



MPC DROPSHOT NEWS

November 3, 2021 Edition

Dropping News from the Meaford Pickleball Club into Your Kitchen!

Drop Shots!

Wait List on Ezin.

If a session is full you can sign in to that game to be put onto the Wait List. When a space comes available you will be notified you can join that game by email.

New Court Fees:

\$4 per 2 hr session indoors.

Ezin System:

Thanks for the update Eileen on managing and using Ezin. Trusting all members will have read the update... wink, wink!

Pick-Up Games:

The Tennis Courts are still open, but nets are down. If you have a portable net by chance, courts are still available for a while to use.



Outdoor Play at the Pavilion Courts will conclude for the 2021 Season Nov. 6. Thanks to all who helped in so many ways this summer! See you on the courts in May 2022, only 6 months away!

MPC Adds Even More Sessions

Upcoming Schedule: Starting Monday, November 8. See below!

- All sessions will now be 2 hours, 12 person capacity
- All indoor sessions require proof of vaccinations
- **Please only sign up for one session per day in Nov & Dec.** If all sessions each day are **not** full, you may sign up no sooner than 2 hrs prior to another session with space on the same day.
- Evenings are meant for those who cannot make day time games. Please be generous about this if you are able to play during the day.
- Please make sure to bring indoor only shoes to wear at the Community Centre and change before you come into the Hall.
- **Please note Monday, Nov. 15, morning and afternoon sessions cancelled due to Vaccination Clinic. Evening session is a go!**

Check out our MPC website!

www.meafordpb.ca

Contact us at meafordpb@gmail.com

Learn to Play Sessions - Now weekly on Tuesdays at Noon for 1 hr. New to the game players will automatically be invited. If you aren't so invited & wish to sign up please contact Eileen or Brian - meafordpb@gmail.com. Instruction by Jo Nel, Lesley Lewis, Eileen Powell under the supervision of B Bell. No charge for this session.

Schedule as of November 8

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
10-12 Indoor	10-12 Indoor	10-12 Indoor	10-12 Indoor	10-12 Indoor
	Learn to Play 12 - 1 pm			
1:00 – 3:00 Indoor	1-3 Indoor	1:00 – 3:00 Indoor	1-3 Indoor	1-3 Indoor
6:30 – 8:30 Indoor Intermediate		6:30 – 8:30 Indoor	Nov. 11 is a go! Remembrance Day	

Blue highlighted sessions have just been added. All indoor sessions now at the Community Centre, 151 Collingwood St, Meaford. East doors.

MPC Rating Definitions

(Modelled on Regina Pickleball Club's Format)
October 2021

These are the rating definitions used to help players to self-rate. MPC also provides assistance in self-rating. If one over estimates their rating – MPC may need to address that in order to be fair to all players.

New Player 1.0

- Can hit the ball back and forth a bit
- Learning to serve
- Fails to hit easy balls frequently
- Beginning to learn the basic rules such as scoring, lines, side outs, etc.

Rating 2.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Sustains short rallies
- Makes basic strokes such as forehand, volley, and can serve the ball
- Understands court positioning and doubles rules.
- Backhand stroke is still a challenge.

Rating 2.5 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Can sustain longer rallies but not a fast pace
- Makes most easy shots including backhands, but still needs some work
- Able to approach the non-volley zone and hit volleys.
- Aware of dinks
- Good understanding of the rules
- Struggles to cover the entire court

Rating 3.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Has a consistent serve and returns medium-paced balls reliably.
- Able to make all basic strokes. Lacks control when trying to place the ball.
- Attempts lobs and dinks with limited success.

Rating 3.5 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Consistent control and placement of medium-paced shots. Able to return fast-paced shots with slightly less success.
- Improved control and placement of the ball.
- Needs more shot variety.
- Can play aggressively at the non-volley zone.
- Anticipates opponent's shots.
- Learning the strategy of doubles play.

Rating 4.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Consistent both forehand and backhand strokes.
- Can use spin with some success.
- Can occasionally force errors when serving.
- May lose rallies due to impatience.
- Uses the dink and drop shot successfully.
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies.
- Aggressive net play in doubles.
- Full understanding of the rules.

Rating 4.5 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Beginning to master placement and spin.
- Beginning to master 3rd shot choices.
- Good footwork and positioning.
- Adjusts game style to account for opponent's strengths/weaknesses and court position.
- Good shot selection. Does not force shots.
- Serves consistently and can vary speed and spin.
- Good court positioning. Anticipates opponent's shot.

Rating 5.0 (Each level assumes the skills identified in the prior rating.)

- Mastered all shot types.
- Excellent shot anticipation.
- Accurate shot placement.
- Forces errors. Limits their own unforced errors.
- Mastered dinks and dropshots.
- Mastered 3rd shot strategy.
- Mastered different strategies and can vary play style.
- Raw athletic ability is often what separates 5.0 players from the rest.

Interested in Court Hosting?

Easy to set up and run the sessions - plus 50
% discount on your court fees!
Please contact **Susan Pearson** at
519-465-5177.

Need help with Ezin?

Please contact **Eileen Powell**
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