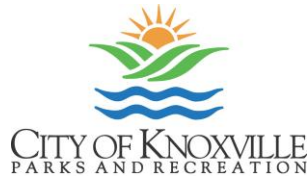


Pickleball Code of Conduct

By reading the following information, I acknowledge and agree to abide by the following rules that pertain to ALL Pickleball opportunities offered through the City of Knoxville's Parks and Recreation Department.

1. I promise to respect the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department's Mission Statement: "The City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department provides a safe and fun environment so all citizens may enjoy their leisure time. Our dedicated staff works to promote healthy lifestyles and character building activities by providing affordable quality programs, parks and recreation venues". (www.knoxvilletn.gov/recreation)
2. I will not engage in activities that pose a serious risk of injury to myself and others, including but not limited to inappropriate bodily contact, the use of alcohol or drugs (illegal or that impair my ability to perform my duties) before or during any Pickleball play offerings, etc. No smoking is permitted on or near courts.
3. I understand that if a problem or emergency arises within an indoor recreation center or City sponsored event, I will inform the Recreation Center Staff immediately.
4. I will refrain from any form of personal abuse toward others, including verbal, physical, and emotional abuse. There is zero tolerance for comments of a sexual, gender or racist nature. I will speak to all players and recreation center staff respectfully at all times.
5. I will not engage in unacceptable behavior, arguing, threatening, or otherwise unsportsmanlike conduct and will not encourage others to do so. (USAPA.org)
6. I agree to follow ALL established rules and guidelines of the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department.
7. In the event the City of Knoxville hires referees for open play and/or events, I will accept the decisions made by such referees. Decisions made by recreation center staff will be respected as well. If there is question of such decisions, all interactions will be respectful and appropriate.
8. I agree to keep the play areas I use clean and free from garbage, personal items, etc.
9. I will treat others with respect and exhibit fairness, honesty and self-control in my dealings with others. (USAPA.org)
10. I will not flaunt my level or position in the Pickleball community. (USAPA.org)
11. I will not taunt or degrade others.
12. I understand that the Pickleball play and set-up may vary from center to center. Therefore, I will respect the formats offered regardless and understand that these decisions are made to best fit the needs of the ENTIRE Pickleball community in that particular location.
13. I understand that gambling is not permitted on City property.
14. I understand that if at any point I am not satisfied with the amount of or types of play opportunities that are offered in City of Knoxville Recreation facilities, I can personally rent indoor space and time by going to <http://registration.knoxvilletn.gov>.



15. I will accept responsibility for guests and family members in attendance at events and/or open play opportunities.
16. I agree to wear safe and proper attire when playing. I understand that if I do not have the appropriate clothing or footwear, I will be asked to leave.
17. I will observe the Golden Rule of doing unto others as I would have them do unto me. (USAPA.org)

Please initial and sign to the following:

_____ I have read, understand and agree to abide by the City of Knoxville Pickleball Program "Code of Conduct".

_____ If at any point I have any questions concerning what is expected of me, I will communicate with Recreation Center Staff to obtain the information I need.

_____ I understand that violation of the Code of Conduct could consequentially result in a warning. However, more severe, repetitive cases may result in suspension or permanent ban from play.

Printed Name

Signature

Date