

PICKLEBALL COURT ETIQUETTE

USAPA rules shall govern play.

If you must walk across one court area to get to another, wait until the rally being played is over and then ask to “come through”, please walk briskly so as not to hold up the other game longer than necessary.

Before serving, make sure that the receiver is ready and facing you. Then call the score so that they know you are ready to serve. Leave a few seconds in case there are any questions or corrections to the score.

If a ball comes into your court, please pick it up and return it to the proper person. Do not just smack it back without even looking where it is going. Likewise, if you are in the court the ball was hit from and you are the one who gets the ball, please put your hand or paddle up so that they know who should receive the ball.

Also, when you are returning a ball within your own court, please return the ball to your opponent, not just toward them.

When your game is over and you are leaving the court, please do not just walk behind another court where play is still in progress. Wait until the point is over, then ask to go “through”.

Compliments to your opponents or partner for a well made shot are always encouraged, however, gloating or laughing at an opponent’s mistake is unsportsmanlike and is never acceptable.

Keep your temper! Abusive language is not allowed. Do not throw your paddle or cause a scene if you think you have been wronged. We all try to make the best calls we can. Remember we want to win, but not at the expense of sacrificing our good sportsmanship and integrity.

Do not call the faults that occur on the other side of the net, unless asked to do so. It is the responsibility of the receiver’s side of the net to make the line calls. Please call the balls fairly, remember they will be doing the same for you. If your partner calls the ball out and you feel that is was the wrong call, you should tell your partner that you disagree and then let him/her correct the call. If you are not sure, then the call will go to your opponents. If you see that you or your partner

has stepped on the non-volley zone line when the ball was in the air ... call the fault.

Remember: Things will always even out in the end when you are using proper court manners and honorable conduct which will lead to better and happier play.

WHILE ETIQUETTE AND ETHICS ARE ESSENTIAL ON THE COURT ----- SAFETY IS A MUST!

If a ball comes into your court from another game, stop play and say "ball", loudly enough for everyone to hear and stop play. Stepping on an unseen ball can cause injury. Play will stop and the point shall be re-played.

If the courts are slippery, do not play. Any gravel, sand or leaves should be removed from the courts before play begins.

Proper court shoes are a must. The key to finding good court shoes is the sole. The sole should have good tread and flexibility beneath the ball of the foot to allow for quick start and stop movements. A shoe that provides stability from side to side is important.

NEVER BACK UP TO RETURN AN OVERHEAD LOB. Turn around before trying to retrieve such ball.

UNSPORTSMAN LIKE BEHAVIOR

The Competitive Play Chair, Player Development Chair and/or any of the Club Officers can ask a Club member to leave the courts if that Club member exhibits disruptive and un-sportsman like behavior during Club organized play.

The Club officer should document the incident and distribute copies the HPPC board as well as the individual involved.