

# **Taunton Pickleball Club Code of Conduct**

1. The ethos of this group is inclusivity, no matter race, ability, disability, gender, sexual orientation etc
2. We aim to treat each other with respect at all times. A touch of paddles and a thank you to your opponents and playing partner at the end of each game is required. Inappropriate language or the berating of a partner for missing a shot etc is not allowed. Compliment the opposition for a good shot, sportsmanship is encouraged no matter the final score.
3. If you have any issues regarding a session, please bring it to the attention of the session leader, who will attempt to solve the situation, or inform Sylvia Jackson/Group Leader of any ongoing issues.
4. When on court with players of mixed ability, the more advanced players are not asked to 'play down' but it would be kind to do so, or endeavour to only play within your ability group be it social or competitive. Communicate with your partner especially if playing in a mixed ability group, in a friendly and encouraging manner.
5. It is the server's responsibility to call out the score for all the court to hear, on every serve.
6. Only the receiving team can make a line call regarding an incoming ball, and their decision is to be respected.
7. The only coaching allowed on court is from the official coaches, and only when the receiver of the coaching requests assistance.
8. In order to play fairly and within the rules of the game, the official Rule Book is printed on our website for everyone's information.
9. We operate a book and pay policy. As previously advised, no refunds will be given if you do not attend a session for any reason.
10. Please give notice of cancellations in advance to let those on the Waiting List get a chance to play, or for us to find another player to take your place.
11. Please make an effort to arrive ahead of your session start time. Taunton Pickleball has a lot of sessions starting at different times, and punctuality is required. Also, please leave your court on time at the end of your paid for session out of respect for the incoming players. Avoid congregating behind the baseline and impeding play.
12. Please respect the equipment provided, and take care when dismantling the nets etc. Help to set up the nets and take down at the end of play, is much appreciated. Please inform the group leader of any broken balls.
13. Only one ball should be in play for each court, to avoid the risk of injury to other players. Please store your bags at the side of the courts, not back or front where they may impede play and be a health and safety hazard. Consider the safety and wellbeing of your playing partner at all times. Protective eye glasses are available to purchase for £4 each.
14. Refrain from spreading negative comments regarding the running of the group or other members.
15. Any person using inappropriate or disrespectful behaviour will be given a warning prior to removal from the group if behaviour is not modified sufficiently.

16. The courts at Taunton Pickleball are for the use of exclusively Taunton Pickleball members. If anyone from a rival club books a session on our courts, the Group Leader will reserve the right to cancel their booking (and give a full refund), as exclusively Taunton Pickleball members will always take priority for our court space.

17. All bookings are made at the discretion of the Group Leader, and can be refused on the grounds of bad/disruptive/unpleasant behaviour. No abuse on or off the courts will be tolerated by any member, to any member, and if this occurs the member in question will be removed from the group immediately, deleted from the whatsapp groups and banned from rebooking with Taunton Pickleball in future.