

ETIQUETTE FOR PICKLEBALL

Since our membership has increased from 200 to 485 in the last 3 years, I've been asked to rewrite on topics from the past. Today I'll review etiquette again.

1. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is the rule. Yes, we all love the game, but it is only a game. Respect all players.
2. Acknowledge other players before play.
3. If the ball is "out", and it's on your side, call it out. If it's close, give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. (This is an "official" rule.) This is hard to do when the game is close, but do it anyway. DO NOT call balls out or in if the ball is on your opponents' court.
4. If you or your partner step into the kitchen on a volley, call it. Don't call it on opponents. (Most of us are at an age where our vision is questionable 😊)
5. Sometimes spectators comment on the plays, which is normal and fun. But, if their comments are loud, disruptive, argumentative, or hostile, ask them not to.
6. Don't play "keep away" from the best player on the other team during recreational play just so you can win. They want to play, too!
7. If you are obviously the strongest person in your foursome, tone down the competitiveness and hit your opponent's balls so that they can return.
8. Don't lob behind movement- restricted players during rec play.
9. Call out the score LOUDLY before you serve.
10. Meet at the net after a game.
11. Wait until everybody is ready before you serve.
12. Don't give people lessons on the court...unless they want them!
13. Watch the outbursts! There's nothing worse than being partnered with someone who curses loudly or constantly smacks their paddle on their leg.

KEEP ON HAVING FUN, VILLAGE PICKLEBALLERS. SEE YOU ON THE COURTS WITH HOPEFULLY SMILING FACES