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Welcome to SDBC Pickleball

Welcome to SDBC Pickleball. If you are visiting online, hopefully you will find the information you are looking for. We look forward to meeting you at some time in the future. If you have already attended one of our pickleball sessions, we hope you had fun and met some nice people while playing this increasingly popular recreational activity. Please feel free to invite adult friends and family members to join us.

We have been closed since March 2020 due to COVID-19. In order for us to start up again in November 2021, we have implemented some changes to offer a safer environment in which to play indoors. We ask for your patience as we attempt to accommodate players with different comfort levels with playing indoors. Please go to our pickleball ministry page on our website (www.southdelta.org/pickleball), for information about registering online to play.

Register for Notice of Cancellations and SDBC Pickleball Newsletter

Please sign up online to receive our monthly SDBC Pickleball Newsletter and information concerning session cancellations and schedule changes. We will also use the newsletter to update you on changes to COVID protocols due to public health orders as pertaining to indoor pickleball. Go to our Pickleball Ministry page (www.southdelta.org/pickleball) then click on the button near the bottom of the page that says, “**Join our mailing list**” to provide us with your name and email address. This is a legal requirement (CRTC) which will allow us to send the newsletter to you. More importantly, it will most likely be the only way we will contact you in the future. If, at any time, you would like to have your contact information removed or have any questions, please contact us at pickleball@southdelta.org.

Below is some information on how we are organized at South Delta Baptist Church Pickleball.

Level of Play

The sessions at the church have been grouped to accommodate four levels of play. Players self-assess their playing level by using the criteria set out on the USAPA.org website or those found in our monthly newsletter. They have assessment sheets to download or we have laminated copies of these skill sheets available for you to peruse while at the gym.

The four levels are: Advanced (Level 3.5+), Intermediate (Level 3.0), Advanced Beginners (Level 2.5) and Beginners (Level 2.0). An Advanced Beginner player is one who has participated in the introductory lesson or equivalent and fits the criteria

established for a 2.0 skill level of play. Each session has at least one host you can talk to if you have any questions or concerns. You can also contact us at pickleball@southdelta.org. We welcome feedback.

Weekly Schedule

We offer nine sessions over three days during the week. Sessions run on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:30-9:30PM and on Saturday from 9AM-2PM. Players are asked to attend only one playing session per day. During our start-up period, we also ask that players sign up for a maximum of two sessions per week to allow more players to access the sessions. Our weekly schedule changes periodically so check the church website for our current schedule at www.southdelta.org/pickleball. We do have unscheduled cancellations every once in a while, of which you will be notified via email if you have registered online at the link indicated.

General Information

1. The SDBC Pickleball Committee overseeing the organization of South Delta Baptist Church Pickleball is made up of Mario and Brenda M., Wayne and Barb C., Sandy and Janice S., and Dave S.
2. **New Player Step by Step Registration:** all players wishing to play at the church must register online. Please refer to the link on our church website (or go here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/south-delta-baptist-church-12952038028>) to choose a session you desire. These procedures may change as Public Health Orders dictate.
3. **Cost:** there is a **\$3 fee collected** when being checked in for the session you are playing in. Please have exact coinage. Two dollars (\$2) of this fee will be used to support local charities in Delta. We have supported a number of charities on behalf of pickleball players at SDBC Pickleball including the SDBC Food Bank, Delta Assist, W.I.N.G.S. (women's shelter), Starfish Pack (school food program) and BC Guide Dogs for Autism. The remaining \$1 of the fee collected will be used to cover ongoing expenses.
4. The church has kindly given us the use of the gym. It is our responsibility to make sure that the gym is cleaned up promptly after our final session for the day. Custodial staff have limited time to secure the building after we leave so it is important that we leave within 10 minutes of our closing times.
5. Please bring a water bottle as there are no fountains in the church.
6. **SDBC Pickleball Newsletter:** if you would like to receive our monthly newsletter with updates, cancellations, tips, and other information, please go to

www.southdelta.org/pickleball to sign up. You can also go to our South Delta Baptist Church website under “Connect” to find this pickleball page.

Feel free to contact any of the South Delta Baptist Church Pickleball Committee members if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Contact: pickleball@southdelta.org