

Hello all Ping Pongers in Manitoba,

We are about to start another season. In Winnipeg, all facilities have now been confirmed. Region-wise, there are still a lot of program confirmations to be made.

Once all confirmations about facilities are in, I will then email and mail out all required registration and sign-up forms.

The purpose of this email is to let all players know that in WINNIPEG, A LOT OF PROGRAMMING STARTS NEXT WEEK AND THAT WE WILL HAVE "OPEN GYMS" FOR THE NEXT 3-4 WEEKS SO THAT PLAYERS CAN CHECK OUT THE GYMS, COACHES, PROGRAMS ETC. Once the forms have been mailed out, we will then firm up participation at the clubs through training invitations etc. and players will be asked to pay the program fees.

PROGRAMS:

ACTIVE 4 LIFE: (A4L): We will have 4 blocks of time each week for "knocking the ball around." These club are manned by great players who can offer tips to players of all ages, all ability levels. Some players just play for fun, others train more seriously. These clubs also keep track of matches played that count for Manitoba Ratings and Rankings. FEES: Active Membership (\$25 sr/ \$15 Jr) plus \$100 adult or \$60 SR>60 or Jr<18...this is for 4x/ week till May-July.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: We will start out with three blocks of time a week for new comers to table tennis to learn all the basic skills, juniors, <17, to try their hand at TT. These are designated "JR. DEV." below and are open registration. Note: For the Saturday Crescentwood classes there is an open-house tonight at Crescentwood and sign-ups will be taken. Similarly for the Thursday classes at Winakwa, interested players can contact Andy Bachmann at 255-8595r>3pm as he is now accepting sign-ups. FEES: Season is broken into 3 blocks: Now till X-Mas, Jan-March break, March break to June/ July. Fee is Active Memb. \$15 plus \$50/ day / block, maximum \$110 total for 3 days/ block. Can play at A4L clubs as well (during blocks paid for).

HOPEFULS: This program is for kids who have already been identified as "Hoping" to make our provincial teams next July for the Canadian Championships. It is for kids with more advanced skills and who are committed to try and improve in table tennis. We will have 5 blocks of time for practices designated as "Hpfills." New players can come out for the first few weeks if they wish to be scouted for inclusion. FEES: Season is broken into 3 blocks: Now till X-Mas, Jan-March break, March break to June/ July. FEES: is Active Memb. \$15 plus \$110/ block. Can play at A4L clubs as well (during blocks paid for)..

SQUADS: This program is to train our top senior and junior aged players to achieve results at major events such as the 2013 Canadian Championships and the 2015 Canada Winter Games. Practices are held 5x a week plus players are expected to play in the Winnipeg & District League every Wednesday night. As for the Hopefulls, new, experienced athletes can come out for the first few weeks to be scouted for inclusion. "SQD" designates these practices. FEES: Season is broken into 3 blocks: Now till X-

Mas, Jan-March break, March break to June/ July. FEES: is Active Memb. \$15 Jr./ \$25 Sr. plus \$130/ block. Can play at A4L clubs as well (during blocks paid for)..

LEAGUE: Our individual league will again run Wednesdays out of Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate. It is for all players, all ages, all abilities as you move up and down divisions based on your previous weeks results. Results in this league are also monitored vis avis provincial team selection. FEES: Active or Assoc. Membership plus \$60 adult, \$40 > 60 yrs or <18 yrs.

TOURNAMENTS: We will again run 5 Provincial level events in Winnipeg that are suitable for all players, all ages, all ability levels. Results from certain events are how we select of provincial teams so if you aspire to represent your province you need to compete in these events.

If questions, please call me: RON EDWARDS, 925-5690.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A GOOD SEASON!

WINNIPEG CLUBS & PROGRAMS: (Sept. through to May-July 2013) PRACTICE DAYS/ TIMES/ COACHES/ LEVELS: (Note-hours are permit times, coaches will finalize practice hours once we get going).

Mondays, Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate, Mon. Sept. 17 start, 6:30-9:30 pm, Sqd-Hpfills-Jr. Dev., Coaches Gerardo Makinano & Norman Tran.

Mondays: Laura Secord School/Active 4 Life/ Sept. 17 / 6:30-9:30 pm/ Club Coordinators Morley Walker & Glen Sikorski.

Tuesdays, Darwin School, Sept. 18, 6-10 pm ,Sqd & Hopefulls only,Coaches Jiayun Du & Selina Yang as sparring/ coach.

Tuesdays: John Pritchard School/ Active 4 Life/ start date Oct. 2 / 6:30-10 pm/ Club coordinator Andrejz "Bob" Wiewiora.

Wednesday, Dan Mac., Sept. 19th, 6:30-9:30 pm, will be league eventually but open for open practice for now, League Convenor Gerardo with Jiayun as back-up.

Thursdays, Winakwa Community Centre, Sept. 20, 6:15-7:15 pm, Jr. Dev. & Hopefulls, Coach Andy Bachmann.

Thursdays: Winakwa Community Centre/ 7:30-9:30 pm Active 4 Life/ Club coordinator Andy Bachmann coaches, Art Koberstein assists.

Thursdays, Darwin, Sept. 20, 6-10 pm Sqd & Hopefulls only, Coaches Jiayun & Norman.

Fridays, Dan Mac, Sept. 21, 6:30-9:30 pm, Sqd-Hpfills. only, Coaches Freddy Eng and maybe Ron Edwards as sparring/ coach (TBC).

Fridays: Laura Secord/Active 4 Life/ start date Sept. 21 / 6:30-9:30 pm/ Club coordinator Yu "Rabbit" Cheung.

Saturdays, UW, Sept. 29, 9-12 noon, Sqd & Hopefulls only, Jiayun.

Saturdays, Crescentwood, Sept. 22, 1-2:30 for ages 8-11, 2:30-4pm ages 12 and up, Jr. Dev., Coach Gerardo.

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS: \$3,000 Prize Monies-Manitoba Circuit Events

1. Saturday November 17th, Manitoba Closed Championships, 2 Star, Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate Lower Gym, 8 am-7 pm, Referees TBC.
2. Saturday December 15th, Red River Open Championships, 2 Star, Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate Lower Gym, 8 am-7 pm, Referees TBC.
3. Saturday February 2nd, 2013, Golden Boy Open Championships, 2 Star, Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate Lower Gym, 8 am-7 pm, Referees TBC.
4. Saturday March 16th & Sunday March 17th, Manitoba Open Championships, 2 Star, Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate Lower Gym, 8 am-7 pm Sat. & 8 am-5pm Sun., Referees TBC.
5. Saturday April 20th, Tournament of Champions, 2 Star, Winakwa Community Centre, 8 am-7 pm, Referees TBC.
6. Winnipeg & District Table Tennis League, 2 Star, Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate, Wednesday nights, October/ November (TBC) to June 2013, 6:30-9:30 pm.
7. Winnipeg Club Leagues, 1 Star, various clubs (MTTA run), Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday nights, October/ November to May/ June 2013 (TBC), hours vary-C above.

OUT-PROVINCE TOURNAMENTS:

Many dates have not yet been set. One date/ event that is set is the Saskatchewan Open that will be held in Fort Qu'Appelle on October 20 & 21. It is an open tournament so all MTTA members can participate. An entry form is attached. Some Manitoba Squad and Hopefulls players may be targeted for this event. More details will follow.

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS: 925-5690/ table.tennis@sportmanitoba.ca