



## Member Code of Conduct

Niagara Indoor Pickleball Association (NIPA) is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, inclusive and respectful environment. This Code of Conduct aligns with Pickleball Canada principles and the International Federation of Pickleball rules.

### Respect and Fair Play

All members, volunteers and guests must conduct themselves with respect, fairness and integrity. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

### Sportsmanship

Members are expected to demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times. Be welcoming to all participants, particularly new players. Play cooperatively and competitively in a manner appropriate to the session.

During recreational play, members must prioritize enjoyment, safety and fair play. When playing with less-skilled or mobility-limited players, members must moderate shot selection, pace and intensity. Shots that create unnecessary disadvantage or safety risk should be avoided.

Players are expected to acknowledge good rallies and shots and meet opposing players at the non-volley zone line following each game. For safety, players must not enter adjacent courts to retrieve stray balls and must call "ball" immediately when play is interrupted.

### Court Use and Time Management

Members must respect scheduled court allocations and rotation systems. Games must end promptly when allotted time expires, and courts must be cleared without delay to allow access for subsequent players.

### Inclusive Environment

NIPA welcomes participants of all abilities, backgrounds and identities. Discriminatory, intimidating or exclusionary behaviour is not permitted.

### Communication and Conduct

Abusive language, harassment, personal attacks or unsportsmanlike verbal conduct are prohibited. Disputes must be resolved calmly and respectfully.

### Instruction and Feedback

Unsolicited coaching or instruction is discouraged. Advice may only be offered when requested or when consent has been given.

### Raising Concerns

Concerns may be raised with a Board member or designated representative and will be addressed in accordance with NIPA policies.

### Member Acknowledgement

By participating in NIPA activities, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to comply with this Code of Conduct. Failure to comply may result in corrective action, including warnings, suspension or termination of membership.