



Richmond Hill Pickleball Club Code of Conduct

It is essential that Richmond Hill Pickleball Club members embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Any person involved in a Richmond Hill Pickleball Club organized activity (player, volunteer, or coordinator) commits to:

Members agree that the main goal of all our events is to provide an environment where all players can play the game to the best of their ability, to learn, and most importantly, to have fun!

Respect must be shown to all, both on and off the courts. Under no circumstances may a member act in an intimidating manner (e.g. bashing one's paddle) or direct any form of foul or abusive language or gestures at others on or near the courts.

Good sportsmanship must always be exhibited when playing or observing others. Refusing to play with a less experienced player is considered unsportsmanlike. While using strategies such as pounding or cutting off the less experienced players might be acceptable during tournaments and/or ladder league matches, it is considered unsportsmanlike during our meetups. Do not take advantage of an opposing team whose skill level may be lower by running the score up. In one-sided games, use the opportunity to practice different shots, or even, with permission, offer to coach your opponent, in a positive, helpful manner.

Exhibit fairness and integrity, follow proper pickleball etiquette safety guidelines on or off court, and encourage others to do the same. Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in suspension and/or a revocation of membership.

RULES OF PLAY

1. If a ball is hit into another court, immediately YELL **"BALL ON COURT"**. If a ball rolls onto your court, call out **"BALL"**. If you hear **"BALL"** called from another court, STOP PLAY AT ONCE!
2. Announce the score before each service.
3. Players will call the lines on their side of the court. Do not call out when the ball is on your opponent's side of the court.
4. If you need to ask questions or clarify things on the court, either stop the game or wait for the ball to be out of play.
5. All "out" calls must be made "instantly", otherwise the ball is presumed "in" and still in play.
6. In doubles play, if one player calls the ball "out" and the partner calls it "in", then doubt exists, and the ball must be declared "in".
7. Line calls should be promptly signaled by voice, regardless of how obvious they may seem.
8. All players should strive for accuracy in making line calls.
9. Do not play past your scheduled time when another group is waiting, or activity scheduled.