

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**

DEFINITION

A 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".

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1. Only members in good standing are entitled to play pickleball on the courts during designated MPC hours, book play sessions, reserve courts, participate in club events, play on MPC teams, attend and vote at MPC Annual General Meetings or Emergency General Meetings, serve on the MPC Board of Directors (herein called the Board), or enrol in tournaments as a representative of the Mono Pickleball Club.
2. Membership is limited to adults 18 years of age and older at the beginning of the year.
3. Members must pay their membership fees annually and complete the required registration process, including all waivers, and present proof of paid membership with Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada.
4. 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 of IPTPA 2.5 (Early Intermediate). The MPC Skill Assessment Procedure and accompanying IPTPA Skills Checklists will be utilized for members to demonstrate their skills.
(<https://www.monopickleballclub.com/constitution-bylaws-policies>)
5. Members must follow the MPC Policies and Procedures established by the Board and respect the Club's ***Code of Conduct Policy***.

6. MPC cannot accommodate guests or members of the community at large due to limited court time and resources.
7. The membership year for Mono Pickleball Club aligns with Pickleball Canada and the Provincial and Territorial pickleball association membership, and is from January 1st to December 31st of the year. Membership renewals for the following year can begin no sooner than October 1st.
8. The Board determines fees annually. A variety of factors are considered in fee determination (e.g., number of members, financial obligations to be met for the current year, reserve funds for years ahead). The financial expectations of the club and members may vary year to year.
9. The Board can refrain from accepting new members at any time due to various reasons (e.g., limited court and program availability, time required for registration, individual needs of members).
10. MPC is a volunteer-run organization. Members are anticipated to assist and share in the responsibilities and tasks that are essential to operation of the club (e.g., setting up for play, cleaning up and storing equipment, assisting in fundraising).
11. A member can be suspended or have their membership terminated for just cause, including unacceptable behaviour or non-compliance with activities intended for designated groups. (refer to MPC's *Code of Conduct Policy*).