

Code of Conduct

As a condition of participation, I agree to the following Code of Conduct set forth by Galena ARC Pickleball, which has been created to ensure an environment in which all players are encouraged to play the game to the best of their abilities, and most importantly, to have fun while doing so. This code applies to any Galena ARC Pickleball organized or sponsored event.

The Galena ARC Pickleball Code of Conduct is comprised of the following guidelines of behavior:

- Always exhibit good sportsmanship when playing or spectating. Ill-natured remarks, taunting and angry outbursts are not allowed.
- Never use profanity.
- Never direct any form of abuse at others.
- Never throw your paddle, or otherwise purposely mishandle any equipment.
- Be respectful of players of all abilities by encouraging their efforts, praising good shots, and not criticizing poor ones.
- Always strive to make accurate line calls; giving the benefit of the doubt if there is a question. The team on the receiving end of the court has the final decision on the call. Do not argue your opponent's call; err on the side of generosity and latitude.
- Never go onto a court while a point is in progress. Wait until play stops then move quickly behind the court from one side to the other.
- Do not purposely distract your opponent while a point is being played.
- Stop play whenever an unsafe situation arises, such as a stray ball on the court, or a player getting injured.
- Do your best to warn those on adjacent courts if you hit a ball onto their court.
- Wear safe and proper attire, including shirts, and shoes designed for court sports. Offensive logos, designs, words, or phrases are prohibited.
- Play when alcohol or other drugs impair your mobility or judgment is prohibited.
- You are responsible for the behavior and actions of your guests and family members who are spectators or visitors to the Galena ARC Pickleball events and/or ARC facilities.
- Galena ARC Pickleball will abide by a "3-Strike Rule" where failures to abide by this Code of Conduct are concerned. Each incident will be discussed directly with the individual. Three incidents may result in the player being prohibited from Galena ARC Pickleball activities.