

Footwear and Personal Protective Equipment



Policy

Persons participating in club play and special events will be required to follow policies relating to footwear and personal protective equipment.

Purpose

To ensure the safety and well-being of all players, the following policy regarding footwear and personal protective equipment (PPE) is in effect.

Clarification

1. Mandatory Footwear:

All players must wear proper athletic footwear specifically designed for court sports (e.g., pickleball, tennis, or indoor court shoes). Footwear must:

- Provide adequate grip and lateral support,
- Be non-marking to preserve court surfaces, and
- Be in good condition (no excessive wear or damage).

Players without appropriate footwear will not be permitted to participate in club play.

2. Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The club strongly recommends the use of the following PPE:

- Protective Eyewear: While not mandatory, protective glasses or goggles are highly recommended to reduce the risk of eye injuries caused by fast-moving balls or accidental contact with paddles.
- Knee/Elbow Pads or Braces: Particularly for players with a history of joint issues or those recovering from injury.
- Supportive Gear: Players with known medical conditions are encouraged to wear medically advised support equipment (e.g., ankle braces, compression sleeves).

Use of PPE is at the player's discretion and risk. The club assumes no liability for injuries sustained due to the absence of personal protective equipment.

3. Enforcement:

Club staff or designated volunteers may perform safety checks prior to play. The club reserves the right to deny participation to anyone not adhering to this policy.