



Richmond BC Pickleball Association Return to Sport COVID-19 Safety Plan

COVID-19 best practices need to be embraced. The Richmond BC Pickleball Association (RBCPA) would like to provide a safe playing environment and keep the court/history for use of contact tracing if the need arises during RBCPA dedicated court times.

OUR BEST PRACTICES

THE DO NOT'S

Do not play if you or your playing partner:

- exhibit any COVID-19 virus symptoms, such as a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by health experts
- have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- are considered vulnerable or at risk

Do not behave critically of others if a comfort level is not yet reached and a reluctance to play doubles is expressed. Every person's health and safety concerns are different and should be respected. Health and safety is of primary concern.

Do not participate in paddle taps at the end of the game. Do acknowledge opponents at the end of game.

Do not arrive early or linger after your allotted court time. 10 minutes or less prior is appropriate.

THE DO'S -- HAVE FUN

Do bring your own container of hand sanitizer and use it frequently. Avoid touching all solid surfaces with your hands, which includes gates, nets and fences.

Do mark your own pickleball ball; only handle and sanitize your pickleball ball frequently. Try to sanitize at the beginning and in between each game.

Do bring your own water bottle and anything you need for your playing session onto the court area with you.

Do pre-book your court time to limit the number of players attending the courts at the same time.

Do arrange to play with people who are adhering to good physical distancing and virus protection practices.

Consider wearing a face mask when waiting outside the courts for an available court.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Do not come to play if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

Maintain physical distancing on and off the courts.

Sanitize your pickleball frequently.

Avoid handling a pickleball that isn't yours

Don't linger at the courts.

RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO STAY HEALTHY WHILE HAVING FUN

LIABILITY WAIVER

In making a court reservation request, I affirm that I am in good health and of sound judgment at all times and capable of participating in all Richmond Pickleball Association (RBCPA) activities. I understand that there are physical risks involved in playing pickleball including, but not limited to injury related to rapid movement, falling down, being hit by balls or paddles, collisions with fences, nets and other players. I accept as my personal risk the hazards, including COVID-19 risks, of such participation and will not hold the RBCPA or its representatives responsible from any manner of claims or lawsuits that may result from my participation in the sport of pickleball. I acknowledge that I use the properties and the facilities arranged for me by RBCPA at my own risk and I hereby hold harmless RBCPA, its Executive, Board Members, RBCPA Volunteers, Coaches, Instructors, other Members of the Association, and the Owners of such property and facilities from any suit, cause, action or claim resulting from my use of such property or facility, including RBCPA meetings and/or gatherings, RBCPA trips, gatherings and/or outings, presentations, seminars, training/skills workshops and/or local or other competition. I acknowledge that I have this agreement and understand it, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily and that this agreement is to be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, assignees and myself.

Note: When a RBCPA member submits a request to reserve time to play pickleball, the player agrees to adhere to the RBCPA Safety Plan & Liability Waiver.