

Visitor and Seasonal Membership Policy

Meaford Pickleball Club - August 19, 2021



Preamble:

- Meaford Pickleball Club (MPC) serves its members first and foremost.
- MPC also wishes to be welcoming and introduce people to the game of pickleball.
- A Seasonal Membership is also an option for all club members as outlined below.
- MPC recognizes that challenge of potential injuries in pickleball and as such combines our own club membership with Pickleball Canada's membership program which includes personal insurance for all Club Members.
- Persons who are not members therefore are subject to the risk of injury with no insurance coverage from MPC if they are not members. Thus, the following conditions will need to be met before individuals can try out the sport of pickleball under our auspices.
- We do encourage people who wish to try out the game to borrow equipment from the Meaford Library and utilize the Meaford Tennis courts which also has pickleball lines on the courts there. A basic instructional guide is included with the equipment loaned at the Library which has been provided by MPC. <https://www.meaford.ca/en/explore-play/library.aspx#>

Visitors and/or friends of Club Members may play under the following conditions:

1. Walk On Games for Experienced Players:

- a) Space is available under any Covid-19 restrictions. Same day walk-on participants are permitted if the session is not at capacity. Court hosts will have the final decision regarding walk player's experience.
- b) A Covid-19 Screening Assessment is completed and the current provincial guidelines are followed.
- c) A Club Waiver is read and signed which indicates the risk of injury and the waiving of liability by MPC.
- d) Court Fees are paid before play begins – rate would be \$5.00 per session, payable in cash to the Court Host or by e-transfer. (use email meafordpb@gmail.com)
- e) Valid for a one-time session to determine if they wish to join the club or, alternatively, to purchase a Seasonal Membership.
- f) If Guest is a member of Pickleball Canada (PC) we will require they provide us with their PC membership number and to indicate that on the waiver form.

- g) Generally we would prefer that players contact us at least a day in advance to inquire about playing – either by email – meafordpb@gmail.com or via our contact form on our website, www.meafordpb.ca.

2. Seasonal Memberships:

- a. Seasonal Memberships (SM) are available on our club website by selecting Seasonal Member on the registration page, www.meafordpb.ca and completing the form and paying the appropriate fees.
- b. The following fee structure is in place:
 - i. SM Fees will include Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Ontario (PO) annual fees.
 - ii. This benefit provides personal insurance coverage through PC while playing at any MPC sponsored games.
 - iii. A fee for MPC would be also included in the total amount: 2021 rates are:
 1. \$35 for 4 months. (Any 4 month window is permissible.)
 2. Fee structure is as follows:
 - a. \$15 to MPC; b. \$10 each to PC and PO.
 3. Play as often as you wish during this time.
 - iv. Court Fees: Regular court fees apply depending on location.
- c. SM's must sign up for games on EZin – MPC's signup software program.
- d. Please note our current annual memberships are \$50. Thus, determining which membership is most suitable is encouraged.
- e. Should Seasonable Members desire to upgrade to an Annual Membership, they are welcome to do so and the difference in fees would be payable accordingly.

3. New-to-the-Game Players:

- a. All beginner players are welcome to attend a “Learn to Play” (LTP) session provided by MPC which is offered at regular intervals. This session is complimentary – no fees are charged.
- b. Due to the nature of the game and the importance of being taught the basics – walk-ons will not be possible for brand new players to the game on the day of inquiry. Rather, a LTP session must be attended. Please contact the club regarding a LTP session.
- c. meafordpb@gmail.com or via our contact form on our website, www.meafordpb.ca
- d. A MPC waiver must be read and signed before play begins which indicates the risk of injury and the waiving of liability by MPC.
- e. A Covid-19 Screening Assessment is completed and the current provincial guidelines are followed.
- f. Following the complimentary session, individuals will be recommended to join the club by the instructor or take further instruction at the instructor's discretion. Joining the club either as a full member or a Seasonal Member is then welcome.