



# Pickleball Etiquette

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1. Place your paddle in a paddle holder as this system dictates the order of play. **Do not touch anyone else's paddle.** Place your paddle in the appropriate paddle holder, **'W' if you won and 'L' if you lost,** after each game. Never use a second paddle as a place holder and **don't switch any paddles from one holder to the other at any time.**
2. Only warm-up on the court for a couple of minutes on your first game of the day. On subsequent games **start your game immediately.** Dynamic warm-ups before you get on the court are encouraged and static stretches after you play are encouraged.
3. **Do not rally for serve.** The team closest to the gym entrance door serves first.
4. **Games are played to 11 and win by 1 when there are 8 players or less per court. With more than 8 players per court, games are played to 9 and win by 1.** Therefore, with 3 courts full and there are **13** or more paddles in the paddle holders, play to 9. For every additional court the switch point for playing games to 9 instead of 11 is **17** for 4 courts, **21** for 5 courts, **25** for 6 courts and so on.

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5. When a stray ball comes into your court, stop play immediately. Do not touch the ball with your hand. **Return the ball to a person in the court that it came from.** Ideally, that person is the next server with their hand up. **Do not kick or hit the ball randomly into an adjacent court.**
  
6. Immediately after a game:
  - a. Yell 'court' to let other players know a court is available.
  - b. **Quickly exit** the court but only cross the other courts if their **play has stopped** at the end of a rally. **Don't walk behind, alongside, or into a court while play is in session.**
  - c. Take your ball with you place it in the used ball container.
  
7. Know when you are 'on deck' and go immediately to the next available court.