

Bath Pickleball Club

Charities and Non-Club Tournaments

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Background

Bath Pickleball Club receives requests to promote various charities, especially pickleball tournaments designed to raise funds for a charity. These can be local or otherwise, and they can be requests from members or from outside the Club.

This policy is designed to help the Executive Committee manage these requests, and to provide clarity on why we might agree to promote one tournament over another.

Tournaments

The Club will not promote any pickleball tournament that is not taking place on the Bath courts. If a charity does run a tournament on the Bath courts (outside of Club hours, of course), the Club may promote it to the members via regular email communications, and have something on the website as an "upcoming event", just to inform them that the courts will be in use that day. However, there should only be one email about this (not constant reminders) and should be to inform the members of the event, and direct them to the charity's site for registration. If there is a request for volunteers to help with the event, the Executive Committee may choose to include that as well. This approach supports the Club's intention of not sending too many emails to members.

If a member or members are directly involved in the event, these members should not engage in overly aggressive efforts during Club hours to convince other members to register. This could be considered a Conflict of Interest.

If the tournament is to be run during Club hours, then it becomes a Club event that only Club members can play in, and this policy does not apply.

Other Charity Activities

If a member or non-member wants to sell goods or otherwise promote a charity at the courts during Club hours, they may do so, but the Club should refrain from using the email database to promote it, and at no time should a member feel pressure to support the charity. From an administration perspective, it is too difficult to decide which charity might be worthy of support and which one is not.

While many of our members support many charities outside of the Club, the membership database should only be used for Club activities. The Club must respect the privacy of its members.

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