



## **BLUE COAST PICKLEBALL CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Blue Coast Pickleball Club is a mixed-level, inclusive, respectful organization that values good sportsmanship above all.

As a recreational community, we are not consumed with pickleball ratings, competition or showcasing advanced skills. In BCPC, all players interact and all skill levels play together. We enjoy new players improving their game and skills in a warm, friendly, welcoming setting.

### **ROTATION**

- After games, the players and/or their paddles move to the designated winners or non-winners section.
- Players rotate in order of arrival.
- No skipping spots, stacking or selectively arranging pairings/games.

### **MIXED-LEVEL EXPECTATIONS**

- Control pace, power and spin.
- Avoid repeatedly targeting one (especially a weaker) player.
- Do not smash the ball directly at other players.
- In general, avoid taking advantage of another player's lack of physical ability.
- Be aware of the close proximity and dangers of contact with other courts, players and walls.
- Focus on rallies, not domination.
- Provide partner support and avoid blatant 'poaching'.
- Constructive critiquing is appreciated if requested by another player.
- Strive to improve higher-end skills such as dinking, lobbing and ball placement.
- All players, whether beginner or advanced, will benefit from exhibiting good sportsmanship.
- Stronger players are expected to adapt their play to support inclusive games.

### **PLAY VALUES**

- Encourage – do not criticize
- Make fair line calls and be gracious on contested calls; when unsure, THE BALL IS IN.
- Celebrate respectfully
- Welcome new players
- Stress safety first, fun second, and skilled play third.

### **CORE VALUES**

- Inclusion over exclusion
- Fun over intensity
- Social Interaction
- Fairness over winning

Thank you for helping keep our courts positive, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.