

# Etiquette notes by the Charlottetown Pickleball Club, PEI - 12/2024



1.	<p><b>Conduct:</b> Our club upholds a zero-tolerance policy for poor behavior among players. We follow Pickleball Canada's Code of Conduct, found on our Club page docs. It is up to you to familiarize yourself with conduct guidelines. Contact Lisa Murphy (902-940-1767) or Alva Coade (charlottetownpickleballclub@gmail.com) for important incident reporting details.</p>
2.	<p><b>Signup:</b> Sign in and don't just show up to play. Please! Please sign up for only one level unless there are available openings, as time slots are filling up quickly. We want to ensure that everyone has a chance to play.</p>
3.	<p><b>Cancellations:</b> No shows are happening far too much. For several weeks, we have between two and six no shows per session. These sessions usually have wait lists and if you don't cancel or do so minutes before the start of the session, it's too late for folks on the wait list to get to the venue, and we lose the venue fee. We need to raise between \$90 and \$150 every session at Le Carrefour so attendance is critical.</p>
4.	<p><b>Paddle system:</b> The cartons are marked winner and non-winner so when you finish a game, put your paddles BEHIND those in front. The clip gets moved from one carton to the other when four paddles get pulled for play order. People notice if you are moving paddles out of order.</p>
5.	<p><b>Lockers at UPEI:</b> While inconvenient, Sports Center management asks that you keep all of your bags, coats, and outdoor shoes in the locker room and not bring them inside the gym UNLESS you need to bring items necessary for a medical intervention, such as supplies for diabetic blood sugar events. Inform other players if you have a condition and let them know how they can assist you if necessary. There is ample room on the table for cell phones, sweat towels, and water bottles. Remember to bring a lock to secure your personal items in the locker room.</p>
6.	<p><b>Line Calls:</b> Always call the lines fairly and honestly. If you're unsure, give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. Do not argue calls.</p>
7.	<p><b>Balls:</b> Use balls marked with CPC. Unmarked balls likely belong to the venue. If you are frequently breaking balls, consider making a donation of a few. Balls cost the club \$4 to \$5 each.</p>
8.	<p><b>Communication:</b> Clearly call "mine" or "yours" to avoid collisions and missed shots. Effective communication is key in doubles play.</p>

9.	<p><b>Return Balls:</b> If a ball is headed outside of your court, loudly call ball so play on the nearby courts can stop. When a stray ball comes onto your court, return it to the player who has their paddle raised. Avoid hitting it hard or randomly. Return in the air when possible.</p>
10.	<p><b>Warm-up and injury:</b> Body warm up is your responsibility. Please take a minute before play to do some stretches. If you injure yourself while playing, let others know. Contact Lisa Murphy (902-940-1767) or Alva Coade (charlottetownpickleballclub@gmail.com) for important incident reporting details.</p>
11.	<p><b>Coaching During Play:</b> <b>Avoid</b> coaching your partner or opponents during the game. Save constructive feedback for after the match.</p>
12.	<p><b>Nets:</b> Everyone needs to help either put nets up or to pack them up. The nets hanging on the wall in the university gym storage room belong to UPEI. Please do not use them. Our four net bags are clearly marked CPC and must go back in the cabinet.</p>
13.	<p><b>Lessons:</b> Consider taking clinics opportunities and lessons to reach your potential as a pickleball player. If you are continually losing games, you may need some additional drills to build skills. Let us know if you want to get additional tips and tricks to try.</p>
14.	<p><b>Combo sessions at UPEI:</b> The 10:30 am to 12:30 pm combo Intermediate and Advanced sessions are for Intermediate players who want to advance to a higher level of play. It is meant for higher level Intermediate players to play with our more Advanced players.</p>
15.	<p><b>Leave the Court Clean:</b> Pick up any trash or personal items before leaving the court. Take up kitchen line tape. Leave it in the same or better condition.</p>
16.	<p><b>Complaints:</b> Members of the board are happy to help deal with any complaints that come up. We can try and mitigate and solve issues as they arise.</p>