

UNB Saint John Pickle Ball: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is the Pickleball Club at UNB Saint John all about?

- Our goal is to provide community members of the Greater Saint John area with quality programming in a safe and comfortable atmosphere in addition to the overall growth of the sport of Pickleball in and around our community. Becoming a member means three things: staying fit, having fun and being social!

How do I join the Pickleball Club?

- Forms that you will need to participate in this club are found by visiting unb.ca/saintjohn/athletics/community/pickleball ;choose Pickleball on the right hand side to access all documents, registration, waiver and liability forms.
- If interested in participating, there will be a UNBSJ Pickleball membership and a fee to play in this club. If more applicants show interest than amount of courts open a random draw will take place.
- Registration form includes waiver and liability and your membership to UNB Saint John Pickleball Club. You must join the UNB Saint John Pickleball club the first time you register for regular play, with the exception being attendance in an Introduction to Pickleball session. The annual membership for each participant is \$10.00 (valid from September 1 – August 31).
- If you are interested in registering, please contact Stephanie.Guimond@unb.ca for more information or access the registration form and submit to Stephanie Guimond via email.
- MUST provide proof of valid Pickleball Canada membership at time of registration. A snapshot image or hardcopy of your membership profile as per Pickleball Canada website (this will show membership number and expiry date).
- Membership through Pickleball Canada (new member or renewal for existing members) is available at https://pickleballcanada.org/new_memberships_only.php

How much does it cost?

- Pickleball has both an annual membership for access and a per session cost. **Cash payments only.** Please provide exact cash, we do not keep petty cash on hand for change. The annual membership for each participant is \$10.00 (valid from September 1 – August 31). Regular play (not including lessons or skill development etc.) will be \$4.00 per time slot. These costs are non-refundable and must be paid in exact cash to Stephanie Guimond at UNB Saint John, G. Forbes Elliot Athletics Centre, room 105. This must be paid prior to participation.

Time slots?

- Pickleball takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00pm-3:00pm and the odd Saturday that is available, communications will go out via email or you may check the website.
- Each time slot will be like for like play. It will be divided into 2 categories of ratings: 1-3 will play each other and 3.5-5 will play each other.

How many courts are available?

- There are currently six courts available in the gymnasium with a potential for more.

Can I play if I don't join the club?

- In order to play (other than 1st registered Introduction to Pickleball session) you MUST be first and foremost a member of Pickleball Canada. You must be a registered club member at UNB Saint John for any play after introductory play, no exceptions.

- There will be no drop ins for regular play, skill development or lessons. There will be NO play unless participants are registered through Pickleball Canada. No regular play shall take place unless you are a registered member of UNBSJ Pickleball.

Who, when, where and how do I pay my fees?

- Pay in person, exact cash to Stephanie Guimond, Athletics Programs Coordinator at UNB Saint John.
- Our address is: 100 Tucker Park Rd. Saint John, NB E2L 4L5, Room 105. **Reminder no small change accepted**

Are there parking fees?

- Parking fees are built into your session fees.
- Parking passes will be provided to each registered member per semester.

Do I need my own paddle? Cost of equipment? Who does the setup?

- All participants will need their own paddle. UNB Saint John does have some paddles for Introduction to Pickleball sessions only, however very limited.
- Nets systems are provided by UNB Saint John staff. Participants are asked to request equipment from student supervisor on duty and set up and tear down as any user group does. Balls are also provided by UNB Saint John for participants, one ball per court. Once play is complete ALL balls MUST be returned at and of each time slot. Even if balls are damaged after use they must be returned for inventory purposes. Failure to return promptly after play will result in a charge for missing ball(s).
- The Pickleball Depot is one option that could be used to order equipment, simply visit: <https://www.pickleballdepot.ca/>

Do I just show up and play?

- Once you are a registered member you can play. Be sure to check the main page Pickleball website for updates.
- Any cancellations will be posted under "CANCELLATIONS" on the main page.

Do I need a partner?

- If a partner is needed it will be communicated in search to fill the spot.

Lessons and Skills Development.

- If there is interest in lessons or skills development please contact Stephanie Guimond, you will then be contacted to inform you of acceptance based on number of participants.
- Participation in Introductory lessons requires participants to be members of Pickleball Canada, but these lessons do not require a UNB Saint John Pickleball membership.

Additional Information

- Time slots, cost of play, regular play, skill development and introductory lessons may be subject to change at any time.
- Any changes will be posted to the website, please ensure you check this frequently in case there are any last-minute changes or cancellations due to weather or other factors.
- Absolutely NO club play without being registered.
- As per skill, ability and rating, players scheduled for play will be of similar skills levels.
- Prior to stepping onto the courts all participants must be aware of the locations of the bathrooms, AED machine and emergency exits.
- Location of AED machine: on the wall to the left of the equipment room door.
- Bathrooms/Change rooms: outside the gymnasium main doors beyond the red pillars, men to the right, ladies to the left.
- Emergency exits: there are three emergency exits directly inside the gymnasium. One on the far wall on the right-side court. Two on the left-side court, one located on the far wall and one located on the wall close to weight room.

Court Etiquette is as follows:

- Do not walk behind, alongside, or onto a court while play is in session.
- Use the system in place to determine who plays next.
- The team receiving the ball determines whether the ball is in or out.
- When a game ends, acknowledge your opponents at the net and leave the court promptly.
- Do not take the game too seriously, this is a fun for all club!

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