

Pickleball Canada has begun the search for potential locations for the 2018 season National Tournament and beyond. Keeping in mind the commitment by both Pickleball Canada and the host community it has proven to be a great showcase of our beloved sport wherever it has been held. This National exposure of having players from other countries compete alongside Canadians is essential in the development and growth of the sport locally. It also guarantees that Pickleball will grow into the National and International juggernaut it is destined to become as more people are given the opportunity to participate.

Since the National tournament has the potential for a substantial impact on the development of local facilities Pickleball Canada will make a minimum 2 year commitment to the selected location. Multiyear exposure of this event to local government leaders provides a significantly greater impact for the development of additional Pickleball facilities. Pickleball Canada will work with the local team and team leadership to develop a delivery, publicity, marketing and operations plan to that will ensure the success of the event.

We are asking interested municipalities and facilities to provide a statement of interest to

Pickleball Canada by email: president@pickleballcanada.org

no later than 15 August 2017

The selection criteria are attached!

Canadian National Tournaments Selection Criteria

Monday, June 5, 2017

This is the outline of selection criteria to be utilized by Pickleball Canada Board of Directors and supporting staff to determine the best location and support for the Canadian National and/or the Canadian Open Pickleball Tournament!

Critical Requirements for Selection

- An experienced, trusted and capable Tournament Director is available to represent Pickleball Canada at the site. The Tournament Director must have conducted at least 2 tournaments prior to being selected for the National Tournament.
- An experienced, trusted and capable Marketing Director is available to represent Pickleball Canada at the site
- A core group of local volunteers (5) are available to support the event as Team leads
 - Referees
 - Tournament Operations
 - Facilities and catering
 - Sponsor Support
 - Media Relations
- A group of additional volunteers (10-20) to assist Team leads in the execution of their tasks
- A suitable facility capability of supporting play for 400 players a minimum of 16 courts over 4 days of play. All courts must be of regulation dimensions as outlined in Section 2 Article 2A and 2B in the

Official Tournament Rulebook of the International Federation of Pickleball.

- Washroom facilities for players and fans
- Area suitable for sponsor booths
- If dedicated courts are not available a system or device to restrict play interference due to errant balls between courts must be available
- A referee training program has been conducted in the area
- Suitable lodging for players within a 5 km radius of the tournament venue.
- A large community that can provide restaurant, shopping and entertainment for players and fans
- Transportation Hub : road, bus, train and airlines services
- Computer, printer and communications equipment and services available
- A manual back up plan for tournament operation should be prepared
- ALL matches will be refereed in accordance with the Official Tournament Rulebook of the International Federation of Pickleball.
- Application should be received in advance of the Annual General Meeting to be reviewed and announced for the forthcoming year.

Preferred Additional Capabilities

These capabilities "may" exist in addition to the basic requirements and the Tournament Director "may" choose not to utilize any option available

- Facility with dedicated pickleball courts
- A suitable facility capable of supporting play for 500 players a minimum of 24 courts over 4 days of play
- Data capabilities in the facility with access NOT a shared capability. A "Guest" public access is not suitable to sustain this tournament.
- Shower facilities for the players
- Parking on site for the players and spectators
- Public transportation serving the location