

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

World Pickleball Federation Elects Kim Janice Wagner as President

The Board of Directors votes unanimously to appoint Wagner to lead the Federation's next chapter and advance the global unification of the sport under a single, Olympic-aligned governing body.

The World Pickleball Federation (WPF) today announced that its Board of Directors has unanimously elected **Kim Janice Wagner** as President of the Federation. The decision, taken at a meeting of the Board on 4 June 2026, marks a defining moment for the organisation as it advances its mission to govern and grow pickleball worldwide under a single, democratic, and Olympic-aligned international structure.

The Board moved to confirm its leadership in recognition of a clear imperative: that decisive, unified governance is essential to guide the Federation's next chapter and to carry forward the global effort to bring the sport's international governance together under one body. A serving member of the WPF Board, Ms. Wagner was elected by a unanimous vote of her fellow directors.

"I am deeply honoured by the confidence that the Board and our member nations have placed in me.

Pickleball is experiencing unprecedented growth across every continent, and with that growth comes both opportunity and responsibility. At this pivotal moment in our sport's history, the global pickleball community is looking for leadership, stability, integrity, and a clear vision for the future.

My commitment is to lead a federation that is united in purpose, transparent in its governance, and accountable to the athletes, national federations, officials, volunteers, and stakeholders we serve. Together, we will strengthen the foundations of our sport, expand opportunities for participation and development, and position pickleball as a respected and credible member of the international sporting community.

Above all, I remain committed to working collaboratively with our member nations and partners around the world to advance our shared aspiration: a strong, inclusive, independent, and world-class global governing body that serves the best interests of pickleball and ensures the long-term success of our sport for generations to come.

The future of pickleball has never been brighter, and I look forward to building that future together."

— **Kim Janice Wagner, President, World Pickleball Federation**

Priorities for the term ahead

Under President Wagner’s leadership, the Federation will advance the ongoing effort to unify the international governance of pickleball; uphold the highest standards of sports governance in alignment with the requirements of the International Olympic Committee (IOC); and deepen support for its member national federations around the world.

President Wagner will lead alongside the Federation’s established leadership team, with the Board reaffirming continuity in its key supporting roles to ensure a smooth and stable transition. The WPF will continue its constructive dialogue with partner organisations as part of the broader movement to bring the sport together under one cohesive, sustainable, and globally representative structure.

ABOUT THE WORLD PICKLEBALL FEDERATION

The World Pickleball Federation is an international governing body dedicated to the governance and global expansion of pickleball. Built as a democratic and inclusive organisation aligned with the standards of the International Olympic Committee, the WPF unites national federations around the world and works to secure pickleball’s place on the world stage. The Federation’s vision is to ignite the global excitement, inclusive nature, and lifetime benefits of pickleball.

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