



PORT LUDLOW PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION (PLPBA) RULES AND SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE PICKLEBALL COURTS

Pickleball was created to be a fun, competitive, and highly social sport. Since its inception, it has embodied an ethic of good sportsmanship that includes respect, fair play, and graciousness in winning and losing. When playing with PLPBA:

- 1. TREAT ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT**
Never use foul language or obscene gestures. Never denigrate another person.
At the end of each game, meet the other players at the net to acknowledge them in a positive manner.
- 2. KNOW THE OFFICIAL RULES OF PICKLEBALL, APPLY THEM FAIRLY AND COOPERATE IN ANY SITUATION.**
- 3. PRACTICE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP WHEN MAKING LINE CALLS**
Respect your opponents' right to make all calls on their side.
Call your own shot "out" if you see that it is out.
If you question an opponent's call, do so respectfully and don't argue.
Promptly correct any wrong call your partner may make.
Resolve any uncertainty in favor of your opponents.
- 4. CALL A FAULT ON YOURSELF OR YOUR PARTNER AS SOON AS THE FAULT OCCURS.**
Watch your own and your partner's feet for service or NVZ foot faults.
Accept your opponent's and partner's fault calls graciously.
- 5. IN SOCIAL PLAY, ROTATE ON AND OFF COURTS FAIRLY, COURTEOUSLY, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PRACTICE.**
- 6. MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY WHILE USING COMMON SENSE.**
If your ball enters another court, immediately warn any players whose safety may be in jeopardy by loudly calling "ball". If the ball is rolling behind their courts and does not present a danger to players, do not interrupt play but wait until play stops to retrieve it.
Never throw your paddle or strike the ball in anger or frustration.
- 7. AS A STRONGER PLAYER IN SOCIAL PLAY, BE KIND TO OTHER PLAYERS.**
Avoid hitting excessively to a weaker player.
Do not intentionally slam the ball directly at other players.
- 8. BE CONSIDERATE ABOUT PLAYING UP AND PLAYING DOWN.**
Be willing to play sometimes with less-skilled players.
Do not demand to play with more skilled players; ask them nicely if you wish to play with them.
- 9. BE A RESPECTFUL AND SUPPORTIVE PARTNER**
Avoid criticism and negative non-verbal communications.
Provide coaching and advice ONLY when requested.