



WATERHOUSE CENTER

PICKLEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT



Show Respect

Always treat your fellow players, volunteer leaders, and the court with respect. Good sportsmanship, both on and off the court, is essential to maintaining a positive environment.

Be Open to Learning

If you're unsure of any rules, don't hesitate to ask for help. Experienced players are happy to guide you. Stay open to feedback and instruction.

Proper Footwear

For your safety, sneakers are required on the courts.

Sign-In Procedure

Please sign in with the volunteer by showing your season's pass or punch card before joining play. Anyone under 16 must be signed in and accompanied by an adult.

Paddle Etiquette

The rotation system is in place to ensure fair play. Please do not move paddles in the rack without checking with the volunteer. If you're unsure where to place your paddle, just ask.

Mixed Play

Our rotation encourages playing with a variety of players. You won't always be able to play with your friends, but this helps build a welcoming community.

Wait Your Turn

Please wait patiently for your turn to play and avoid distracting those currently on the court.

Stay Aware of Your Position

When waiting to play, keep track of where you are in line. If you leave the courts, remove your paddle and return it to the back of the line when you come back.

Enter Courts with Care

When entering the courts, be mindful of games in progress. Walk around active courts, and wait until a point is finished before entering behind players.

Be Friendly

When it's your turn to play, greet your fellow players and introduce yourself if you don't know them. A little friendliness goes a long way!

Ball Etiquette

If your ball rolls onto a neighboring court, call out "Ball" to let the players know. They will return it to you. Similarly, if a ball from another court rolls onto yours, stop play and to return it.

Positive Attitude

Maintain a positive attitude. Foul language & unsportsmanlike conduct is not welcome. Be polite, encouraging & celebrate wins modestly, with respect to your opponents.

End on a Good Note

At the end of each game, meet at the net to exchange a quick "Good Game" or "Thank You." Leave the courts with a positive impression and in the spirit of fun and friendly competition.