

PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

1. COURTS ARE OPEN PLAY
(EXCEPTION: *CHALLENGE AND BEGINNER COURTS)

GENERALLY, YOU PLAY ON COURTS WHERE THERE ARE PLAYERS AT YOUR LEVEL. THIS CAN BE ON EITHER THE EASTSIDE OR WESTSIDE COURTS-WHEREVER YOU ARE COMFORTABLE!

NOTE: OPEN PLAY IS NOT A TIME FOR LESSONS. PLAYERS COME TO PLAY. IF YOU ARE WANTING TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY THE GAME YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND APPROPRIATE (BEGINNER OR INTERMEDIATE) MORNING DRILLS (8-9AM). CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR DAYS DRILLS ARE OFFERED.

2. BEGIN EACH GAME BY INTRODUCING YOURSELF.
END EACH GAME ON A POSITIVE NOTE AND WITH A "PADDLE TAP".
3. COMPLIMENT OTHER PLAYERS-INCLUDING OPPONENTS.
4. CALL THE BALL ON YOUR SIDE ONLY.
5. IF YOU CAN'T CALL THE BALL OUT-THEN IT'S GOOD! NO REPLAYS ON LINE CALLS.
IF IT IS CLOSE, THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT GOES TO YOUR OPPONENT.
6. DO NOT GO ONTO ACTIVE COURTS TO RETRIEVE A BALL.
YELL "BALL BALL BALL" AND WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO RETURN IT TO YOU.
7. IF AN ERRANT BALL COMES ONTO YOUR COURT, STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY AND THEN REPLAY THAT POINT.
8. DO NOT WALK BEHIND AN ACTIVE COURT. WAIT UNTIL PLAY HAS STOPPED.
9. HONESTY-IF YOU OR YOUR PARTNER STEP INTO THE NON-VOLLEY ZONE (KITCHEN)-CALL THE FAULT!
10. BE WILLING TO PLAY WITH PLAYERS OF DIFFERENT SKILL LEVELS.
11. OFFER TO HELP SET UP/TAKE DOWN OR MOVE NETS.

COURT SAFETY

1. WEAR (DRY) COURT SHOES
2. AVOID WEARING CLOTHING THAT'S THE SAME COLOR OF THE BALL.
3. DO NOT BACK UP!!!! INSTEAD, TURN AND MOVE SIDWAYS.
4. CONSIDER WEARING PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR.
5. STAY HYDRATED.

PLAYER AND COURT ROTATION

COURTS ARE DIVIDED INTO "EASTSIDE AND WESTSIDE" COURTS

PLAYERS CAN CHOOSE TO PLAY ON THE SIDE WHERE THEY FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE OR WANT TO BE CHALLENGED!

*BEGIN WITH 3 COURTS ON EACH SIDE

*EXTRA NETS ARE SET UP ONLY WHEN THERE ARE (AT LEAST) 6 PEOPLE WAITING

(THIS IS NECESSARY SO THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO ROTATE IN AND MIX IN WITH NEW PARTNERS)

*GUIDELINES FOR EASTSIDE COURTS

THESE COURTS ARE BEING USED BY (BUT NOT LIMITED TO): NOVICE/LESS AGGRESSIVE PLAYERS (THESE PLAYERS HAVE EITHER TAKEN A LESSON, HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME AND THE RULES OR CAN KEEP A BALL IN PLAY)

PADDLE STACKING WILL BE USED ON EASTSIDE COURTS. THIS IS THE FAIREST WAY TO ROTATE WAITING PLAYERS INTO GAMES.

1. WINNERS STAY AND SPLIT. CALL FOR NEXT 2(OR 3) PLAYERS WAITING TO PLAY
2. GAME TO 11, WIN BY 2
3. LIMITED TO TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE GAMES THEN YOU MUST EXIT THE COURT AND WAIT YOUR TURN TO PLAY AGAIN

*IF NO PLAYERS ARE WAITING THEN SWITCH PARTNERS AND PLAY AGAIN

OR

WAIT UNTIL ANOTHER GAME ENDS AND THEN MIX IT UP!

*GUIDELINES FOR WESTSIDE COURTS

THESE COURTS ARE BEING USED BY (BUT NOT LIMITED TO): HIGHER SKILL LEVEL/MORE EXPERIENCED/MORE AGGRESSIVE PLAYERS

PADDLE STACKING WILL BE USED ON WESTSIDE COURTS. THIS IS THE FAIREST WAY TO ROTATE WAITING PLAYERS INTO GAMES.

1. WINNERS STAY AND SPLIT. CALL FOR NEXT 2(OR 3) PLAYERS WAITING TO PLAY (BASED ON PADDLE ORDER)
2. GAME TO 11, WIN BY 2
3. LIMITED TO TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE GAMES THEN YOU MUST EXIT THE COURT AND PLACE YOUR PADDLE IN THE LINE

*IF NO PLAYERS ARE WAITING THEN SWITCH PARTNERS AND PLAY AGAIN

OR

WAIT UNTIL ANOTHER GAME ENDS AND THEN MIX IT UP!

***NOTE: MODIFICATIONS POSSIBLE SUBJECT TO THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND COURTS NEEDED.**