



## DOGWOOD SENIOR SOCIETY PICKLEBALL SAFETY & PLAY ETIQUETTE

Dear Players,

With many new members joining our Dogwood Pickleball community, the following safety and etiquette guidelines are provided to ensure safe, fair, and enjoyable play for everyone.

### COURT SAFETY – OUR #1 PRIORITY

- Store **all personal belongings** in the team bench area or locker room.
- Wear proper, dry court shoes; the Forum floor surface is extremely smooth when wet.
- Do not back up on the court—turn and move sideways when possible.
- Avoid running into adjacent active courts or chasing balls across courts.
- Stop play immediately for a loose ball—call out “BALL ON.”
- **Enter courts only after the prior session has ended.**
- Stay hydrated and take rest breaks as needed (Note: no heat or A/C in the Forum).
- Communicate clearly with your partner at all times.
- Report any injury or health incident immediately to the Session Activity Lead.

### COURT ETIQUETTE & RULES

- Introduce yourself to partners and opponents at the start of play.
- **Call your own NVZ (kitchen) and foot faults**—avoid calling opponents’ faults.
- Play inclusively; balance teams and avoid aggressive shots toward novice players.
- **Move off courts promptly after games, remaining aware of nearby play.**
- No unsolicited coaching during games.
- Call scores clearly before serving and wait until receivers are ready.
- Make line calls on your side only—when in doubt, the ball is IN.

### DOGWOOD / FORUM PLAY PROCESSES

- All play is rotational; partners change each game.
- **Bucket system: Winners to Gold, non-winners to Silver; first to 11 wins (no 2-point spread).**
- Sessions end promptly at the scheduled time.
- Approved balls are provided; players must bring their own paddles.
- Assist with net setup and takedown as scheduled. Do **NOT** remove poles from end of nets.
- Late arrivals (15+ minutes) may forfeit their spot.
- **Please withdraw** from sessions at least 45 minutes prior if unable to attend.
- Unresolved concerns should be brought to the Session Activity Lead.

Thank you for helping maintain a safe, welcoming, and respectful pickleball environment. Let’s promote our sport positively—and most importantly—have fun!

**Dogwood Pickleball Executive**

*Have Fun!*

**PICKLEBALL: “WHERE GOOD TIMES ARE SERVED”**