

PICKLEBALL ETIQUETTE

We want everyone playing pickleball in the Villages to experience an environment that is FUN, FRIENDLY, SAFE, and provides opportunity to improve one's game. Below are the common practices we ask you to observe to help us meet these above goals for all players:

1. When arriving, please do not enter the court until checked in by the Designated Participant. Until we are notified otherwise, please wear a mask as you enter and leave the courts.
2. If a stronger player is on the court with you, hit to them often—it will make you a better player plus keep the game interesting for all. If you're playing with weaker players, work on shots that they can return and learn from.
3. If the ball is out on your side of the court, call it out. Do not call balls out from the other side or if you're a spectator. If it's close, give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent.
4. Always call out the score loudly before you serve. Everyone should help ensure the score is accurate. (for some of us, this is the most challenging part of the game 😊) Also, wait until everyone is ready before you serve.
5. If you or your partner step into the kitchen on a volley, call it on yourself.
6. Compliment your partner on a great "hero" shot or on a really great game. PLEASE do not give criticism unless it's asked for.
7. At the end of the game, meet at the net and tap paddles as a way of thanking your opponents for the game just played.
8. Don't give unsolicited coaching on the court . If someone is new or asks for your input, do so briefly, being mindful of the flow of the game.
9. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE RULE. Respect all players. Watch the outbursts. Avoid foul language, aggressive words , and intimidating behavior . Picklers are positive people and just want to have fun!

SEE YOU ON THE COURTS!!