

Pickleball Etiquette

1. Never walk behind another court during game play, cross quickly when play is stopped. In tournament play, request permission from the referee to enter or cross another court.
2. Never retrieve your ball from someone else's court, get their attention once play has stopped. Under no circumstances should you run on their court to retrieve your ball.
3. Play stops when a ball from another court comes on to your court (Safety First).
4. Never send a ball back to a neighboring court when play is in progress.
5. Return a stray ball directly to one of the players on a neighboring court, preferably the server. Never hit the ball on the ground back to another court.
6. When a point is over, return the ball to the server. Send the ball to the server so he/she can catch it easily, not merely in his/her direction. Never hit the ball hard toward the server's side.
7. The warm-up is not practice. Players should try and hit the ball to the opponent in a cooperative manner.
8. Players make calls on their side of the net.
9. When an opponent's opinion is requested and the opponent gives an opinion, it must be accepted. A player would not request an opinion unless there is doubt.
10. Players should call out their own shots if they clearly see the ball out regardless of whether requested to do so by an opponent. The prime objective in making calls is accuracy and good sportsmanship.
11. Spectators are never to make calls.
12. If teammates disagree on a call, the benefit of the call goes to the opponents.