

# Code of Conduct (v1.0)

## Lethbridge Pickleball Club

Fair play and sportsmanship are keys to success and enjoyment in any sport. To ensure safety and smooth sailing on the pickleball court, Lethbridge Pickleball Club requests the following from those who play:

- On busy days use the round robin sheets for the number of players present or alternatively use the paddles rack to organize play and the order for next on court.
- Acknowledge your opponents at the beginning of the game. If you are playing unfamiliar players, introduce yourself at the beginning of play. At the end of the game meet at the net and tap paddles and say something positive like “thanks for the game” or “nice play”.
- If a ball bounces or rolls into your court, yell out “Ball” and immediately stop play, to ensure no one trips on the ball.
- If a ball enters your court during a point in play, kindly return the ball to the correct court and re-play the point.
- Call out the score before each and every point to ensure all know the score and are ready to play.
- If the ball lands on or close to the out line, the receiving team has the final say on calling the ball “in” or “out”. Do not question the call. In social play if you are uncertain of the call, call it “in”, giving the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. They will likely return the favour when it arises on their side.

- Play with everyone. Take time once in a while to play with weaker players – they will be thrilled to have the experience. Remember, if a stronger player is on the court with you, hit to them and often – it will make you a better player plus keep the game interesting for all who are playing. If you are playing with a weaker player work on shots that they can return and learn from.
- Call yourself if you or your partner land in the kitchen on a volley. Be cautious to call kitchen or foot faults on your opponents – let them call the faults on themselves.
- Unsolicited coaching on the courts is not to be done. If someone asks for your input, offer a tip or two after your game once you are off the court, so as not to detract from the flow of the game and/or distract your opponents.
- Cursing is not acceptable. Please keep the vocabulary clean.

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