

2026 Mission Elite Pickleball Instructors

Members and guests, we would like to introduce you to Amberwood's Mission Elite Pickleball Instructors. Amberwood offers clinics, stroke of the week sessions, play with a pro and private (80\$), semi-private (50\$ each) and group lessons of three (40\$ each) and four (35\$ each) players.

Stay tuned as other clinics will be offered throughout the summer. We look forward to helping you improve your skills.

 <p>Samir Bhatnagar</p>	<p>Is it that time of year already? Whether you are a beginner, looking to improve your game or want to have fun and compete at local tournaments or the highest levels, I will be happy to help you on your pickleball journey. 40 years experience coaching, Level 2 NCCP certified and PPR certified coach. Limited hours, but very flexible. Contact me: m2b2@rogers.com 613-290-3879</p>
 <p>Darren Lalonde</p>	<p>Are you ready have more fun and improve your game? If you are a beginner just learning the basics or a more advanced player looking to improve your technique, strategies, or to get ready for tournaments, I am here to help you. With over three years of coaching and playing experience from local to national and international tournaments, i can assess and personalize a lesson plan for you to make sure you get the most out of each session. My positive and encouraging teaching style makes learning pickleball enjoyable and stress-free. My hours are flexible and you can reach me at 416-464-7958 or darren.lalonde@gmail.com</p>
 <p>Liz Desjardins</p>	<p>Pickleball is life! I love being on the court and having fun! I fell in love with pickleball after being introduced to the game by a friend and have been playing for 8 years. Before picking up a pickleball paddle, my go to sport was badminton. I am a certified group fitness instructor and a certified Level 1 IPTPA instructor and have been teaching beginner pickleball lessons with the city of Ottawa for over 2 years. I love working with and teaching people how to play this great game and helping them to improve. Let's have fun learning together! You can contact me at lizdonfire@gmail.com or 613-203-7033.</p>
 <p>Lisa Smith</p>	<p>Hi I'm Lisa Smith. I've been teaching pickleball for 3+ years and playing for 14 years. I am a Canadian Champion and have won over 40 medals. I am certified instructor and level 1 referee. I am an expert at teaching Learn to Plays and I enjoy teaching beginners and individuals who want to improve their game or just simply get some extra TIPS for tournaments. I am available day/evening for appointments. Let's have lots of fun! Contact info: chynachyna50@hotmail.com (613)857-3565</p>
 <p>Sean James</p>	<p>Hello, I am proud to be a Level 2 IPTPA Pickleball Instructor. I've played university varsity tennis, squash and badminton and have owned two successful fitness clubs here in Ottawa. I love instructing players and like to focus on form, fitness and of course, fun. Let's go! I am always available and can be reached at seankellyjames@yahoo.com or (613)866-7701.</p>
 <p>Sunil Gupta</p>	<p>I am an NCCP pickleball level one certified coach. I have extensive experience and tactical skills and have won many tournaments in Ontario and Quebec in the 4.0/4.5 level. I have a passion for sharing my knowledge and a commitment to excellence. I am well positioned to help players at all levels and am available weekday evenings and weekends. Please reach me at SunilG7987@gmail.com or 613-762-7987</p>
 <p>Terrence Dobson</p>	<p>Terrence Dobson is a Level 2 certified coach with Pickleball Canada and one of Ottawa's top competitive players. With years of experience and coaching he has earned podium finishes in high-level open tournaments. He brings a player-first coaching approach, focusing on skill development, confidence, and smart decision-making. He is dedicated to creating fun, high-energy and inspiring sessions that inspire players of all skill levels. Tdobson@hockeycanada.ca Tel: 5143860473</p>
 <p>Jon Freda</p>	<p>I'm an NCCP Level 1 certified pickleball coach and a 4.5 level player who has competed in over 30 tournaments. I'm passionate about helping players improve their game while building confidence and enjoying the process. I take an encouraging, supportive approach to coaching and focus on practical skills, strategy, and consistency that translate directly into better on-court results. I can be reached by Email: jfottawa82@gmail.com and Cell: 6138040054</p>
 <p>Chris Bates</p>	<p>Chris loves playing pickleball and teaching others how to improve their games and have more fun on the court. He's been playing for the past four years and is an advanced player. He likes working with players who are passionate about getting to the next level while still having fun learning. His coaching style is focused on building rock-solid fundamentals and repeatable habits, with a emphasis on footwork, positioning, and smart winning strategy. Cell: 613 293-6959 / chrisoralia@outlook.com</p>

