

Pickleball Proposal Member Feedback Responses October 2023

Summary

No	3
More Information	1
Don't know	1
Yes & No	2
Yes...but more information needed	1
Yes In Favour	30
Total Feedback responses	38
Total 2022/23 Membership	220

Breakdown

NO

1	Doesn't want to lose 2 courts to a new fashion sport. During Interclub season players sometimes struggle to get a court. The local population is growing and so will tennis membership. Doesn't like pickleball, tennis is more complex, challenging, physically demanding and prestigious.
2	Courts have been there for a long time and should be for tennis only. Courts booked up during interclub so finding a court will be more of a problem. Tournaments will have delay issues and it may lower entries
3	I think courts should be temporary for pickleball only

More information needed

1	What is the usage now? How many members are interested? What are the disadvantages of keeping the courts with a dual function? Is it worth running an awareness programme to see if it would generate more members before changing the courts?
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Don't Know

1	I am not a fan of pickleball. So I'm not much help to you sorry.
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Yes and NO

1	If the courts are underutilised then maybe it does make sense to allow PB, a fast-growing sport all over the world, and make more money as well.	Lots of work into developing the 12 court facility to run big events. Having 12 courts is RTC point of difference
2	If it is financially viable and will benefit the Club then it makes sense to push ahead.	My daughter plays junior tournaments which are already long days and this will make them longer. There would be disruption at tournament times.

YES....but more information needed

1	<p>Overall I am in favour of this proposal, it expand membership and provides healthy exercise for local residents. I would prefer 11 and 12 to be used because 8 and 9 are easier to supervise in tournaments and viewing is good. Loss of 2 courts impact on certain tournaments that need 12 courts. Will they need more than 6 courts? How long will the agreement with them lock them into our facility?</p>
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YES

1	<p>as member, player, coach retailer 100% in favour. Excellent gateway for younger players. Also gets retired tennis players back on court and involved in the Club and have the skills and experience to help run and develop the Club. I commend the club for the foresight to get this going.</p>
2	<p>Lets do it!</p>
3	<p>I am in support of the pickleball proposal</p>
4	<p>We are open to having pickleball. It's a fast growing sport and we want the courts to be well sued during weekdays. Can you put it on courts 10 and 11 as they need resurfacing anyway.</p>
5	<p>Great idea, fully endorse it. More members, increased diversity of age groups, keeping older players active and socially engaged. Re Tournaments, I imagine the committee will decide about their financial benefit, social/local benefit and number of players over time.</p>
6	<p>Yes to the proposal please</p>
7	<p>I am very much I favour of the club expanding its options. PB is suitable for the not so physically active. Definitely +ve move for RTC.</p>
8	<p>Good Idea and I am in support of it. We need new ways to increase club revenue. Would be great if you could resurface courts 10 to 12 with astroturf for the more elderly members.</p>
9	<p>It would be a great advantage to current and prospective members of RTC.</p>
10	<p>I am in favour of your proposal. Good to develop new sports and keep older age groups active.</p>
11	<p>It's a really good idea. There are only about 3 tournament a year but PB is every week. Go for it and make RTC the hub for racquet sports, 1st in the South Island.</p>
12	<p>I am in favour of the PB proposal. Utilizing the courts to the max and attracting new members is a positive way forward.</p>
13	<p>Great idea, especially if PB brings in additional members and may also attract members to tennis. Loss of 2 courts would not have negative effect either generally or on tournaments. Players in tournaments have a good idea of length of time they take.</p>
14	<p>I joined the club to play pickleball</p>
15	<p>I believe the club has the space to allow both activities. Booking system would help cater for it.</p>

16	No problem with pickleball, good to have something different
17	Happy with the introduction of 2 designated courts reducing the tennis courts to 10.
18	As a new member family to RTC we support the Pickleball proposal as presented.
19	I joined RTC for POP tennis and then played some C grade tennis too. There are lots of benefits, increasing membership, hosting tournaments, holiday players, developing social aspects, also opportunities for marginalised groups which will increase social funding.
20	If PB utilisation would be greater than for tennis on courts 8 and 9, then Pickle ball it is.
21	The proposal would seem to be the way forward for RTC by offering another activity besides tennis so that others can benefit and enjoy the social interaction through sport at RTC.
22	Overall I am in favour. It expands club membership and provides healthy exercise opportunity for local residents. Think 8 and 9 are prime tennis courts. Would prefer 11 and 12 to be used because they need resurfacing. Viewing is good on 8 and 9 during tournaments, easy to supervise [!] Loss of tournaments requiring 12 courts.
23	I support the sport although I do not have any experience on this
24	I am happy for those courts to become pickleball courts but what would happen IF RTC wanted more courts for interclub? If pickleball is growing it might be a good way to encourage more RTC members, increasing social aspects and revenue.
25	I am in favour of the proposal but would like to be sure the RTC have discussed this with the NBTA.
26	No Issue with pickleball. Makes the Club viable.
27	I am in favour of the dedicated courts.
28	We use the courts 8 and 9 often and play regularly at the end of the day so we use these courts to avoid the sun in our eyes. But we are happy if the majority would prefer permanent pickleball courts.
29	As above
30	I joined RTC purely to play POP/Pickleball. I totally support the proposal. It will be a great asset to RTC and the Richmond Community. It's an exciting opportunity to be part of the developing and promoting of the new game, with hopefully some tournaments for all ages.