

## It's Pickleball Etiquette Time Again! – Part One

Etiquette on the courts is vital to safe and enjoyable games. To start our new year on the courts, I've been asked to review etiquette standards again, just as a friendly reminder.

1. Start each game by greeting the other players and introducing yourself if you've never met them.
2. Try to remember that Pickleball is only a game.
3. When the ball is out and on your side, call it out loudly and clearly. If it's close, give the benefit to your opponent. Never make calls for your opponent's side of the court unless they ask you.
4. Occasionally play with all skill levels. Good sportsmanship is the rule.
5. If your opponents are unequal in skill, avoid always playing the weaker player just to score.
6. If you are the strongest player on the court, play the weakest players in a way they can handle and learn from you.
7. Avoid taking advantage of someone's physical limitations when you're playing socially. For example, if your opponent can't go back for a lob due to physical limitations, don't take advantage.

*More etiquette next week.*

### Just for fun tidbits:

\*\*\*Make sure when you climb the pickleball ladder you step by and not on others!

\*\*\*There are three things you can do with a "gift":

Keep it to yourself; Flaunt it; Share it with others. How are you handling your pickleball "gifts"?

\*\*\*My alarm clock said, "Get up!" My body said, "Stay in bed!" My heart said, "Get up and play pickleball!" I'm at the courts stretching.

*Wishing you a wonderful week of pickleball and living, Pickleball Friends!*