











Pickleball Etiquette for Competitions

-  **P**lay with manners. Introduce yourself - Once on the court for a game, acknowledge the other players and introduce yourself if you don't know them.
-  **I**f you are playing with a team that you believe is a lower skill level than you, graciously play. Please don't offer unsolicited advice to another player during or after the game.
-  **C**all "Ball" loudly when a ball from another court comes onto your court, or your ball goes onto another. Play should stop immediately and the point replayed if needed. Pick the ball up and move it to the side or end whichever is closer.
-  **K**eep the best player on the other team involved, don't keep hitting to the weaker player during play just so you can win – everyone wants to play. Please do not take advantage of a person's physical limitations during play.
-  **L**etting an argument begin is not appropriate either with the opposition or your partner over the score or a ball call. Please do not hit the ball away in a fit of rage.
-  **E**ver in doubt whatsoever, the ball is in. If its I THINK it may be out, then it's in!
-  **B**efore walking behind a court ensure no play is occurring.
-  **A**t the end of each game/match, tap your paddles and find something positive to say to the other team at the net.
-  **L**ift other players spirits, compliment on outstanding shots or on a really great rally during the game, never criticise on court.
-  **L**astly show respect for other players by always thanking your partner and opponents at the end of your game and promptly vacating the court after your game since other players are waiting for the court.