

Solivita Smashers Pickleball Club

COURT CODE OF CONDUCT

Use and enjoyment of the pickleball courts at Solivita is contingent on the consideration and cooperation of club members. Safety is always a priority and every effort should be made to avoid situations that put another person at risk. Although not inclusive, the expectations below provide a construct by which pickleball play for SSPC members will remain safe and enjoyable.

- Always wait for play to end before entering an active court and notify the players before opening an access gate. If other players will be entering the court, wait and enter together when possible.
- Players should not disrupt play crossing a court - play on a different court or going to a bench.
- Call “Ball” or “Ball on court” if a ball rolls onto another court during play.
 - All players STOP immediately. Interruption of play results in a “let” to the active play.
 - If returning a ball to the original court, ask “who gets it” and roll or gently toss the ball.
 - If retrieving a ball from another court (even in the back), wait until play stops and notify or ask permission to recover the ball for you/your court.
- Only league players should be on the courts (inside the court enclosure).
 - Players who have finished their league should leave promptly.
 - Players who are playing in the next league should wait until the previous league ends.
- Benches are for the comfort of players who are waiting to play. However, not every court has a bench; sun or shade can be a comfort factor while waiting to play.
 - A bench near a court is not solely for the use of that league. Share the bench, share the shade.
- If benches are removed from the court during assigned league time, replace the benches before leaving.
- Keep all equipment and personal items away from the playing area, including water bottles.
- Courts are assigned by the Smashers Pickleball club to a group/league for use on a specific day, time and court. The League has no “ownership” of the assigned courts.
 - Players should arrive on-time.
 - Courts not used at assigned time, are “available” for use by any other Smashers members.
 - If openings are in a league (not enough players) invite players from another league that may have extra players or from the MOO to fill the opening.
 - If a league’s second court is unused, other players may use the courts after obtaining permission from the league to which the court is assigned.
- If a game is unfinished at the end of the league time the next league may allow the game to be finished if the score is close and the time is minimal.
- Conversely, if a league arrives before its time and a court is unused, the next league may begin a warm-up, after communicating with the prior league.

Always exhibit good sportsmanship on and around the courts!

A BREACH OF CONDUCT

Pickleball is a game of integrity and the Solivita Smashers Pickleball Club promotes safety and courtesy during play for the enjoyment of all members. As such, if a member is reported to have created an unsafe or

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disruptive environment, or commits an infraction of other rules established by the Smashers, Solivita or AV Homes, a **Letter of Reprimand** will be issued by the board ***after investigation of the charge***. If a member

receives 2 (two) letters of reprimand within a 2 (two) year period, the **board may vote to suspend or terminate membership** without refund.

A member has the **Right of Appeal** against any charge, suspension or termination within 10 days of notification. The member must present in writing, the reason for appeal and submit it to the board. The Smashers board will review the appeal and may interview the member (before acceptance or rejection of the appeal). The member will be notified of the board's decision within 1 week of the review.

This procedure is in accordance with Solivita Smashers Pickleball Club Bylaws: Article 8 - Section B Suspension or Termination of Membership

...Membership may be suspended or terminated for cause and the Directors' approval after the member has been issued two letters of reprimand. A member has the right to appeal any disciplinary action within ten (10) days of notification date.