



CODE OF CONDUCT

Remember, **our club is run by volunteers** who work tirelessly to provide you with an opportunity to play. Your job is to be respectful, demonstrate good sportsmanship and help create a safe and enjoyable atmosphere.

It is your responsibility to:

- Welcome new players and be supportive; encourage players of all skill levels.
- Acknowledge effort and good play on both sides of the court.
- Thank your opponents at the end of every game.
- Call “out” balls only on your side of the court. When you are not sure if the ball is “out”, the ball is assumed “in” to the benefit of the opposing team. If your team has hit a ball to the other side and your opponents call it “in” and you clearly saw that it was “out”, you should, in the interest of fair play, override your opponent's “in” call to your disadvantage.
- Call your own service and kitchen or non-volley zone (NVZ) faults and those of your partner. Players may call non-volley zone faults and service foot faults on the opponent's end of the court. Claims of non-volley zone faults and service foot faults on opponents must be called as soon as the claimed fault is detected. If there is any disagreement between teams about the called fault, a replay shall occur.
- Call out the score every time you serve so that your opponents can hear the score. Call out your score first, then the opponent's score and, finally, if you are the first server or the second server.
- Provide “instruction” only if asked and preferably off court, after the game.
- If applicable, as a stronger player, modify your play to challenge but not overwhelm your opponents.
- Keep in mind that the “game board and bins” are intended to provide a fair and efficient way of managing games. Manipulating these processes in any way is considered unsportsmanlike.
- Be a positive role model and an ambassador in promoting the game as a fun and inclusive activity.
- Acknowledge and understand that it is challenging to create a schedule and format that addresses everyone's particular needs. Avoid complaining; if you have recommendations, let our organizers know; they welcome open minded suggestions, your insight and support.