



PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

Before Play Begins:

- Introduce yourself to players you do not know. Welcome new players.
- Know when you are 'on deck' and go immediately to the next available court. Adjust the paddles and move the "next up" indicator.
- When crossing a court to enter your court, wait for play to end, get the attention of the players, then walk as a group to reduce delays.

During Play:

- The team closest to the road serves first.
- Before serving the ball, call out the score so your opponent can hear it.
- When you hit the ball into an adjacent court, call "ball" immediately. Do not run into the adjacent court to retrieve the ball.
- When you hear someone call "ball" or when a stray ball comes into your court, stop playing immediately. When returning a stray ball, look for a player waving or with a paddle up. Throw or hit the ball back to the identified player. Do not roll, kick, or hit the ball randomly into an adjacent court.
- Always be kind and courteous to other players. Help beginners learn the ropes.
- During open play, it is good pickleball etiquette for advanced players to play with lesser skilled players, to help improve their game. Remember how you felt as a new player.
- If you are playing opponents where there is a stronger player, play both to the stronger player and play shots to the lower skilled player that will help improve their skills.
- If the call is close or questionable, give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent.
- If you ask your opponent for their assistance on a call, their call is final.