

PICKLEBALL MANITOBA INC CODE OF CONDUCT



The mission of Pickleball Manitoba is to facilitate the growth of pickleball for the enjoyment, health and social engagement of all players offering organized recreational and competitive play, by ensuring opportunities for the continued development of all players in an inclusive environment.

Pickleball Manitoba has adopted the following Code of Conduct on and off the courts:

Learn and play by the official rules of pickleball as set out by the USAPA and supported by Pickleball Canada.

Always display behavior that demonstrates the values of respect, fairness, integrity, honesty and transparency to all other players both opponents and partners, volunteer officials, coaches, visitors and community members.

Always strive to make the correct line calls, but remember that if there is any doubt, the ball is “in”.

While play is in progress, limit distractions to players, such as entering on the courts or creating a distraction that will disrupt the game.

Stop play whenever an unsafe situation arises, such as a stray ball, injured player.

Display good sportsmanship while playing and observing – win with modesty and lose with dignity.

Under no circumstances should any member display any behavior or action that constitutes harassment. Harassment is defined as a comment or conduct directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading or malicious.

Under no circumstances should any member use profane language or gestures during or after play on the courts.

When a member of Pickleball Manitoba displays non-sportsmanlike behaviour toward any member or non-member during any club activity, play or at any venue that includes members and non-members, the offender will be subject to disciplinary action.

Any individual that wishes to bring an incident of non-sportsmanlike conduct to the attention of the Board must do so in writing.

After the investigation of the incident, the offending individual will be provided with a written statement outlining the infractions and the resulting disciplinary action, as follows:

First Offense – a written warning from the Board of Directors.

Second Offense – suspension of membership privileges.

Third Offense – termination of membership rights and privileges.

The documentation of the incident and reasons for the disciplinary actions will be kept on file by Pickleball Manitoba.

The decision of the Board is final.