

## Albany Pickleball Club Court Guidelines

As we continue to grow as a club we should provide an opportunity to socialize among our club members, players to play at their skill level and players to build their skills. At some point we could have several different courts providing several differing levels of play so that everyone can play at their competitive level. But we also want to continue to build our relationships within the club. As we develop more levels of play, it is important for everyone to be flexible and understanding.

### **General:**

- For consistency service starts on the tall fence side of the courts.
- For safety don't chase your ball onto an active court. Call "Ball" and let them retrieve for you.
- When returning an errant ball, don't just flick it back in the general direction of the other court as it can then interfere with several courts of play. Look for someone raising their hand to accept the ball and send it their way. Raise your hand to accept ball.
- Be flexible as play and rotation gets confusing at times. "If you see something, say something." Let's make the guidelines work for us.

### **Social Play:**

- The purpose of social play is so that we get to play and socialize with all members of the club. Advanced members helping out social players where they can.
- Court play depends on number of people available and we ask that all players be flexible so everyone gets to play as much as possible.
- Please see Pickleball Player Rotation
- Keep Play moving. When you are done, shout out "2 players" (for example) so folks on the sidelines know that play is available..
- Tailor your play to the levels of your opponents.
- Be careful of aggressive play towards lower skill levels.
- Don't always play to the weaker partner or vice versa.

### **General Guidelines**

- Be considerate of other player's opportunities to play. Social levels constantly challenging into advanced play does not provide consistent advanced opportunities. Advanced players who only play advanced does not provide social opportunities.

- If off-court, be aware of on-court game status and calls for new players.
- If on-court, but not in your skill level (helping make up a 4-some), be sure folks playing on other courts know you want to rotate in at the next opportunity.
- Paddle lines are not that easy to see so be sure to check if people are "in line" prior to starting a follow-up game.

Comments are invited. There may be other items we should add or modify. We want our club and our pickleball play to be as fun and challenging as possible.

Realize that play at LBCC with 8 dedicated courts will be different than play at the B&GC with only 3 courts. Sometimes the advance court may need to rotate off court every 2 games so that there are not long wait lines for other players.

There is more flexibility at LBCC and it may be possible to have several courts for Social Play, Intermediate Play and Advanced or Challenge Court Play. Again, watch for longer waits and adjust accordingly.