



ETIQUETTE GUIDANCE

1. Begin each game by acknowledging the other players, introducing yourself if you don't know them.
2. During open play (mixed skill-levels), remember that good sportsmanship is the rule so if you are a stronger player of the four, play to the weakest players in a way they can handle and learn from.
3. If one pairing is significantly stronger than the other then offer to change the pairings to produce a more even game. If the weaker pairing wish to play against the stronger pairing then continue as the weaker pairing may wish to improve by playing against stronger players.
4. At the end of each game, find something positive to say to the other team at the net, regardless of the score!
5. If the ball is out and it's on your side, call it out. If it's close, give the benefit to your opponent. This is hard to do when the game is close but do it anyway. Only make calls on your side – do not make calls for the other side. Always be honest with calls.
6. If you step into the Non-Volley Zone (Kitchen) on a volley, or if your partner does, call it on yourself. Do not call Kitchen faults, serving faults or line calls for the opposite side.
7. Never ask for, or accept, line calls from spectators.
8. NEVER shout, swear or say a hostile or sarcastic word to your partner or your opponent in anger. Remember to always respect others.
9. Teasing your opponents in a fun and lighthearted way, is part of Pickleball but be careful not to upset someone who may be sensitive, who you don't know or who is a weaker player. This game is supposed to be fun for all so please remember that and just be careful !
10. The corollary to the above is obvious. ALWAYS compliment people on outstanding shots or on a really great game.
11. Play your strongest game against better players but work on stuff you need practice on with the weaker players. We will often individually tell our partners "I'm working on, for example, placement today" and they know that will mean that we're not necessarily going to put every shot away.
12. Do not take advantage of a person's physical limitations when you play them socially.
13. At the end of a game, if you believe another player would benefit from an observation about their play, DON'T OFFER IT. Even if they ask, be very cautious and considerate as everyone handles this differently. Give no more than one piece of advice at a time.

GET ON COURT AND ENJOY THE GAME!