

## **Good Sportsmanship Guidelines**

To ensure a fun, fair, and respectful environment for everyone, please follow these sportsmanship standards during league play:

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### **General Conduct**

- Treat all players with courtesy and respect at all times.
  - Introduce yourself to new players before matches.
  - Refrain from using foul language or inappropriate gestures.
  - After each game, meet your opponents at the net to acknowledge the match with a friendly gesture or comment.
  - Familiarize yourself with the official rules of pickleball.
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### **Line Calls**

- Respect your opponents' line calls on their side of the court.
  - If you see your own shot land out, call it out.
  - If you're unsure about a line call on your side, defer to your opponents and accept their decision.
  - Only call a ball "out" if you clearly see it out.
  - If questioning an opponent's call, do so calmly and respectfully—never argue.
  - In situations of uncertainty, give the benefit of the doubt to your opponents.
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### **Foot Faults**

- Monitor your own and your partner's foot position, especially at the service line and the Non-Volley Zone (Kitchen).
- Call foot faults immediately and honestly.

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### **Court Courtesy**

- If others are waiting to play, please vacate the court promptly after each game.
- Only cross behind active courts when play has paused.

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### **Stray Balls**

- If a ball from your court rolls onto another, clearly warn the players on that court.
- Stop play immediately for stray balls that enter your court.

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### **Partner Etiquette**

- Always be respectful and supportive of your partner.
- Avoid negative verbal or non-verbal reactions during play. Constructive communication is encouraged.

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By following these guidelines, we help create an enjoyable and sportsmanlike environment for all participants. Thank you for doing your part!