

Finally, the opportunity to become a Pickleball Referee - please read below....

A number of members have asked for information regarding "how to become a referee for pickleball". There are videos out there but as you know

it takes more than watching a video - you also need the practical aspect of learning to referee. When I mentioned this clinic to a few members,

many jumped at the opportunity but a few became a bit reluctant about taking it as they thought this would mean they would have to referee at

every level of play in our tournaments. Well, the club is offering this special opportunity to our members, it is our goal/expectation to be able to ask

you during a tournament if you would be available or willing to referee. Just to set the questions straight - until you have become an experienced

referee and refereed a number of tournaments and been assessed - no one would ever put you into a game that they thought you could not handle.

The majority of games you will ref will be with novice to 3.5 players. You should never be challenged when refereeing and to error is to be human

- please do not avoid taking this clinic because you feel you may be coerced into refereeing every tournament - you need to want to referee.

Although it is our goal to be able to call upon you for tournament play - our purpose as a club is to be able to offer a higher quality of play to our

members and our guests when offering additional style play. We strive to make this the best club on the island and we can only do that through our devoted members. Thank-you!!!

As we do not know the number of people that will respond to our offer of a clinic and we can only take a maximum of **12** participants - we are

asking those of you that are interested to please fill out a short questionnaire to give us some information of your abilities and goals for refereeing.....

What to expect? Prior to your training you will be asked to watch the Quick Start Video and go through the Instructional PowerPoint, both available on

the Pickleball Canada website under Officiating. The video is great for people who are starting....simple, easy to follow. To help make the training process

a little quicker, Rick has asked us to go through this video as it could take up to 2 hours. It is necessary that everyone goes through the Powerpoint on-line,

then comes prepared with questions for answering. Once the participants have registered I will send out the information for your next steps.

We are looking for people that are willing to learn and to elevate not only their game but the clubs level of play, as well. If this is something you believe you

will enjoy - ***please complete the questionnaire and send in your application before October 1, 2023 by noon of the same day. The link to the questionnaire is:***

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NanaimoPickleballClub/RefereeingClinicQuestionnaire>

Thank-you for your interest. If you do not get into the clinic this time, we will try to host a second clinic in the near future.

Thank-you. Deb

Date: October 19, 2023

Location: Oliver Woods

Time: 12:00 - 3:30