



Peninsula Community Pickleball Club Code of Conduct

PCPC is a community minded, socially responsible pickleball club that prioritises mutual respect and kindness over competition. This document is a PCPC Governing Document, and as such, must be followed in order to maintain membership in the PCPC.

- **NO HARASSMENT** Under no circumstances should a Member display any behaviour or action that constitutes harassment; comments or conduct directed toward an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading or malicious.
- **RESPECT OUR VENUES** Members are expected to care for our many play venues and their equipment and above all, respect the venue's staff.
- **PLAY BY THE RULES** Learn and play by the official rules of pickleball as set out by USAPA and supported by Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC.
- **BE SAFE** Members must not engage in any behaviour that would endanger the health, safety or well-being of themselves or others. Members should use proper and safe equipment for the sport.
- **SET A POSITIVE TONE** Members agree that the goal is to provide an environment where all players can play the game to the best of their ability, to learn, and to have fun.
- **BE A GOOD SPORT** Good sportsmanship must always be exhibited when playing or observing others. Refusing to play with a less experienced player is considered unsportsmanlike as is using taunting, degrading or critical comments. Good-hearted, well-received ribbing is considered part of the game.
- **PROMOTE EQUAL PLAY** Members will follow the paddle rotation system in use during the event (as described on the PCPC website) at play venues using multiple active courts to ensure equal play time and a rotation of opponents.
- **KEEP THE CLUB INTERESTS IN MIND** Members should endeavour to participate fully as a Club Member; to volunteer when opportunities arise, contribute to the Club's operation, assist at events and with equipment transfer. Play outside the Club is encouraged, however the use of Club resources or Club events to solicit Members for outside play is not acceptable.
- **CLUB RESPONSIBILITY** It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Club to investigate complaints about the Club or the conduct of its Members while at Club events and respond accordingly.