

Recreational Pickleball Etiquette 101

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- 1) Be courteous and respectful. Welcome newcomers to the facility.
Compliment other players on the court, including opponents.
When the game is over, meet at the net to share thanks. Have fun!
- 2) Before crossing a court in play, wait for the rally to end and get the attention of players.
Walk briskly together “as a group” to minimize disruption.
Don’t cross while players are getting ready to serve.
- 3) Leave tennis courts available for tennis players by first using dedicated pickleball courts.
If playing on a tennis court, offer tennis players the court in a timely manner.
- 4) Loudly call “Ball on” to alert the players if a ball enters your court, or a neighboring court.
Make eye contact, and return the ball to a player.
- 5) When serving, make sure the receiving team is ready.
Then call the score loud enough for everyone to hear before you serve the ball.
- 6) Reviewing the “[BPC Skill-Level Self-Assessment Rating Scale](#)” on the Cornwall kiosk, or BPC website, can help you identify your current level, as well as skills to improve.
- 7) It makes a more inclusive game if play involves everyone, and it will provide a chance to work on your skills. Don’t just play to the weaker opponent, (except in true competition).
It’s not always about winning.
- 8) While many people prefer to play with players of similar or better skills, consider playing a game or two with those less skilled. If you are significantly better or stronger, moderate your game and use it as an opportunity to work on specific skills.
- 9) When in doubt, make calls that favor your opponents. Do call your own faults, including kitchen line (NVZ) faults. Don’t make line calls on the other side of the net.
You can however make a foot fault call on the other side, (but only if you can see it clearly!)
- 10) Refrain from giving coaching or advice, unless requested. Most players are not welcoming of unsolicited advice. Alternatively, you could ask if a player is interested in a suggestion at this time. Respect their response, including body language!
On the flip side, if you want coaching or advice, it’s ok to request it!
- 11) Familiarize yourself with the court use guidelines & session calendar posted on the Cornwall kiosk. A court host may be available to answer questions.

Have fun and pickle on!!

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