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CODE OF CONDUCT

Approved by the Committee of _____ Pickleball Club on /2024

- _____ Pickleball Club members and their guests who participate in the game of pickleball training and associated events be it at any venue agree to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner both on and off the courts.
- Members agree that the goal is to provide an environment where all players can play the game to the best of their ability, to learn and most importantly to have FUN!
- Respect must be shown to **all** both on and off the courts. Good sportsmanship must always be exhibited when playing or observing others. Refusing to play with a less experienced player is considered unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Under NO circumstances may a member act in an intimidating manner or direct any form of foul or abusive language or gestures at others on or near the courts. Members will refrain from verbally or physically abusing opponents' officials or spectators. Members must also be respectful of opposition players and those on adjacent courts.
- Members must respect the property of others and not wilfully cause damage at any venue.
- Members must always comply with the Clubs policies procedures rules and regulations. They must also comply fully with current health and safety protocols as required by the individual venues.
- The committee reserves the right to accept or reject membership to those individuals whose actions contravene this code of conduct or create undo problems for the committee. No membership refund will accompany termination.
- Members should follow [Pickleball Ireland's Published Policies](https://www.pickleballireland.org/policies)
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GENERAL SPORTSMANSHIP

The Official Rules of Pickleball take precedence over this guide in all situations.

- Always respect the decisions made by the team on the receiving side.



- Do not take advantage of an opposing team whose skill level may be lower, instead use the opportunity to practice different shots or even spend some time teaching them what you know.
- However, do not give advice to other players without their permission
- Do not slam the ball directly at weaker players.
- Learn to play by the official rules of pickleball as set out by USA Pickleball
- Dress appropriately including proper footwear
- Do not play on a wet court
- Check the playing area before each game and correct any risks observed
- If a ball is hit into another court, **play stops immediately, SHOUT BALL ON COURT**. If the ball is to be returned to you, raise your paddle in the air to get the attention of the player returning the ball.
- Announce the score loudly before each service.
- Players will call the lines on their side of the court. Spectators do not make line calls
- No player should question an opponent's call **unless asked by the opponent**.
- All **out** calls must be made **instantly** otherwise the ball is presumed **in** and still in play.
- In doubles play if one player calls a ball **in** and the partner calls it **out** then doubt exists and the ball is declared **in**.
- Line call should be called promptly and loudly regardless of how obvious they may seem.
- All players should strive for accuracy in making line calls and the opponent will always get the benefit of the doubt on line calls,
- If someone falls on court all play **stops** until their needs are met. A first aid kit is available at each venue. **Player safety is a priority**.