

FPC is Introducing Drills in October

Sept 24, 2023

WHAT

The FPC is building time into the schedule for you to practice drills in the October calendar. There will be 6x 1 hour sessions each week in October reserved for a limited amount of members to practice. There will be no games and no coaches during these sessions.

WHY

In addition to members asking us for time to practice, practice is critical to success. If you really want to improve your game, practice is the best place to start.

WHO

These sessions are only for members. The sessions are scheduled by skill level. There will be a maximum of 15 players on 3 courts. The drills are self led; there is no designated coach or instructor. At this time we are unable to schedule time for beginner pickleball players. If you have not taken lessons or been involved with the mentoring sessions, we encourage you to explore our Learn to Play Pickleball Lessons.

WHEN/WHERE

There will be 6X1 hour drill sessions each week. Four daytime and two evening sessions.

Date	Location	Time	Skill level
Mondays, October, 2,9,15,23,30	Bridge Church	6-7 PM	3.5 and above
Tuesdays, October 3,10,16,24,31	Journey Church	9-10 AM	3.0 to 3.25
Tuesdays, October 3,10,16,24,31	Bridge Church	6-7 PM	3.25 to 3.5
Wednesdays, October 4,11,25	Currie Centre Gym 1	9-10 AM	3.0 to <3.5
Wednesdays, October 4,11,25	Currie Centre Gym 2	9-10 AM	3.5 and above
Wednesdays, October 4,11,25	Journey Church	11-12 PM	Reaching for 3.0 This session is for members who have taken instruction and/or coaching and are striving to reach 3.0

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HOW

The Club is using **Playtime Scheduler for Pickleball (PTS)** to register for these sessions. If you are interested in playing in any of these sessions, you will need to set up an account in PTS.

How Do I sign up? Follow the link <https://playtimescheduler.com/register.php?reg=client> to get started. Please use as accurate a rating as you can when you set up your account. If you have played in a club tournament or ladder, please review your rating on Pickleball Brackets. If you have never played before please choose a rating of 2.0 for real beginners and 2.5 if you have paddle or racquet experience but no pickleball experience. And a 2.75 if you have some pickleball experience but are still learning skills and strategy. If you have a skill rating of less than 3.0, we hope to have coach led drill sessions for you in the future.

Once you have an account with PTS, you will receive an email from our Club each week when the sessions are open for registration. The sessions will be open each week on Saturday morning for the upcoming week. You use PTS to select the session you want that week. The first 15 to register have a spot. We will have a waiting list of 4 in case someone cancels. If you reserve a spot and then can't play that day, please cancel your name from that session so someone from the waiting list can play.

You can self organize once you arrive. Want to do one drill on each court and rotate? Want to have 3 or four folks make suggestions for the whole group? Do you have a favorite website for drills? Share it before the session. Please share your knowledge and passion with everyone. Everyone will need to pitch in with their favourite drills for this to work.

THAT'S IT

Sign up for an account with PTS before September 29 if you want to participate in drill sessions in October. Don't worry if you miss the first week, you can join in any time in October.

1. When you receive an invitation, select the 1 session you want to attend that week.
2. Show up with ideas for drills that you and your court mates can use that day.
3. Let us know how it goes!

We are trying something new- adding practice time and testing out scheduling software. We expect that there will be some glitches. If you encounter issues signing up for Playtime Scheduler try this video link that a Club in Etobicoke produced for their members

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kSHbSK30m8>

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If you still have difficulties email fton.pickleball@gmail.com or reach out via our Facebook messenger.

We appreciate your help in improving our FPC.