

BVPA PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

Please be considerate and respectful of your fellow pickleball players and abide by the following pickleball expectations:

Arrive on time so the round robin or other planned play schedule does not have to be changed after a round and participate until the entire session is completed.

Only sign up for sessions you know you will attend. If you are not sure about your availability, wait until you are certain you will be able to attend. Late cancellations are not easy to accommodate.

Introduce yourself before each game.

Play kindly with the weakest player in the game. Slamming shots doesn't bring you respect.

Do not take advantage of your opponent's physical limitations.

Clearly call out the score every time you serve so that your opponents can clearly hear the score.

Make sure your opponent is ready before you serve.

If you or your partner are not sure if the ball is in or out, the call is always in favor of your opponent.

If you hit a ball into another court, immediately YELL "Ball on Court". Do NOT chase the ball onto the other court.

When retrieving a ball for another court or opponent, hit it hard enough to make sure it reaches the person.

Do not offer advice to other players, unless asked for it. Even then, be gentle.

Players on the side onto which the ball is hit are the ones who decide whether the ball is in or out and their call stands. No debate. If, however, they did not see it clearly and if they choose to ask the other side their opinion, then the other side's call stands. No debate.

Do not engage in any inappropriate behaviour. No foul language and no comments of a sexual, gender or racist nature are tolerated.

Inappropriate behaviour, actions or language may result in suspension or cancellation of membership in accordance with BVPA bylaws.

Compliment people for outstanding amazing shots or for a great game.