

Court Etiquette

Fair play and sportsmanship are keys to success and enjoyment in any sport.

- We play on public courts. Nobody is entitled to stay on a court while others are waiting to play. A partial group cannot hold a court waiting for a person to complete the group.
- Games are generally played to 11 points, win by 2. A match is one game. If nobody is waiting to play, play as long as you like.
- When the courts are full and people are waiting, be courteous and let the next group play. Once your game is finished, call out "Court" so the next group waiting knows it is their turn to play

Players are encouraged to play with everybody else over time. Playing with weaker players might give you an opportunity to work on certain aspects of your game and make the other player better. Playing with stronger players will make you better. Most of us find it enjoyable to meet and play with people we don't normally play with.

If you are obviously the weakest player on the court, thank the other players for playing with you after the game. However, don't take advantage of their graciousness by staying on the court for an indefinite period of time. More than a game or two will undoubtedly wear out your welcome.

If you are asked to play with a group that is obviously of a lower skill level than you, graciously accept and play a game or two with them. They will likely appreciate your graciousness and understand that you want to get back to similarly skilled players after the game.

Safety

Moving backwards can be dangerous, please be careful. No ball is worth a fall. Don't cross the court behind a match until play has stopped. It's not only rude, but it can be very dangerous.

Any player may halt play at any time if a ball or person unrelated to the current game is a hazard or potential hazard (including an injury) to the game being played. Any interrupted point is restarted.

Stop play immediately if a loose ball comes on your court or behind it – shout **BALL ON**.

Most of us don't try to hit shots at opposing players, so when it happens it's probably an accident. If you get hit, don't get upset. If your shot does the hitting, say you're sorry.