

Safety & Etiquette Reminders – Dogwood Pickleball

Dear Players,

With so many **new members** joining our Dogwood Pickleball community, now is the perfect time to refresh everyone, both new and seasoned players—on some **important safety and etiquette reminders** that help keep our games safe, fair, and enjoyable for all.

Key Safety Reminders

- **No running when entering or leaving the courts** – walk carefully to avoid collisions.
- **Loose balls** – never toss them blindly. Please return directly to a player or roll along the ground.
- **Ball on court** – if a ball enters your court, call out “**Ball On!**” loudly, stop play, and replay the rally.
- **Be court aware** – stay clear of active courts when walking to or from your court.
- **Footwear** – wear proper, dry court shoes. The Forum floor can be slippery.
- **After finishing a game** – please walk directly to the back wall, then over to the paddle buckets. This helps avoid crossing active play.

Play Etiquette Reminders

- Introduce yourself to new partners and opponents.
- Stronger players: keep the game fun and balanced, share play, and use slams wisely.
- Rotate fairly using the **Forum Bucket Play process**.
- **Game format** – we play straight to 11 points, no 2-point difference required.
- **Court rotation** – new players always enter on the end courts; players on end courts move inward.
- Exit the court promptly once your match is finished.

Forum Processes & Respectful Play

- **Registration** – to support as many members as possible, please register for **only one session per day**. If there are open spots on the day of play, you may register for a second session. For extra play time, take advantage of the **City Forum Drop-In sessions**.
- **Withdrawing** – if you cannot attend your session, please withdraw **the night before if possible—or at minimum, 60 minutes prior**. This allows another player the chance to join.
- **Net takedown** – when rolling up the nets, **do not remove the end poles**. Please leave them in place.
- **Leaving early** – if you need to leave before the session ends, sign out on the attendance sheet.
- **Questions or concerns** – speak directly with your Pickleball Activity Lead.

Thank you for helping us maintain a **safe, friendly, and welcoming environment** for everyone. Whether you are just starting out or have years of experience, these reminders ensure we all enjoy the game to the fullest.

See you on the courts!

Dogwood Pickleball Executive