

 <p>BOW VALLEY pickleball ASSOCIATION</p>	APPROVED REVISION	POLICY NO.	02
	NON-MEMBER PLAY POLICY	EFFECTIVE DATE	September 8, 2022
		REVISION DATE	January 14, 2026

BVPA Mission

Our mission is to develop pickleball as a sport for all in the Bow Valley by promoting the health, physical and social well-being of its members through offering organized recreational and competitive play in an atmosphere of collegiality and sportsmanship.

Purpose

To establish a policy for Non-Members playing pickleball on Bow Valley Pickleball Association (BVPA) managed courts during BVPA designated court time.

Scope

This Policy will apply to all BVPA Members and Non-Members (visitors and guests) on BVPA managed courts. BVPA welcomes Non-Members, ages 18+, to play at any event that matches their play level rating, except those events specifically posted and advertised as "Members Only".

Procedure

BVPA operates outdoor court and indoor court play. BVPA makes a concerted effort to create a pleasant, inviting and safe playing environment. To achieve this, the following requirements are to be followed to address Non-Members wishing to play on BVPA managed courts during BVPA designated court time.

The Non-Member must:

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to start of play;
- Introduce themselves as a visitor or guest to the Session Captain of the organized play;
- Bring their own paddle;
- Sign the BVPA Non-Member Release Agreement prior to play. The Agreement is in effect for six months after the date it was signed, provided the form is present at the venue;
- Pay the fee for the event as set by the BVPA; if payment is made in cash to the Session Captain, they in turn submit the payment to the BVPA Treasurer;
- If the non-member is a guest of a BVPA Member, that Member is expected to ensure that he/she adheres to the BVPA Member Code of Conduct, and respects all decisions of the Session Captain;
- Not pre-empt or restrict access to play for BVPA members.

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Any BVPA Member can assist the Session Captain and the non-member(s) in accessing the BVPA Non-Member Release Agreement and collect any required fee.

A Non-Member player may participate in BVPA managed play a maximum of three times in any 12-month period. After that, he/she must become a BVPA member to continue to play in any BVPA managed play.

Revision History

Date	Rev. No.	Change
August 30, 2022	01-2022	New policy template format.
March 2, 2023	02-2023	Updated format only to include logo and standardized format.
January 14, 2026	03-2026	Enhance and clarify policy for guests and visitors

References

Bow Valley Pickleball Association Bylaws

BVPA Member Code of Conduct Policy #10

BVPA Pickleball Etiquette Guidelines

BVPA Non-Member Release Agreement

Definitions

BVPA Member – any person who has paid their membership fee for the current playing season and has executed the BVPA Member Release Agreement.

Non-Member – any person, age 18+, who has some proficiency in playing pickleball but is not a current BVPA Member.

Guest – a Non-Member who is hosted by a BVPA Member.

Visitor – a Non-Member who is not hosted by a BVPA Member.