

**WELCOME to the
SHUSWAP LAKE ESTATES PICKLEBALL CLUB
("SLE Pickleball")**

SLE Pickleball Club is dedicated to ensuring our members have the opportunity to play at their respective levels of play in a fun, respectful, safe, competitive atmosphere.

To accomplish this, the SLE Leadership Team will:

- Create a playing schedule which provides both competitive game play, as well as fun, social recreational game opportunities for players.
- Offer mentoring to enhance organized recreational and competitive play.

Rules and Etiquette – Player Code of Conduct

Fair play and sportsmanship are keys to success and enjoyment in any sport. Players should show respect, fairness, integrity, honesty, transparency and safety for all.

1. Acknowledge your opponents at the start of the game and introduce yourself to new players.
2. If you hit a ball into another court, loudly say "Ball on Court". Everyone should immediately stop play for safety. Return the ball to the correct court and re-play the point.
3. Call out the score loudly before each and every serve to ensure all know the score and are ready to play.
4. If the ball lands on or close to the out line, the receiving team calls the ball "In" or "Out". Do not question the call. If you are uncertain of the call, you must call it "In", giving the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. If you disagree with your partner on a line call – the benefit of the doubt goes to your opponent. If both you and your partner are unsure about the call, ask your opponents - especially if they had a better view. Once the opposing team has been asked, their call is final. Never ask for, or accept, line calls from spectators.
5. During Social Play (All Skill Levels), play to all players on the court, regardless of their level.
6. During more advanced Levels of Play (3.5+) ensure that you are qualified to play by completing a self assessment using the appropriate Skill Level Rating Assessment which is posted in the Clubhouse.
7. Call yourself if you or your partners step in the Non-Volley Zone on a volley.
8. Unsolicited coaching on the courts is discouraged. If someone asks for your input, offer a tip or two after your game once you are off the court.

9. Don't cross the court behind a match until the play has stopped. When that happens move quickly as a group.
10. Certain behaviours are inappropriate for the pickleball court: profanity, harassment, bullying and public criticism of other players or officials.
11. Players should be familiar with and be respectful of the Rules of Pickleball.

Ratings and Skill Level Play

Players without an official tournament rating can complete a Self Assessment of their skill level using the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association ("IPTPA") skill level rating system. Higher level players should observe some of your games in order to confirm your assessment. Competitive levels of play on our Courts may be different from the Community Centre you play at in other communities.

Dedicated times for the Club's various levels of players are posted on the Schedule. *(Please note this Schedule will be revised as more players come out and the weather changes)*. You are requested to sign up through the website at *Playtimescheduler.com*. During some play time, such as Open play, a Challenge Court may be utilized. We urge all players to sign up if they plan to attend as some members travel some distance to our Courts.

The Courts are available at any time outside of these dedicated Skill Level times for all members and guests during Social or Open play. Guests should be at the appropriate level during dedicated Skill Level Play. Guests are welcome to attend during Social or Open play, as long as space permits. Membership also entitles you to participate in any Club events such as In House Tournaments, utilize Club purchased equipment such as game balls, and structured Skills, Drills & Lessons Clinics.

Other than during Social or Open Play, players play on the Courts and times that they are rated for. This ensures good, fun games for players at whatever level they play at. No player has the right to demand to play with a higher level group of players. This is by *Invite Only*.

Please feel free to grab a playing partner and come down to the Courts and practice your game any time the Courts are available. Please note that you may bring your own group of players and/or guests to play together by booking a **Private session** on any available courts through *Playtimescheduler.com*. Guest fees are \$5/day, and a Waiver must be completed.

Appropriate Court attire and non-marking Court shoes are required.

RULE # 1 - do NOT run backwards on the Court !!! Falling is dangerous ...
No point is worth an injury !!