

# South Shore Pickleball Club Code of Conduct



The South Shore Pickleball Club (SSPC) Code of Conduct recognizes expectations of behavior for members and emphasizes the importance of inclusivity in our sport.

## SSPC members have a responsibility to:

- Demonstrate respect for every person, regardless of physical characteristics, athletic ability, age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, creed, disability, family, economic or marital status, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.
- Consistently demonstrate the spirit of sportsmanship, leadership, and ethical conduct.
- Focus comments appropriately and avoid public criticism of athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, sponsors, or members.
- Act, when appropriate, to correct or prevent practices that are unjustly discriminatory.
- Follow all Exit Reality Pickleball Park Rules.

## SSPC has a responsibility to its members to:

- Investigate incidents that may be in breach of the Code of Conduct.
- Provide an appeal process to ensure fair and thorough investigation.
- Take appropriate action toward any member found in breach of the Code of Conduct. The SSPC Discipline Committee may decide on one or more of the following actions:
  - A verbal warning to the offending member, and expectations regarding future conduct.
  - A letter of intention and mandatory enrolment in a Respect in Sport program.
  - In cases of extreme incidents or repeated violations, termination of membership.

## Reporting an Incident

While we anticipate and encourage good sportsmanship and adherence to the Code of Conduct, incidents may occasionally occur. If an incident requires further action, SSPC members who are directly impacted, or who witness the event, are encouraged to complete an **Incident Report Form** and submit it directly to the SSPC Disciplinary Committee.