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Subject: SCPA Player Development Committee 2022/23 Annual Report

Player Development Committee Members: Brian Chipman (Chair), Rick Semel, Kira Sufalko, Ross Miller, Carol Mollerup, Jacques Carrier, Tom Pinfeld (non-Board member)

The purpose of Player Development Committee is to provide orientation, skill development and rating opportunities to the SCPA Membership throughout each Board year. The Role of the Player Development Committee is to build, deliver and continue evolving an appropriate skill development and rating program based on venue availability and expertise and band width of Committee Members.

The Player Development Committee had a productive and successful 2022/2023 board year providing members pickleball orientation, rating and skill development opportunities as follows:

### **1. Terms of Reference (TOR's)**

- The Player Development Committee developed TOR's at the beginning of the board year, which includes the committee's purpose, roles and responsibilities for ratings and player development.

### **2. Committee Development**

- Player Development Committee member, Jacques Carrier received Instructor 1: introduction to Pickleball certification.

### **3. Ratings**

- Rating assessments were redeveloped using the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) ratings system as a guideline.
- The ratings assessment process was enhanced to include both a skill and play assessment reviews. Participants were required to pass the skills assessment before moving to the play assessment portion of the evaluation.
- The Player Development Committee offered rating assessment opportunities up to the 3.5 level throughout the board year, which resulted in several assessments to approximately 9 members.
- The PCNS site was updated with member ratings based on previous tournaments and past rating data. A self rating feature was also added to the PCNS site for members to populate, which is now used as input to our Arena Bowl tournament.

#### **4. Player Development**

- The Player Development Committee provided orientation to numerous members at schools, arenas and outdoor locations throughout the board year.
- The Player Development Committee successfully held a Manta player development clinic in March 2023 to 56 members with levels ranging from novice to advanced.
- The Player Development Committee held several player development programs at Kinnikinnick Elementary School and Elphinstone schools and one development session at the Gibsons arena.
- Round robin dinking tournaments were successfully held at Kinnikinnick and Elphinstone schools as well as a regular play Round Robin and Super-Skills tournament at the Gibsons arena.
- Drill Club was created to offer members the opportunity to develop their skills. This offering has been positively received resulting in approximately 40 members joining and 18-20 participating on Saturdays and Sundays.
- The Player Development Committee explored a school pickleball orientation program for elementary students in Gibsons, and Sechelt, however minimal response was received from schools. The PDC will continue to explore youth programs in the 2023/24 Board year.
- The SCPA received a request from Chatelech Secondary School in September, 2023 to provide their students a Pickleball Program. The Player Development Committee will include this opportunity in their 2023/24 work plan.

In summary, the Player Development Committee has had an outstanding 2022/23 board year, which has benefitted and strengthened our membership through offering numerous rating, orientation and development opportunities.

Respectfully submitted.

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