's shelter. RDPC donated the drop in fees to the shelter.

We hope to grow events like this across Alberta and continue creating opportunities for women to connect, learn, play and build community together. Pickleball is more than a game - it's a place to belong.

Carol Graham, Director of Coaching, Red Deer Pickleball Club

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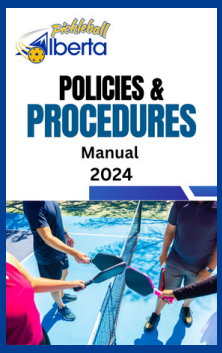
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