



Pickleball Code of Conduct

As a drop-in participant at the HUB Sports Center, all players agree to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner both on the courts and when observing others playing while awaiting your turn. All participants are reminded the goal is to provide an environment where all players can play the game to the best of their ability and most importantly “have fun” while doing so. This code is to apply to any HUB Sports Center organized or sponsored pickleball event.

We ask that you please respect the facility, staff, equipment, and other players. We also ask that you respect the time periods and number of courts allotted to drop-in play.

When you arrive at the HUB you must sign the waiver form before playing. It is helpful if you could also indicate to our staff if you have a punch card or if you need to pay. Payment must be made before play can begin. If staff is not at the desk when you arrive, please pay them before you play (they are usually upstairs or out on the courts). We do not offer “IOUs” or accept bills larger than \$20.

We ask that you please help set up the nets, and help take them down and pack them away at the end of the session. Everyone should assist with gathering up the balls during and after play. Our storage room has an area marked specifically for pickleball equipment. We ask that you work to ensure that this area is kept organized, and that the pickleball equipment remains in the assigned area. All team benches and bleachers must be restored to previous setup if moved (benches should be lifted and not dragged).

In the event of an injury, please seek out staff who will see that first aid is provided. We ask that you do not take first aid supplies without staff approval first. The HUB has one AED located in the “Staff Only” room off of court 2 in the case of an emergency.

Our goal is to promote the growth and development of pickleball. This sport will succeed best if its players embrace the values of good sportsmanship. It is essential that all players and spectators, in promoting this goal, model good behavior, lead by example, display respect, and show self-control.

The Code below applies in all situations that relate directly or indirectly to pickleball play. Every person involved in pickleball at the HUB Sports Center (participant, official, volunteer, or spectator) pledges as follows:

- ***I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct or encourage others to do so.***
- ***I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or well-being of others.***
- ***I will not engage in the use of profanity.***
- ***I will treat the facility, equipment, and others with respect.***
- ***I will exhibit fairness and honesty in my dealings with others.***
- ***I will observe the Golden Rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me.***
- ***I will always remember that pickleball is a game, and I am playing it to have FUN.***

The HUB will continue to offer Drop-In play if we can work together to make sure this is a safe, fun place for participants to play. Failure to abide by this Code may result in disciplinary action having to be taken by the HUB.

Court Etiquette

Everyone was (or is) a beginner at one time and playing with people that are better than you or that are just learning will help all players, at all skill levels and keep the sport of Pickleball growing. Everyone appreciates the time given to “assist” all levels of players with rules, set up, specific plays etc. If you are an “advanced” player, adjust your style when playing with beginners – work on your short game, work on ball placement. Mentor and offer advice kindly. Do not intimidate weaker players or dominate a game. Play to have fun.

Be cognitive of other courts. Give those courts lots of room to continue their match. You will avoid possible injury to yourself and to the players that might not see you near their court. If you bring a guest that has not played pickleball – stay with your guest/friend for a good part of the session. Introduce your guest to other players.

When waiting for a court to finish, you may place your paddle down next to the net to let other players know that you are next to play on that court.

Recognize and compliment your partner and opponents when they make good shots.

Apologize for bad or inappropriate remarks immediately.

Call out the score every time you serve so that your opponents can hear the score. Call out your score first, then the opponents score and, finally, if you are the first server or the second server.

Do not chase the ball into another court. Call “ball” immediately when your stray ball rolls onto another court. No point is worth tripping over a ball and hurting yourself or other players. When retrieving a stray ball it is best not to walk onto a neighboring court – wait until the rally is over. When a ball rolls onto your court, stop play immediately. Pick the ball up, look to see where it came from and return it as suggested above. Return the ball on the outside of your court – not through neighboring courts. Make eye contact with the person that you are returning the ball to, then roll or throw the ball to them.

Extra balls are shared in buckets between the nets. Remove all errant balls from the courts and place in the buckets.

Please be cognizant of the horn signaling the end of the session. Upon hearing the horn, we ask that you wrap up your game and exit the court.

We ask that you please police yourselves. If somebody is in violation of this code, please let HUB staff know.

Enjoy the game. No point or game is that critical to ruin your day or lose a friend.

In summary, be a positive minded player. This is YOUR facility, support it and strive to make it better.