

Bench Etiquette and Player Advancement

As pickleball is getting busier and there are more new players in our sport, it is important that everyone understands and cooperates so that things can run smoothly and play can be as enjoyable as possible.

Bench Etiquette:

At the Comox Recreation Centre and Native Sons the groups use the bench method to keep the play moving. The players sit on the bench and the first two players in the line pick 2 players to play with them. For the first hour the players chose from the first 6 to 10 players. The purpose being to mix up the play. After the first hour players can pick from the whole bench. If some players wish to have a more competitive game they can sit out and wait until equivalent players are available.

At the Cumberland Rec Centre the winners of the game split, to a maximum of 3 consecutive games, and 2 players from the bench come to join them. If a player has won 3 games they come off and join the line.

Player Advancement:

When a player would like to play at a higher level they should first read the description of the play level on the "Comox Recreation Centre - Welcome to Pickleball" information sheet at the front counter or on the IFP website:
<http://ipickleball.org/ifp-rating-descriptions>

If a player feels their skills meet the description of the level they would like to play then they will move to that level. The player would then play at the chosen level for 3 sessions. After playing those three session the player would then analyze their play to determine whether they need more time in their former level or are ready to stay at the higher level. Sometimes it will be evident to the player, after one session, where they would be the most comfortable playing.

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