

Pickleball in the Park

Pickleball Etiquette Guidelines

28th September 2026

The following guidelines are intended to ensure a fair, safe, and enjoyable experience for all members and visitors to the club.

1. Rules of Play

- Players are expected to call their own lines honestly and in good faith; close calls should be given in favour of the opposing side.
- Fault calls should be limited to one's own side of the net.
- Players should refrain from crossing behind an occupied court while play is in progress.
- The score should be called clearly before each serve.

2. Court Conduct

- At the conclusion of each game, players are encouraged to acknowledge their partner and opponents, typically with a paddle tap at the net.
- Excessive celebration is discouraged in the interest of good sportsmanship.
- Be encouraging to newer players — pickleball's friendliness is part of its appeal.

3. Court Rotation

- Court access during open play will be managed via a paddle stack or sign-up sheet to ensure fair rotation.
- Please refer to the club's specific rotation policy, as conventions such as "winners stay on" may vary.
- New and visiting players are warmly welcomed to join upcoming games.

4. Communication

- Players should communicate clearly with their partner during play (e.g. calling "mine" or "yours") to avoid collisions.
- Unsolicited coaching or feedback directed at other players is discouraged unless invited.
- Any disputes should be resolved calmly and courteously between the parties involved.

5. Safety and Courtesy

- Balls that stray onto neighbouring courts should be returned promptly, and players should ask permission before retrieving a ball from an occupied court.
- Play should pause immediately if a ball enters the court from elsewhere, in the interest of safety.
- Members are asked to be mindful of noise levels, particularly during early morning or evening sessions, out of consideration for nearby residents.

6. General Expectations

- Members are encouraged to arrive punctually to ensure sessions begin on schedule.
 - A welcoming and encouraging attitude towards newer players is strongly encouraged.
 - Members are asked to treat club equipment and facilities with care and to report any damage to club organisers promptly.
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