



MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS PICKLEBALL – CODE OF CONDUCT

1. STATEMENT

Municipality of Mississippi Mills pickleball members conduct themselves with respect for all individuals participating in the pickleball program, activities and events.

2. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills is committed to ensuring a safe and positive environment within our programs, activities, and events by advising individuals there is an expectation, at all times, of appropriate behaviour and of potential consequences for violating the code of conduct.

3. APPLICATION

This code of conduct applies to all individuals participating in the municipality of Mississippi Mills pickleball program.

4. COMING INTO FORCE May 28, 2025

5. ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Individuals participating in Mississippi Mills programs, activities and events have a responsibility to:

- a) Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of Mississippi Mills pickleball members and other individuals by:
 - demonstrating respect for every person regardless of physical characteristics, athletic ability, age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, creed, disability, family, economic or marital status, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation;
 - focusing comments or criticism appropriately and avoiding public criticism of athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, employees, or members;
 - consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sport leadership, and ethical conduct;
 - acting, when appropriate, to correct or prevent practices that are unjustly discriminatory;
 - consistently treating individuals fairly and reasonably;
 - ensuring adherence to the rules of pickleball and the spirit of those rules.
- b) Refrain from:
 - verbally or physically abusing opponents, officials, spectators or sponsors;
 - any form of harassment, including sexual harassment;



- the use of profane, insulting, or otherwise offensive language;
- the use of power or authority in an attempt to coerce another person;
- Respect the property of others and not willfully cause damage; and
- Adhere to all federal, provincial, municipal laws

6. RULES OF PLAY

On-Court Etiquette

- As the server, clearly and loudly announce the score before each serve.
- Use discretion and avoid hitting aggressive shots when playing with or against players of a lower skill level—particularly during Beginner or Open sessions.
- Ensure all players are included in the rotation unless you've booked the private court.

Line Calls & Disputes

- You are responsible for making line calls on your side of the court.
- When in doubt, give the benefit to your opponent and call the ball "in."
- Respect others' line calls and avoid arguing over close calls.

Game End Etiquette

- At the end of each game, meet at the net to thank your partner and opponents. A handshake, paddle tap, or verbal "good game" is encouraged.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

- a) The municipality of Mississippi Mills is responsible for communicating this code of conduct to those who are governed by this policy.
- b) Individuals participating in the pickleball programs, activities and events are to familiarize themselves with and abide by the code of conduct.
- c) Anyone participating in a municipality of Mississippi Mills pickleball program, activity or event agrees to abide by this code of conduct regardless of a written consent or acknowledgment of the code of conduct.
- d) A copy of the code of conduct section 5 or summarized version will be posted at the facility and govern play at that facility. Lack of a posted code of conduct does not negate the requirement to adhere to the code of conduct or relieve any player of their responsibility under the code of conduct.

7. RESULTS

- a) Individuals confirm they feel respected and safe while participating in Mississippi Mills pickleball activities, programs and events.
- b) All those participating in Mississippi Mills pickleball activities, programs and events are familiar with and abide by their responsibilities under this code of conduct.
- c) Appropriate actions are taken to respond to infractions of the code of conduct as described in Mississippi Mills pickleball complaints and dispute resolution procedure.