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Cowichan Lake  
**Pickleball Club**

April 12, 2020

Town of Lake Cowichan  
39 South Shore Road  
PO Box 860, Lake Cowichan  
British Columbia, V0R2G0  
Attention: Tim McGonigle, Acting Mayor

Mr. Mayor;

The Cowichan Lake Pickleball Club is writing to you to address our plan for use of the pickleball courts upon approval by BC Medical Authority to reopen recreational facilities.

We have used the guidelines from the BC Health Ministry and the national and regional Pickleball organizations (Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC) in the development of the guidelines for the Lake Cowichan Pickleball Facility. These guidelines address three primary areas – Facility/Operational Management, Physical Distancing and Cleanliness. Fuller Lake/Chemainus has been using similar guidelines since April given that the CVRD did not close these facilities but had their bylaw officers confirming adherence to the guidelines.

Once BC Health Ministry gives its approval to reopen Parks and Recreational Facilities, potentially by May 14<sup>th</sup>/mid-May, the Pickleball Club is prepared to implement its plan for *“The New Normal - Low Risk Pickleball”*.

If town council accepts our proposal and guidelines, we will move forward with a careful, safe reopening. Members of the club leadership team will be onsite to clarify and implement the new guidelines during the first week. Further each club member will receive a personal email outlining the guidelines. Lastly, we will create signage addressing the Guidelines and Movement of players when playing on the courts.

If the Parks and Recreation committee have any questions in reference to our plan and guidelines, please contact me at email

When council approves our plan, please confirm via phone or email as soon as possible as to enable us to begin modifying the courts and posting the signage.

Dennis Peters,  
CLPC President



## The "New Normal" LOW RISK Pickleball

### Facility Management

1. Only 4 courts available for play.
2. Enter the courts through the Front (West) Gate, Exit from the Rear (South) Gate
3. The court area will facilitate only 16 players (no loitering or watching Play)
4. The waiting area will accommodate 8 players, ONLY, who may stand in the areas marked by an X and maintain social distancing.
5. Avoid touching or leaning on the fences and gates and keep cleansed paddle, ball and water at hand.
6. Washroom facilities, lock box, benches and Sea Can will not be available.
7. No chairs/seats are permitted inside the courts (fenced area).

### Personal Play – Cleanliness & Physical Distancing

#### Physical Distancing

1. Maintain physical distancing of 2 meters (6 feet)
2. Prearrange a partner before arriving at courts (if possible). Stay with same partner for duration of play.
3. Entry via Front (West) Gate only.
4. If more than 16 people in attendance, play 2 games with your opposition and exit out by Rear (South) Gate and reenter via West Gate if space available otherwise wait outside courts keeping social distance.

#### Cleanliness

5. Bring your own BALL and sanitized wipes – wipe ball after each game
6. Bring your own Hand Sanitizer, avoid touching gates, fences.



## The “New Normal” LOW RISK Pickleball

The club leadership team has been working with Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC in developing guidelines that will potentially enable the club to reopen play on the courts. These guidelines were developed in compliance with BC Health Ministry regulations and have been presented to and approved by the Town of Lake Cowichan.

### Overall Guidelines

- These guidelines were developed by the CLPC Leadership Team and any changes to these guidelines must be approved by the Leadership Team.
- Every member must adhere to these principles/guidelines.
- The Leadership team will be onsite to help clarify and implement these guidelines during the first week of reopening the courts.
- **Remember – Have Fun, Be Calm, Be Kind and Be Safe!**

### Guiding Principles of Play

1. The Town of Lake Cowichan owns the facility and may close the facility at any time if directed by BC Health Ministry or if they believe the guidelines are not being adhered to.
2. Players – **play at your own risk!**
3. **Stay Home** if you feel sick or believe that your health may be compromised.

Hours of Operation – club hours 9:00 AM until 12 noon, 7 days per week

- Fun/Recreational Play from 9:00 until 10:30 – Monday thru Friday
- Competitive Play from 10:30 until 12 noon – Monday thru Friday
- Weekend Play open to all levels