



USA PICKLEBALL SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDE

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. The purpose of this guide is to encourage behaviors that reflect these foundational values. The Official Rules of Pickleball take precedence over this guide in any and all situations.

- 1. Treat all players, officials, volunteers, staff, and spectators with courtesy and respect.**
 - a. Introduce yourself to any players you do not know.
 - b. Never use foul language or obscene gestures. Never denigrate another person.
 - c. At the end of each game, meet the other players at the net to acknowledge them in a positive manner. In officiated matches, thank the referee.
 - d. Accommodate players with adaptive needs when possible.
- 2. Know the Official Rules of Pickleball, apply them fairly and cooperate in any situation that is not expressly covered by the rules.**
- 3. Practice good sportsmanship when making line calls.**
 - a. Respect your opponents' right to make all calls on their end of the court.
 - b. Call your own shot "out" if you see that it is out.
 - c. If you question an opponent's call, do so respectfully and do not argue.
 - d. If you defer a line call to your opponents, accept their call graciously.
 - e. Do not call a ball "out" unless you see it clearly and are certain it is out.
 - f. Promptly correct any wrong call your partner may make.
 - g. Resolve any uncertainty in favor of your opponents.
- 4. Call a fault on yourself or your partner as soon as the fault occurs, regardless of whether your opponents are aware of the fault.**
 - a. Watch your own and your partner's feet for service or NVZ foot faults
 - b. Accept your opponent's and partner's fault calls graciously.
 - c. Admit if the ball hits you or your paddle on the way out of bounds.
- 5. Claim a replay only if a hinder affects your team's ability to play the ball.**

- 6. In social play, rotate on and off courts fairly, courteously, and in accordance with local practice.**
 - a. Don't jump ahead of others who are waiting to play.
 - b. Don't invite someone else forward in line or rearrange paddles so they can move up to play with you; move yourself back instead.
 - c. Don't call a lower score or start a second game to avoid leaving the court.
 - d. Be prepared to play when it is your turn.
 - e. If you must cross over or behind an active court, wait until play is stopped and cross quickly in a single group to minimize disruption of that game.
- 7. Make safety a priority, while using common sense.**
 - a. If a ball strays onto your court, make eye contact with the correct person and roll or toss it back to them without disrupting play on other courts.
 - b. If your ball enters another court, immediately warn any players whose safety may be in jeopardy by loudly calling "ball" or some other warning. If the ball is rolling behind their court and does not present a danger to players, do not interrupt play but wait until play stops to retrieve it or ask for its return.
 - c. Never throw your paddle or strike the ball in anger or frustration.
- 8. As a stronger player in social play, be kind to other players.**
 - a. Avoid hitting excessively to a weaker player.
 - b. Do not slam the ball directly at other players.
- 9. Be considerate about playing up and playing down.**
 - a. Be willing to play sometimes with less-skilled players.
 - b. Do not demand to play with more skilled players; ask them nicely if you wish to play with them.
- 10. Be a respectful and supportive partner.**
 - a. Avoid criticism and negative non-verbal communications.
 - b. Provide coaching and advice only when requested.

5220 PICKLE BALL CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure a God Glorifying and safe facility with safe programs for our members, Temple Baptist Church has created and will uphold the following guidelines for the 5220 Pickle Ball.

- Everyone must display good sportsmanship.
- Individuals conducting themselves in anti-social manners will be asked to leave the gym.
 - This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Profanity
 - Trash-Talking
 - Equipment Misuse or the destruction of equipment (restitution will be required).
- Any physical or verbal abuse to any staff member or participant may result in suspension of gym privileges or termination of membership.
- Non-marking, closed-toe athletic shoes are required at all times.
- Do not lean, pull, or sit on the divider curtain or nets
- All issued equipment must be returned to the 5220 Desk.
- No food or drinks (except water) are permitted on the gym floor.
- Proper and modest clothing must be worn (shorts and skirts must be 3in above the knee)
- Temple Baptist Church or 5220 Scheduled activities have court priority
- Do not throw paddles.
- Stay out of the kitchen!

Interpretation of Code of Conduct:

Fifty-Two Twenty staff will be responsible for the interpretation & enforcement of all rules, regulations, and policies. Any situation not specifically covered in these policies will be acted upon when the need arises, at the direction of the 5220 Staff.

Discipline: Willful violation of any policies or rules could lead to loss of eligibility to participate at 5220. Fifty- Two Twenty reserves the right to refuse service to anyone purposefully violating any policy or rule.

5220 BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure a God Glorifying and safe facility with safe programs for our members and guest, Temple Baptist Church has created and will uphold the following guidelines for the 5220 Pickle Ball.

- Youths 12 years of age and younger must be accompanied and supervised by 5220 adult members.
- All court users must display good sportsmanship.
- Individuals conducting themselves in **anti-social manners** will be asked to leave the gym.
 - This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Profanity
 - Trash-Talking
 - Smoking/Vaping
 - Equipment Misuse or the destruction of equipment (restitution will be required).
- Any physical or verbal abuse to any staff member or participant will result in suspension of gym privileges.
- Non-marking, closed-toe athletic shoes are required at all times.
- Do not lean, pull, or sit on the divider curtain.
- Please do not bounce balls in the facility halls or lobby.
- All issued equipment must be returned to the 5220 desk.
- Full court games are not permitted while there are other participants waiting to play.
- NO HANGING or DUNKING on the basketball rims.
- No food or drinks (except water) are permitted on the gym floor. The court must be cleaned after use.
- Proper clothing must be worn (no shirt and skins games / no revealing or provocative garments)
- Temple Baptist Church or 5220 Scheduled activities have court priority

Interpretation of Code of Conduct:

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Discipline: Willful violation of any policies or rules could lead to loss of eligibility to participate at 5220. Fifty- Two Twenty reserves the right to refuse service to anyone purposefully violating any policy or rule. **Progressive**

Consequences: *1-Month Suspension, 3-Month Suspension, 6-Month Suspension, Termination of Membership*

5220 WEIGHT-ROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure a God Glorifying and safe facility with safe programs for our members, Temple Baptist Church has created and will uphold the following guidelines for the 5220 Pickle Ball.

- Youths 12-15 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by 5220 adult members.
- Individuals conducting themselves in anti-social manners will be asked to leave the weight-room.
 - This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Profanity
 - Trash-Talking
 - Equipment Misuse or the destruction of equipment (restitution will be required).
- Anyone age 16 & up may use the weight rooms.
- Youths 12-15 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by 5220 adult members.
- Do not bang weights or abuse the equipment. Any behavior deemed as risky or inappropriate (lifting beyond your ability, dropping weights, improper use of equipment, etc.) Violation of this policy will result in loss of weight room privileges.
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- All weights are to be returned to their proper racks.
- Keep hands and face off mirrors.
- Chalk marks & residue on equipment and floor must be cleaned after each use.
- Proper clothing must be worn (no shirt and skins games / no revealing or provocative garments/ short and skirts must be 3in above the knee)
- Proper footwear is required. No open-toed or open-heeled shoes allowed.
- Disinfectant wipes are provided for you to clean equipment before and after use.
- Orientation appointments on how to use the weight rooms and cardio equipment can be scheduled at the Welcome Desk.

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Discipline: Willful violation of any policies or rules could lead to loss of eligibility to participate at 5220. Fifty- Two Twenty reserves the right to refuse service to anyone purposefully violating any policy or rule.