

Stone Pickleball Club – Rules & Safety Guidelines

Welcome to our Pickleball Club! To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience, please read and follow the rules below.

General Club Rules

1. **Respect others:** Treat all players, coaches, and staff with respect.
 2. **Punctuality:** Arrive on time for your sessions to maximize playtime and avoid disrupting games.
 3. **Footwear:** Non-marking shoes are mandatory on court to protect the playing surface.
 4. **Clothing:** Wear appropriate sports attire suitable for fast movement and comfort.
 5. **Membership & Payment:** Termly members have guaranteed spaces. Pay & Play participants may only play if space allows.
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Safety Guidelines

1. **Warm-up:** Always warm up before playing to prevent injuries.
 2. **Court Awareness:** Be aware of other players' positions to avoid collisions.
 3. **Ball on Court Rule:** If a ball from another court enters your court on your side it is up to you to stop play immediately. Do not hit the ball until it is safe to continue. Return it to the correct court after play resumes.
 4. **Injuries:** Stop playing immediately if you feel pain or injury. Notify a coach or staff member.
 5. **First Aid:** Coaches are trained in basic first aid.
 6. **Children & Spectators:** Must remain off the playing court unless participating.
 7. **Emergency Procedures:** Familiarize yourself with the emergency exits and procedures in the hall.
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Respect and Fair Play

- Follow the official Pickleball rules during all matches.
- Avoid arguing over points; use the **honour system**.

What is the Honour System?

The honour system relies on players being honest about their calls, faults, and points. Everyone is trusted to follow the rules without a referee. Key points:

- Call your own faults and points honestly.
- Resolve disagreements calmly.

- Follow the rules because it's the right thing to do.
- If you can't agree on the score, go back to last agreeable score.

This encourages trust, respect, and sportsmanship among all members.

Consequences

- Violating rules may result in a warning or temporary suspension from play.
 - Repeated violations may result in membership review.
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Thank you for following these rules. By adhering to them, we ensure a safe, fun, and friendly environment for all members.