

Open Pickleball Rules of Etiquette

For the enjoyment of all, everyone is expected to follow the rules of etiquette. The spirit of open play is that everyone gets to play with different players in a recreational and fun setting. The objective of open play is to have people learn from playing with others. There is no rearranging of paddles so that people stick together.

When less than 6 are waiting to play:

1. It is customary for the winners to stay in the game and split. Please try to balance the teams even if winners remain together.
2. Line up paddles on the bench and the next 2 will play
3. Winners may only stay for two games.

When 6 or more players are waiting to play:

1. Please use the “winner, loser and next” cards found in the bucket.
2. To move the game along, 4 players come out and 4 players in.
3. The game will only be played to 9.
4. As people leave and there are less than 6 players, resume play to 11, 2 in and 2 out, and winners split.

Other rules to observe.

- If the ball is out and it's on your side, call it out. If it's close, give the benefit to your opponent.
- When the ball hits anything on the ceiling, replay.
- If another ball rolls onto the court, replay.
- If your serve hits either of your opponents before bouncing, it is a point for your team.
- An “out” ball is not “out” until it bounces. Never catch it or let it hit you in the air.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

