

Whistler Pickleball Association (WPA)

“Code of Conduct” and "On-Court COVID, Game-Play Etiquette"

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GOAL

To promote the sport of Pickleball in a safe and respectful environment.

Code of Conduct and Etiquette Summary

Code of Conduct:

As a member of the WPA, all players agree to conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner at all times when representing WPA, both on and off the courts, and at any location.

Players will:

- exhibit fair play at all times when playing or observing others by playing by the rules
- wear appropriate clothing that is safe and respectful
- accept other players’ decisions with regards to Social/Physical distancing
- provide their own clearly and permanently labelled equipment for use when practicing
- returning others’ pickleballs by paddling them along the ground, minimizing hand contact

Players will not:

- engage in verbal or physical abuse or derogatory remarks; this is unacceptable and will not be tolerated and you may be asked to leave
- engage in coaching others unless requested to do so by them

Inability to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action having to be taken by the Board. This may be in the form of a warning, or for more severe cases, including repeated offences, a suspension from the Association.

Note: If it is your first time, we strongly suggest taking a lesson.

On-Court Etiquette Summary

1. Before serving the ball, server shall call out the score, affirming your opponents agree
2. The server must wait for the receiver to be ready before serving
3. Line calls on your side of the net only and, unless invited, not the other side
4. You may ask the opposition to help with a call, and then their decision is FINAL
5. If you did not see where a ball bounced – in or out on your side of the net – it is “IN”
6. For non-officiated recreational play, non-volley zone faults (such as foot faults) may be called by any player on either team. It is up to the called person and side to acknowledge the call remembering we are playing for fun.