

PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

For safety and courtesy sake all players should follow proper Pickleball Etiquette:

- Call the score before serving. Calling the score lets the receiver know you are ready to serve and helps all players keep track of the score. Before calling the score confirm it with your partner and opponents, and then speak in a clear voice loud enough so all players on your court can hear it before you start your serve. If the score is called incorrectly, it can be distracting for players. Once play on the point has started, it should continue, and the score corrected immediately after the point has ended.
- NEVER go on other courts to retrieve a ball while the game is still in play. Call “Ball on Court” in a voice that is loud enough for everyone on that court to hear and raise your arm so the players know who to give the ball to. Make eye contact with the person returning it.
- If a ball rolls onto your court during play, stop the game so that the ball can be removed and then replay the point. Do not randomly roll or kick or flick the ball out of your way; Pick up the ball and find out who’s missing their ball. Make eye contact with that person before returning the ball to them.
- When you are returning a ball within your own court, pick up the ball and return it to your opponent not just toward them. It is rude to just smack it back, under or over the net.
- When play is completed, and you are leaving the court be courteous to players still playing and ensure there is a break in their game before moving behind their court.
- Never leave a ball on the ground. When the game is over pick up the ball and hand it to one of the players taking over your court.
- When calling your own lines, always be fair when calling balls in or out. No player should question an opponent’s call unless asked. The players on the side of where the ball lands call the ball in or out. If they are uncertain or the partners disagree, then the ball is in. If the opponent’s opinion is requested, and, if the opponent says the ball was “in” or the opponent could not see it, then the ball must be declared “in.” The point does not get played over.
- Play to the weaker player’s abilities.
- Keep your temper in check! Abusive language and/or attitude are not welcome.
- Do not provide unwanted critique, coaching or instruction regardless of your intention to help.