

PCPC 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 as amended from time to time, to maintain membership in the PCPC.

1. **NO HARASSMENT** Under no circumstances should a member display any behaviour or action that constitutes harassment, including sexual harassment; comments or conduct directed toward an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading, or malicious is not tolerated by the PCPC.
2. **RESPECT OUR VENUES** Members are expected to care for our many play venues and their equipment and above all, respect the venue's staff **and rules** (e.g., indoor shoes only, parking requirements, noise, **drug and alcohol policies**, etc.) We have limited play venues and it is critical that we maintain good relationships with each venue if we want places to play as a club. There is no club tolerance for abuse of venue staff or rules.
3. **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.
4. **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. For more information, review the PCPC document on Safety and Etiquette.
5. **SET A POSITIVE TONE** PCPC 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.
6. **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. Also be mindful of the difference between normal confident play and unnecessarily aggressive play. You should play with enough control to be able to choose a location for the ball that does not target or hurt another player.
7. **PROMOTE EQUAL PLAY** Members will follow any paddle/player rotation system in use during the PCPC event (as described on the PCPC website) at play venues to ensure equal play time and a rotation of opponents. Members agree to abide by PCPC bylaws and other Governing Document that relate to play rotation and limits to court time.
8. **KEEP THE CLUB INTERESTS IN MIND** Members should endeavour to participate fully as a PCPC Member; **to volunteer when opportunities arise, contribute to the PCPC's operation, assist at events, and help maintain facilities and equipment.** Play outside the PCPC is encouraged, however the use of PCPC resources or PCPC events to solicit Members for outside play or lessons is not acceptable.
9. **CLUB RESPONSIBILITY** It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the PCPC to investigate complaints about the PCPC or the conduct of its Members

during PCPC play and other events such as social events, league play, lessons, or tournaments, and respond accordingly. Any member of the PCPC may raise issues with the PCPC Board of Directors.

10. **PLAY TO THE LEVEL OF THE COURT** PCPC play opportunities are described by “level” (e.g., Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Competitive Intermediate and Advanced Competitive.) Every member agrees to play to the level of the court. Remember, you can use any play opportunity to practice, learn, and enjoy being on the court. There’s always another game!
11. **NO SHOWS ARE NO FUN** It is understood and expected that from time to time you will have to cancel a play reservation and the system is designed to accommodate these changes. However, no-shows, chronic short-notice and repetitive cancellations are disruptive to the other players and are not acceptable conduct. It is your responsibility to log into Open Sports and cancel your reservation in a timely manner and **whenever you are not able to play** so that the system is triggered to back fill your spot.