



# COURT ETIQUETTE

## INTRODUCTIONS

Before you 'start' play, don't forget to go to the net to greet all players. Introduce yourself and say hi. It's the welcoming way.

## PADDLE TAP, BUMP OR THE WAVE

Many players have gone back to the paddle tapping or bump and others do the wave at the end of a game. You're choice.

## “COMING IN” AND “GOING OUT”

Until additional gates are installed there are multiple courts that share a gate (example: Courts 9 and 10) and we need to be courteous. Be sure to wait until all your players are ready to go in or go out before entering or leaving the courts AND always wait until the other game has finished their point before entering or leaving, and do it quickly.

## GATES CLOSED

For player safety, keep gates closed at all times. Close the gate when you enter and when you leave.

## CALLING 'BALL ON'

Player safety is #1 when playing pickleball and calling out loud and clear '**BALL ON**' to the players on the court next to you is important, very important. If your neighboring court calls out '**BALL ON**' to you, you are to immediately stop play.

## SAYING THE SCORE

It is player responsibility to say the score before serving. At the Reno Tennis Center we teach and encourage all players to say the score before serving and say it loud enough that your opponents can hear you. It's a courtesy all players appreciate.

## END OF PLAY BALL RETURN

We encourage all players to return the ball to the server by the soft in-air/one-bounce return. This is a very courtesy way to have the ball returned to the server so the opponents don't have to chase it down or bend over to pick it up... and because many players are no longer teenagers and have knees, hips and backs that hate us, it's appreciated. Swatting the ball requires you bend over, so why not pick it up so your opponents don't have to also?

## HANG'EM LOW

Generally, it is proper court etiquette for Pickleball bags to be stored outside the courts during play.

If you hang your bag on the fence, please hang them low to the ground so the players sitting and watching the games can see the games in action. Hanging bags make poor windows.

## REFRESH YOUR NECK COOLERS

Please use the bathrooms to rinse and refresh your neck coolers or do like so many Summer players do: bring your own small bucket, a large Ziplock bag or a small cooler.

## DRINKING FOUNTAINS

There are two drinking fountains, one outside court 10 and at the entrance of the center. The fountain at the entrance of the center is easier to refill water containers as it is an actual 'refill' station.

## EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

Sometimes pickleball brings out expletives during or after a play. Learning replacement words can be most helpful when venting as swearing is not appropriate or appreciated by many.

## NAME TAGS & I.C.E.

It's a good idea to wear a name tag when at the courts playing. Name tags help everyone remember and learn new player names.

ICE: ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency." It's a best practice to write a contact name and number on your name tag in case there is an incident and your emergency contact person needs to be called.