

# **Mono Pickleball Club** **Membership Policy**

## **MPC MISSION**

To develop and grow the sport of pickleball in the Town of Mono and surrounding communities by:

- Promoting and advancing affordable and equitable\* access to the game of Pickleball,
- Making available opportunities for recreational as well as organized play at all levels,
- Providing an environment that encourages sportsmanship and where interactions are respectfully social, safe, and collegial.

\*Welcoming to participants regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic or racial origin, citizenship, religion or physical ability

## **SCOPE:**

The Membership Policy outlines the criteria for individuals to become a member and maintain membership into the Mono Pickleball Club (MPC).

## **DEFINITION:**

A Mono Pickleball Club (MPC) member is any person 18 years or older at the beginning of the year who has paid their fees for the current year: MPC fees, Pickleball Ontario fees, Pickleball Canada fees; and has signed the Club's "Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement".

## **MPC Membership Policy**

1. To become a member of Mono Pickleball Club, an individual must complete the required registration process, including all fees and waivers. Membership with Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada is included in the registration process.
2. Membership is available to adults 18 years of age and older at the beginning of the year.
3. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st of the year. Membership renewals for the following year can begin no sooner than October 1st.
4. In addition to the fees required of members when registering with MPC, members are required to pay additional fees when they register for optional activities; e.g., coaching skill level evaluation, indoor play, social events, tournaments, etc.

- All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable when a member withdraws, for whatever reason, from MPC and/or from an optional activity requiring registration and a fee. When a withdrawal creates a vacancy, the next member in the registration list will be given an opportunity to join the activity at a pro-rata rate, when appropriate.
5. Opportunities for members in good standing may include, but are not limited to, playing pickleball on the courts during designated MPC hours, booking play sessions, reserving courts, participating in pickleball related activities, playing on MPC teams, attending and voting at MPC Annual General Meetings or Emergency General Meetings, serving on the MPC Board of Directors (herein called the Board), enrolling in tournaments as a representative of the Mono Pickleball Club. Additional inclusions or exclusions to the above may be designated by the Board.
  6. Members in good standing must have paid MPC fees in full for the year and not be in breach of any of the provisions of the by-laws or of the rules, regulations and policies of the Club.
  7. Members must follow the MPC Policies and Procedures established by the Board and respect the Club's [Code of Conduct Policy](https://www.monopickleballclub.com/constitution-bylaws-policies).  
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  8. A member can be suspended from MPC or have their membership terminated for just cause, including unacceptable behaviour or non-compliance with the Clubs' activities, policies and procedures. (refer to MPC's [Code of Conduct Policy](https://www.monopickleballclub.com/constitution-bylaws-policies)).  
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  9. The Board determines fees annually based on various considerations and restraints.
  10. The Board can modify the membership cap at any time due to various considerations and restraints.
  11. In addition to the fees required of members when registering with MPC, members are required to pay additional fees when they register for optional activities (e.g., instruction, ability level evaluation, indoor play, social events, tournament). All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable when a member withdraws, for whatever reason, from MPC and/or from an optional activity requiring registration and a fee. When a withdrawal creates a vacancy, the next member in the registration list will be given an opportunity to join the activity at a pro-rata rate, where appropriate.

12. All new members, regardless of previous experience, will be considered to be a “Beginner/Novice” player (1.0 - 2.0) until they have demonstrated a minimum level of play of 2.5 (Early Intermediate).

[The MPC Skill Evaluation Procedure](#) will be utilized for members to demonstrate their skills.

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13. MPC is a volunteer-run organization. It is anticipated that members will assist and share in the responsibilities and tasks that are essential to operating the club (e.g., joining volunteer committees, daily setting up for play, cleaning up and storing equipment).