

DELTA PICKLEBALL

ASSOC.



Delta Pickleball Etiquette During Covid-19

Fair play and sportsmanship are keys to success and enjoyment in any sport. To ensure safety and smooth sailing on the Pickleball courts, Delta Pickleball Assoc. requests the following from those who play:

- Bring your own pickleballs and hand sanitizer each time you play. Wash/sanitize your hands between games and keep 6 feet apart from all members outside your household. Avoid touching your face and cover your cough or sneeze. Follow the instructions from the Delta municipality that exists on the signage posted. **Stay home if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19.**
- Acknowledge your opponents at the beginning of the game. If you are playing unfamiliar players, introduce yourself. At the end of the game thank your opponents for the game without tapping paddles. When you have finished playing for the day, do not continue to stay at the courts to socialize.
- If you hit a ball towards another court, loudly say "Ball on Court". Everyone should immediately stop play, to ensure no one trips on the ball.
- If a pickleball enters your court during a point in play, return the ball to the correct court and re-play the point. Do not pick up the ball.
- Call out the score loudly before each and every serve to ensure all know the score and are ready to play.
- If the ball lands on or close to the out line, the receiving team has the final say on calling the ball "In" or "Out". Do not question the call. In social play if you are uncertain of the call, call it "In", giving the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. If you disagree with your partner on a line call – the benefit of the doubt goes to your opponent. If both you and your partner are unsure about the call, ask your opponents' especially if they had a better view. Never ask for, or accept, line calls from spectators.
- During Open Play, (Mixed Skill Levels) play with everyone, no complaints. If a stronger player is on the court with you, hit to them and often. If you are playing with weaker players work on shots that they can return and learn from.
- During Advanced Level of Play (3.5+) ensure that you are qualified to play by using the "Pickleball Skill Levels" chart which is on our website and is also posted. If you are still unsure, check with one of the directors of Delta Pickleball.
- Call yourself if you or your partner land in the kitchen on a volley.
- Unsolicited coaching on the courts is not to be done. If someone asks for your input, offer a tip or two after your game once you are off the court, so as not to detract from the flow of the game and/or distract your opponents. If however coaching is agreeable to all 4 players, keep comments brief especially if the courts are busy
- Cursing is not acceptable. Please keep the vocabulary clean!
- Don't cross the court behind a match until the play has stopped. When that happens move quickly.

