



**Policy: 003 Court Usage and Unutilized Outdoor Courts During SPI-Designated Times**

**Approved by: Board of Directors**

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## **General**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members, regarding the use and allocation of courts and unutilized courts during SPI- designated times.

## **Background**

Saskatoon Pickleball Inc. has invested significant time and resources into securing designated play times at three venues: Uptown Jack's (year-round), Father Basil Markle Park and UMEA Park (May through September). Further, the Programs Committee develops a roster and schedule of activities at those locations to address the needs of all players. In doing so, the Programs Committee works with the Player Development Committee to allot courts and times for approved player development activities (ongoing training, clinics, special events). The Board of Directors, sets fees for member access to the courts and for player development offerings.

## **Player Use of Courts During SPI-designated Times**

1. SPI members may use courts during SPI-designated times for programs approved by the Board of Directors. This includes bucket play, reserve-a court, ladder league, and any other special program/event approved by the board.
2. Only coaching/player development offerings pre-approved by the Board of Directors will be allowed during SPI-designated times. For greater certainty, private (non-sanctioned) lessons are not allowed during any SPI-designated times.
3. SPI makes the above offerings available to all members in a fair and equitable manner by using an on-line booking system on a first-come first-served basis.

## **Unutilized Outdoor Courts During SPI-designated Times**

There may be instances where all outdoor courts are not required to accommodate members who have signed up for a particular session. SPI has made investments in equipment, supplies and volunteer time to maintain outdoor courts and provide upgrades at the facilities in order to make the courts safe and available for play. In return, members have paid the Outdoor Summer Play Fee in order to take advantage of the courts. Even though courts may become unused during SPI-designated time, they are only available to those members who have paid the requisite summer fee.

***Accordingly, non-members or members who have not paid the summer fee are not entitled to use the courts even though they may not be utilized.***

Note that under agreements with the City of Saskatoon, SPI has 8 designated courts at each of the outdoor venues and there is one additional court that is specifically reserved for public (non-

SPI) play. During SPI-designated times, this court can be utilized by non-members or members who have not paid the Summer Play Fee.

### **Member Suggestions for Court Usage**

The Board of Directors are keen to make the best use of our available facility and programming resources to meet member needs. Members are encouraged to contact the Board or its Programs or Player Development committees with suggestions regarding the proportionate allocation of resources between the various offerings, or for any new program or training offerings that would be beneficial to the membership.

### **Review**

This policy shall be reviewed annually.