

SSAC Pickleball - Code of Conduct (2019)

1. Treat all players with courtesy and respect.

- Wear clothing that is inoffensive and suitable for playing sports
- Avoid the use of profanity and inappropriate personal comments as a player or spectator
- As a spectator do not critique players on the court, make line calls or call other infractions
- Offer suggestions to your partner off the court - never while playing a game
- Do not hit the ball in the direction of someone in a manner that could cause injury
- Return the ball to an opponent by hitting it to them over the net
- Don't kick a ball as it slows play and can interfere with other games
- Call **"ball"** loudly when the ball from one game enters an adjacent court and return the ball to the serving player when possible
- Immediately stop playing when you hear "ball" and replay the serve
- Do not celebrate points excessively or degrade the opposition or your partner when they miss a shot
- Rotate on and off the court in such a manner that everyone has equal playing time
- Change partners regularly, do not pair up with the same person for 2 games in a row
- Stop playing when your session time ends even if you are in the middle of a game

2. Treat the facility and equipment with care.

- Wear clean court shoes that will not mark the floor
- Help to keep the courts and building as clean as possible
- Treat the balls, nets, and SSAC paddles carefully - they are all susceptible to damage

3. Know and follow the rules of the game.

- Players are expected to make all the line calls on their side of the court
- Opponents should be asked for their opinion on a line call if they have a better view
- If an opponent's opinion on a line called is requested, their decision must be accepted
- If a team cannot decide on a line call, then the benefit always goes to the opponent

4. Scoring

- Rally point scoring will be used for all games with the exception that Traditional (regular) scoring may be used when there are only 4 or 8 players in attendance. In that case, the scoring method is chosen by the first server in each game
- When there are more than 16 players all games will stop at 15 points
- Announce all numbers of the score (e.g. 7-4-1 or 7-4 for rally point scoring) loudly and clearly before starting the serve. If this is not done, play should be stopped for clarification by the person who is receiving the serve

Repeated violations of the Code of Conduct can result in a suspension from the pickleball program and/or a cancellation of a player's SSAC membership.