

Welcome Letter

SDBC Pickleball 2023-2024

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.

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 link indicated on our pickleball webpage or those found in our monthly newsletter. We have combined the levels to make up three groupings: Intermediate/Advanced (Level 3.25+ Competitive), Novice/Intermediate (Level 2.5 - 3.0), and Beginner/Novice (Level 1.0 - 2.5). A novice player is one who has participated in the introductory lesson or equivalent and fits the criteria established for a 2.5 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.

How Do You Register to Play in a Session?

All players wishing to play at the church must register using PlayTime Scheduler for each session (maximum two sessions per week). Directions on how to get a free account for Playtime Scheduler is on our pickleball webpage along with instructions as to how you sign up for a session. Please refer to the link on our church website (southdelta.org/pickleball).

SDBC Pickleball Ministry Newsletter

We send out a monthly SDBC Pickleball e-newsletter. We strongly encourage you to sign up for this newsletter as it contains updates, cancellations, tips, and other information. There are times when the church may have last minute cancellations due to a funeral, power outage or weather. The newsletter is the only way we can contact all those who attend sessions at the church to inform them of last-minute changes.

How do I sign-up for the newsletter

To receive our monthly SDBC Pickleball Newsletter, 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." You will be asked 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. If, at any time, you would like to have your contact information removed or have any questions, please contact us at pickleball@southdelta.org. You can also unsubscribe through our newsletter by clicking on the unsubscribe button at the bottom of each newsletter.

Weekly Schedule

Sessions are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings and afternoons. Players are asked to sign up for only one playing session per day (skill session not included) and sign up for a maximum of two playing sessions per week to allow more players to access the sessions. In addition to our playing sessions, we offer two skill practice session for novice/intermediate players on Saturday (temporarily suspended until the fall) and a beginner skill session on Thursday evening for Beginners. 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 (Mailchimp) if you have registered for the newsletter. If you have signed up for a session using Playtime Scheduler, you will also receive an email from them indicating your session has been cancelled.

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., Mario and Jacqui M., and Dave S. 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.

How Much Does It Cost?

There is a \$3 fee collected at the door when being checked in to the session you are attending. Please have toonies and loonies rather than smaller coinage if possible. On Saturdays, if you signed up for a skill session and also a playing session, then the skill session is complimentary. Otherwise, the skill session alone is \$3. Note that \$2 of the fee will be used to support local charities primarily. In the past we have donated to the SDBC Food Bank, Delta Assist, W.I.N.G.S. (women's shelter), Starfish Pack South Delta (school food program), Stroke Recovery Society and BC Guide Dogs for Autism. The remaining \$1 of the fee will be used to cover ongoing expenses.

Other Things You Should Know.

- 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.
- Please bring a water bottle as there are no fountains in the church.

