



Hollywood Pickleball Club

Player Conduct and Etiquette policy

1. Adhere to the rules of Pickleball.¹
2. Introduce yourself and welcome each other on the court before play commences.
3. Help newer players feel welcome and be prepared to assist in explaining the rules if required.
4. Always give your opponent time to get into position before you serve.
5. Good sportsmanship is the rule, if you are the stronger player of the four, play to the weakest players in a way they can handle and learn from. If one pairing is significantly stronger than the other, then offer to change the pairings to produce a more even game.
6. The server must call the score before they serve. (If you are unsure of the score, ask other players what the score is, and then call it aloud). The receiving side or non-server must correct the score if it is incorrect.
7. Make quick and fair line calls and accept those made by your opponents on their side of the court. If there is any uncertainty, the ball is considered "in". 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.
8. Avoid questioning line calls or foot faults during the game, if clarification is needed respectfully ask the team for their call. If you feel its necessary to challenge a call, do so politely and only once, keeping the

¹ <https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/official-rules/?fbclid=IwAR3hZLoqQPjrW51AYN65G9BKmfS5cNeBX0S79xrZpbZy6P6TEfJBha334LA>

tone friendly. Refrain from arguing or implying dishonesty. If you notice consistent questionable calls from a specific player, address the matter with the committee privately.

9. Spectators cannot make line calls.
10. A fault will be called if you or your partner steps into the non-volley zone (kitchen) on a volley or steps in (by momentum) after playing a shot from outside the non-volley zone.
11. If you are a stronger player against weaker opponent/s, consider your style of play for that game. It may be more useful and considerate to work on areas you need to develop during such games.
12. Targeting is defined as deliberately playing most balls to one player throughout the game. Please ensure all four players are involved in the game.

** Exceptions to this type of type of play will be made when it has been agreed the style of play will be - tournament / competitive play. It is accepted this is a more intensive style of Pickleball played at a more advanced skill level.*

Game style (Know your game!)

Recreational pickleball is all about having fun, enjoying the game and developing your skills. The level of intensity in recreational pickleball is generally medium to low, with players focusing more on the enjoying the game and company of their fellow players. The emphasis is on friendly competition!

Competitive Pickleball, the level of intensity and focus is higher. The goal of competitive pickleball players is to win matches and improve skills. There is a higher focus during gameplay, putting in their best effort to outmanoeuvre opponents. Competitive pickleball requires a higher level of concentration and strategic thinking, as players strive to make precise shots and anticipate next moves.

13. All games are recreational unless agreed before the game starts.
14. Be mindful of everyone's abilities. Play at a pace that ensures comfort and inclusivity for all participants.

15. Focus on Fun! Keep the game enjoyable for all.

Pickleball is a fantastic and enjoyable sport for everyone. Friendly banter and light-hearted teasing between players can add to the fun, but it's important to always remain considerate and respectful towards your fellow players.

We are committed to addressing any concerns of bullying and harassment with the utmost seriousness. The list provided is not exhaustive and we encourage any players who are aware of or experiencing inappropriate behaviour to report it to the committee as soon as possible.

- Bullying
- Harassment
- Swearing/ Offensive or hostile remarks/ gestures
- Behaving in an intimidating / threatening manner
- Demeaning language or behaviours
- Seeking to exploit or capitalise on a person's physical limitations in a way that takes unfair advantage of their condition.
- Discrimination (under equality legislation)

In addition to the above, deliberate damage, theft, destruction of the Club or Facilities property will also result in membership being revoked.