

Pickleball Rules of Etiquette

Remember when you were told as a child to have good manners like “Always say Please and Thank you.”? Well, guess what? Pickleball has rules of Etiquette that our many new members may not be aware of....and we do get complaints at times of rudeness on the courts. [Here's a link to our club etiquette guidelines](#). So here are a few of our Rules of Etiquette:

1. Don't give players a lesson on the court, unless they ask you....and don't criticize. Everyone wants everyone else to improve their game. That's a good thing. But, be careful not to cross the line by giving lessons, because many are there just for fun and maybe aren't even concerned about improving.
2. Don't be a hothead. Maintain composure during victory and defeat. Stay calm and be sportsmanlike.

Please, no angry outbursts or loud cursing. Swearing and intimidating behavior makes everyone else uncomfortable.

Don't be a sore loser. We all like to win, but when you lose, do so graciously. Avoid confrontations and arguments. Respectful communication is the key to resolving disputes.

3. When playing for fun, don't poach (hit a ball intended for your partner) .
4. Don't hit lobs to restricted people. If they walk slowly, was that intentional lob really worth the free point?
5. Don't avoid hitting to strong players just to win. They want to play , too. Allow your partner their fair share of play.
6. It can be tempting to hit lobs to players looking directly into the early morning or late afternoon sun, but it is polite not to.
7. Call out the score loudly.
8. At the end of the game, meet at the net for the PB high five with your paddles.
9. Try to be punctual and to turn off your phone ringer during play.
10. Most important rule of Pickleball at the Villages: HAVE FUN!

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