

Vernon Pickleball Association

Priest Valley Gym Indoor COVID-19 Rules and Restrictions

Pre -Booking

All VPA members MUST pre-book their play sessions on Sign-up Genius. Both first & last names must be listed for each player at the time of booking. Reservation player changes must be updated prior to the session. There is absolutely no drop-ins, substitutions must be registered on Signed up Genius. Booking records will be retained by the VPA for tracing purposes. Members must cancel their booking a minimum of 4 hours prior to play if they can not attend. Due to the limited amount of time slots and opportunities, players that fail to remove their names at least 4 hours prior to the session will be charged for the session to cover the clubs costs.

New Electronic Play Passes

Due to Covid members will no longer be issued punch cards. Players will now purchase Electronic Play Passes that will be tracked by a Play Pass Monitor. The Play Pass Monitor will track members purchases and usage. Members that currently hold punch cards will be able to convert their punch cards into Electronic Play Pass Credits. Purchase and credit details for new Electronic Play Passes will be sent out in a separate email.

Format and Sign ups for PV Gym

PV sessions are limited to a maximum 20 Players divided on 4 courts. Players will use sign up genius to book their pod or themselves. The players booking will indicate which court the players are assigned to along with the name of session host. Please note for covid safety we will be using courts 1, 3, 4 and 6, leaving out courts 2 & 5 to increase player separation along with the curtain to divide the gym in half. Each session will offer 2 courts for 5 player pickle pods and 2 courts for 5 player individual sign ups. The play format will be a timed 5 player round robin.

Extremely Important Covid Checklist

- **Do not attend or book sessions if you exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms such as....**
- **Fever**
- **Coughing**
- **Have difficulty breathing**
- **Or other symptoms identified by health experts.**
- **Been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days**
- **Considered vulnerable or at risk due to other health conditions.**

PV Gym procedures prior to play

Arrive at the PV Gym no more than 10 Mins Prior to play. Players booked on courts 4 & 6 will Enter from the South End entrance.

Players gather and keep their social distance until the host is ready to let the players into the gym. Players on courts 1 & 3 will follow the same drill entering from the North End Entrance. Players will gather and wait in the corridor between the hockey change rooms and the ice sheet until the host comes to greet them. Once the players have been received by the hosts the players will go to their assigned court where their net will be waiting for assembly. Along with the net there will be a bottle of sanitizer for all the players to use throughout the session. The player's name that appears first on the court booking will be in charge of setting up and taking down the net for the session. Sometimes it's tough being Number #1.. After the set up and the warm up, extra players will take their place by sitting on the " X " marked on the bench. Throughout the session players are to maintain and respect the 2m = 6' distancing protocol. Players are asked to place their bags and equipment along the wall or under the benches at least 2m = 6' apart. Players must avoid congregating between games, water breaks and the end of the session.

Mandatory Covid 4 Ball and Equipment Rules

Each player MUST use their own ball throughout the session. The 4 ball rule is strictly enforced. (It's a good idea to mark and identify your pickleballs).

Players must be aware to ONLY handle their own balls at the end of rallies. Balls that need to be returned to other players must be done by rolling them or guiding them back with their paddles or feet. NO HANDS.....

Also on the no touch list are other players' paddles, balls and equipment, along with wives, husbands and other foreign objects.

Scheduling To Be Announced

Consequences of Non-Compliance

If players choose to not abide by the aforementioned rules and restrictions, they will be asked to not attend the courts for up to 14 days to help protect themselves and others around them. Continued abuse of the Rules and Restrictions will result in temporary suspension of playing privileges until the COVID restrictions are lifted. For the safety of all, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure all players abide by the rules. Consequences could be collective to your on-court group.

JUST DO IT!

These safety measures are not optional. For the provincial Order in Council to protect sports organizations, the organization has to establish and enforce the rules. Similarly, for insurance policies to provide effective protection we have to adhere to the rules. The City of Vernon Emergency Operations Centre has also mandated that sports played in Vernon must follow all provincial safety measures.

These measures are simple and easy to follow. You either choose to enjoy PB within the above safety framework or you can choose to play elsewhere.

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