



Town of Greenwich Parks and Recreation Department

Pickleball Etiquette

All participants enrolled in a recreation sponsored pickleball activity in the Town of Greenwich are expected to act in accordance with all the following:

- Be respectful and encouraging of all those playing, especially partners on the same court.
- Refrain from negative, foul, rude, derogatory, or defamatory language.
- Be inclusive of all those enrolled in the same registered group/level of play.
- Assist when needed with any set-up or clean-up of court and/or equipment.
- Enroll in the level of play that is best suited for you. Enrollment in multiple levels is not permitted. If you have mistakenly registered for the wrong group/level, you can contact Recreation to withdraw or move to the appropriate section at Recreation@greenwichct.gov.
- Providing unwarranted instruction of other players is not permitted. Only designated Town employed instructors may offer instruction.
- Commenting on another person's level of ability is not permitted.
- If a majority of players have decided on a system of rotation and play, then all enrolled participants in that group are expected to follow along with that decided system.
 - Commonly agreed rotation includes: Players will line up their paddles in order of arrival (If you arrive after play has started, you place your paddle at the end) and when you finish play on a court and come off, you place your paddle at the end. The paddles near the beginning are the next to go out on the courts. If you and your playing partner win the first game, you stay out on the court for 1 more game and play with other winners on a different court. After 2 games (regardless of if you win the second game), you come off the court and place your paddles at the end of the queue.
- Do not run on other courts after your ball. If this happens while another court is playing a point, you can yell "ball" to stop play on that court before walking on the court.
- Do not walk behind a court in play. Wait until play or the point has been completed.
- The receiving team always makes the call. If you hit the ball on the other side of the court, it is NOT your call. It is always the call of the receiving players on their side of the court. The opposing side cannot override a call.
- When questioning a call, it is to be done respectfully (Ex: "Are you sure?") and asked only one time. No other comments should be made with respect to calls.
- When playing partners disagree on a call (Ex: One calls the ball "out", one calls it "in"), then the call "in" always stands.

We are offering group play to the community with registration by level of ability. The goal is to provide multiple opportunities for pickleball players to mix-in and play with a variety of other people and share court time. Within each level, there will be a range of experience and knowledge.

Those that witness violations of this etiquette can submit a formal complaint with the Department of Parks and Recreation by contacting Recreation Supervisor, Patricia Troiano at ptroiano@greenwichct.gov. Following incidents, if deemed necessary, those that have multiple or severe infractions may be removed from Greenwich Recreation pickleball sponsored activities without a refund.