

# Courtside Pickleball & Tennis Club

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Courtside Pickleball & Tennis Club strives to maintain an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, collegiality, and respect for Club rules and procedures. Such an atmosphere is necessary for the smooth functioning of a busy pickleball/tennis club that attracts members and guests of varying ages, genders and skill levels. Conduct by individual members that does not meet appropriate standards detracts from the playing or observing experience of others and may harm the reputation of the Club in the pickleball/tennis community.

**The Club has adopted a Code of Conduct** that designates certain behaviors as unacceptable and outlines procedures for identifying and addressing such behaviors. All members are expected to treat all other members and players respectfully. The following is a non-exhaustive list of behaviors that are deemed unacceptable:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct while playing, including the use of foul language, obscene gestures, unduly disruptive behavior, paddle or racket throwing or paddle/racket “abuse,” ball “abuse,” fighting over calls, showing aggression towards another member or player
- The Club will not accept any behavior which may cause physical or mental harm or intimidation of another member or player
- Negative comments made after line calls, arguments over when playing time has expired and when players are asked to relinquish a court, or fighting over court availability
- Violation of Club rules relating to the closing of the Club or the closing of specific courts when the courts are wet
- Comments or conduct that reflect hostility in recreational play, league matches or tournaments
- Any actions that would damage Club property

### **Penalties**

Club members who engage in unacceptable conduct will be subject to warnings, possible fines, restrictions on membership rights, revocation of membership or other discipline as the Advisory Council deems appropriate. Decisions will be based on the nature of the violation and the player's history of behavior and will be considered final.

### **Reporting of Unacceptable Behavior:**

Unacceptable behavior may be reported to the Club by email to the following address: [courtsidepaddleandracket@gmail.com](mailto:courtsidepaddleandracket@gmail.com). Each report should specify the date, time, and location of the infraction, the nature of the misconduct, and the names of the involved parties. The Advisory Council or its designee will not conduct hearings or become involved in disputes with respect to allegations of unacceptable behavior. All determinations made by the Advisory Council or its designee with respect to unacceptable behavior will be final. Any member who engages in unacceptable conduct is expected to self-report his or her misconduct within 48 hours of any incident. Self-reporting will be considered by the Advisory Council in determining whether to take action and the nature of the action.

