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Dear VPA Pickleballers:

I'm here to ask for \$5.

Starting on April 1st we are instituting an annual fee for Vancouver Pickleball Association ("VPA") membership. We are also requiring our members to register for Pickleball BC and Pickleball Canada memberships at the same time, with an additional cost of \$12.50 on top of the VPA membership fee. So the total annual cost will be \$17.50, plus a small transaction fee for using the Pickleball Canada National System ("PCNS") for registration. There are some opportunities for "discounts" from the full membership fee. First, if you register before April 1st, the Pickleball Canada plus Pickleball BC fees are just \$7.50. Second, the VPA membership fee is waived for "Youth" (under 19 years of age) and for "Seniors+" (75 years or older).

A special feature of the Pickleball Canada membership is that it provides injury and property damage insurance related to Pickleball. Such insurance is not just good to have, but is also required for many organized Pickleball activities, such as tournaments.

Your VPA membership will allow us to buy more equipment such as first aid supplies, squeegees, brooms, benches and portable nets. It will cover the website costs which will keep you updated on Pickleball news & events, as well as allow us to develop leagues and ladders and support lessons.

The above reasons are just a small part of the picture. The real reason we are instituting a paid membership is because only by demonstrating a sizable paid membership can we effectively pressure the Vancouver Parks Board to provide better outdoor facilities and more indoor gym time. Long lists of people who simply signed on to a website or once signed a petition carry less weight with the people who make the decisions about future investments in sport in Vancouver. When you are deciding whether you want to join the Vancouver Pickleball Association in April, there is one overriding question:

Are you willing to add your voice to the chorus pushing for improved opportunities for the sport you love?

All for about \$17.50, \$5.00 of which comes to us.

Please renew your membership today by visiting <https://vancouverpickleball.ca/register/>

Thank You,

Greg Feehan, President of the Vancouver Pickleball Association

P.S. This short letter lacks some detail that you may want about how we intend to use the membership fee. For more detail, please visit: <https://vancouverpickleball.ca/membership-fee-explanation>