

# Les ZACtualités

## News about pickleball in Quebec

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### MEMBERS THAT ILLUSTRATED THEMSELVES

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### DO NOT MISS

Cody Fajardo, the Alouettes' new quarterback plays pickleball.  
interviews, articles...the media is interested in our Sport.  
A donation...makes all the difference!  
The coalition for the future of sport in Québec (CASQ)  
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### REMEMBER BOB SHERY

He was one of the first to organize pickleball in Longueuil and the first president of pickleball Canada.

[read what his friend Charles Lefaive says about him.](#)

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good day,

May is finally here! Pickleball is going back outside. To the exception of our snow-birds, all of us were eager to go play outside. And we are still a growing sport (more than 9000 federated players), the lack of pickleball courts is becoming more and more of a problem. We will have to use all our abilities in order to raise awareness of this problem to our elected representatives. The Federation is still negotiating with Tennis Québec to find solutions to increase the number of places we can play pickleball. More and more, young people will be present on our courts. In fact, the Federation has trained, up to now, more than 350 physical educators in the primary and secondary sectors and the demands are still coming.

The Federation has homologated "endorsed" tree important tournaments in the days to come. The Gatineau Open 2023, on April 29th and 30th where more than 300 players have subscribed, the Provincial Marcel Lemieux Tournament on May 20th and 21st in Trois-Rivières where we expect more than 400 players and finally, Sorel-Tracy on May 27th.

Since January, the Federation has been reflecting on everything that concerns the ELITE in Québec. On this committee, sits Mina Oskoui, committee responsible and Board Director of the Federation, Ernesto Fajardo, Alexandre Gagné, Sarah Dufour, Stéphane Brière, General manager of the Federation and Christian Duchesne, president. It is a consulting committee that will report to the board of Directors. The work is going well. Already, it has been decided, that at the Marcel Lemieux Provincial tournament, on an experimental basis, the ELITE category will play a double elimination tournament instead of "pools" used in other groups. Moreover, the winners will be able to benefit of scholarships collected from subscription fees superior to other categories.

Finally, as mentioned by some of the donators during our fundraising campaign last Fall, the Holiday season is not the best of times to have a fundraiser, we wish to remind you that the Federation accepts donations all year round on our website [www.pickleballquebec.com](http://www.pickleballquebec.com). These donations are important for the sustainability of our Federation. The Government subsidizes 4.7 times the donations if they are more than 25\$. As an example, if we receive a 100\$ donation, it will end up as 570\$. Let's be generous.

Have a great Summer!

Christian Duchesne, president

Fédération Québécoise de pickleball

**A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**

*Pickleball Québec is now on a new Facebook page.*

*Stay on top of the news by subscribing to the Facebook page of Pickleball Québec*



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**FADOQ AND PICKLEBALL QUÉBEC**

FADOQ is a network made up of 16 affiliated regional groups with the specific mission of representing people of over 50 years old.

Organizing sports and leisure activities is part of their assignment and pickleball is no exception.

Pickleball Québec is a Provincial organization recognized for organizing and supervising the practice of Pickleball, but has no operational authority on the FADOQ organism.

In reality, the pickleball championships organized by the FADOQ are under their own jurisdiction and the role of the Fédération Québécoise de Pickleball is of consultation only.

**PICKLEBALL IN WHEELCHAIR**

Did you know itw as possible to play pickleball in wheelchair? Yes, this version exists with adapted rules allowing to play pickleball securely.

Do you know anyone who plays pickleball in wheelchair?

[More info](#)

**THE FEDERATION’S CHAMPIONSHIP**

You can consult the sanctioned activities on our WEB site.

To participate to any sanctioned activities, you must be a member of Pickleball Quebec.

[Consult the list of activities](#)

**YOU WISH TO GET INVOLVED?**

The Fédération Québécoise de Pickleball is looking for volunteers for it’s surveillance committee.

For more info : [dg@pickleballquebec.com](mailto:dg@pickleballquebec.com)



**MORE COACHES CERTIFICATION CLINIS**

The training sessions national program for the coaches’ certification (PNCE) are extremely popular and the Federation plans them regularly.

- PNCE1 - St-Gédéon : April 29th
- PNCE1 – Acton Vale : May 6th
- PNCE1 – Bécancour : May 7th
- PNCE1 – Lasalle : June 11th

Training sessions for the PNCE2 will be available very soon.

If you wish to have a training session in you region, contact the federation director : [dg@pickleballquebec.com](mailto:dg@pickleballquebec.com)

**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

An initiation, an activity or a funny picture... We are always pleased to share the Federation’s members action.

Send a short text to : [dg@pickleballquebec.com](mailto:dg@pickleballquebec.com)

**Pickleball videos on Youtube**

[Pickellball Québec - YouTube](#)

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**Medias are interested by Pickleball**

You have articles to share?  
Contact the Federation :  
[info@pickleballquebec.com](mailto:info@pickleballquebec.com)

**The Alouettes have a quarterback who loves pickleball**

[Read the article](#)

« He’s a great fan! We tried playing together in Regina, but I didn’t have my racket, but you can be sure that I will bring it in Montreal if there are courts. »

You’ve heard it...Alouette’s new quarterback and the coach both want to play Pickleball together.

Will we eventually see Cody Fajardo on a Pickleball court?

[Article in La Presse](#)

**MEDIAS ARE INTERESTED IN PICKLEBALL**

Information’s Medias are curious about pickleball : Radio-Canada, La Presse, specialized paper or radio... pickleball is everywhere!

[Read one article in La Presse](#)



Struggling with financial difficulties, the Sport federations are struggling to insure their sport’s development. The ‘placement sports ‘ program is to allow the Quebec Sports Federations to better develop the sports they administer and to better serve their members by inciting people, companies and foundations to donate .

For all donations of \$25 and more, the program adds on an extra 470%.

[On line donation](#)

**A COALITION FOR THE FUTURE OF SPORT IN QUEBEC**

Established in 2022, the Coalition for the future of sport in Quebec, is the most important grouping of sports in Quebec and Pickleball in included.

The CASQ interventions are to ensure the sustainability and the improvement of organizations working at all levels in Quebec sport’s communities and who are on the front line in the delivery of services and programs that promote development and promoting the practice of sports and physical activity, consequently improving the health of our Quebec population.

[Budget 2023-2024: the sport's community has been heard but were expecting more](#)

**HOW TO REGISTER TO TOURNAMENTS**

What is my PCO number?  
The number I was given is not good!  
I Registered yesterday!  
Why is my registration refused?

To participate to Tournament, you must be member of the Fédération québécoise de pickleball and couples of days are necessary to process it.

It is recommended to make sure you are properly registered if you plan to participate to any Tournament.

For any questions, contact the Federation.

**THOSE PEOPLE THAT ORGANIZE COMPETITIONS**

Not counting their hours, always close to the action, a small bite between phone calls and e-mails, they organize championships and tournaments.

You allow hundreds of players to participate in tournaments and champi



**MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION**

The Federation now accounts for 7500 active members and over 2000 still haven’t renewed their affiliation.

**Are you adept of single pickleball**

Your opinion is important :  
dg@pickleballquebec.com

**COACHES CERTIFICATIONS**

You wish to have a coaching certification clinic in your region?  
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