

ASSET TARGETS

COURT SPORTS

There is a need to improve the quality of tennis courts and basketball courts and to increase the number of volleyball, pickleball, and multisport courts.












The current outdoor court inventory is heavily weighted toward tennis, basketball and beach volleyball. Many Vancouver School Board sites also include basketball courts or hoops. Indoor gymnasiums at community centres provide space for volleyball, basketball and pickleball year-round. There are no indoor or covered tennis facilities in the city, although there are indoor courts at UBC and adjacent municipalities. The demand for other court sports, such as ball hockey, roller hockey, bike polo, box lacrosse and padel has not yet been assessed.

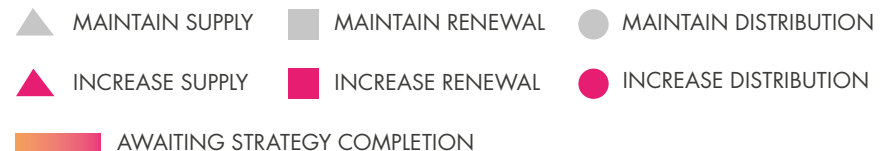
Asset Needs

- Increase the supply of pickleball and other sport courts through renewals or building new multi-sport courts.
- Plan for groups of courts to enable groups and clubs to play and host events/tournaments.
- Partner with the Vancouver School Board to improve access to school courts.
- Collect data to support assessment of demand for courts of various types and use (casual, tournament, lessons etc.).
- Describe optimum service levels (court sports typologies, location, associated infrastructure, locations, design, maintenance and renewal timelines and standards (i.e. define “good condition”) in collaboration with user groups, recreation and operations staff as part of the Court Sport Strategy.

Service Needs

- Create an Outdoor Sport Court Management Plan to consider use, access, booking and demand management systems.

Asset	Supply	Renewal Timeline	Distribution
Ball Hockey	▲		●
Basketball	▲		●
Volleyball	▲	■	●
Lacrosse Box			
Padel Court			
Pickleball	▲		●
Roller Hockey	▲		●
Tennis	▲		●



2040 Asset Targets

- Improve existing tennis court quality to achieve 70-80% in good condition.
- Add lines and equipment to accommodate pickleball at 4 new locations (Add 2 pickleball court locations per capital plan).

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Tennis

While supply is good, the quality of tennis courts needs improvement. Approximately 60% have been characterised as in poor condition. Consideration should be given to either resurfacing the tennis courts or converting them to help improve the balance of different types of courts provided. Groups of courts are desired, and there is significant demand for covered or indoor tennis courts in the city to enable year-round play (Indoor Tennis Feasibility Study, 2011).

Volleyball

Volleyball is a growing sport for both indoor and beach volleyball formats. Outdoor courts in Vancouver are currently concentrated at beaches, taking advantage of natural sand. There could be opportunities to provide and support casual use of sand, grass, or hard surface outdoor courts elsewhere across the city, particularly in areas that do not have access to natural sand beaches. However, with little data available, the demand for more outdoor volleyball courts should be assessed through discussions with user groups and at the neighbourhood level through public engagement during the park renewal process.

Pickleball

Pickleball is a growing sport that needs additional court space. Approximately four pickleball courts can fit within the footprint of one tennis court. Pickleball is a social game, often with groups playing together concurrently, so groups of courts are preferred.

Basketball

Given the lack of data available on casual use of outdoor basketball courts, it is difficult to set provision standard goals. Further complicating the supply question is the fact that basketball is also commonly available at schools and in community centre gymnasiums. Demand should be assessed through discussions at the neighbourhood level through public engagement during the park and community centre renewal processes. There is potential to develop more multi-sport courts.

Other Court Sports

The supply and demand for other court sports, such as ball hockey, roller hockey, bike polo, box lacrosse and padel has not yet been assessed; however, through community engagement, strong demand for additional outdoor hard surfaces for roller derby and ball hockey was received. The recommended approach is to assess need through public engagement at the neighbourhood level and through public and stakeholder engagement during the park renewal process. The Park Board should continue to seek opportunities to improve the variety, quality, and multifunctionality of sport courts.



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