

Oceana Pickleball Courtesy Guidelines

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1. (dead ball) On side out, do not send the ball to your opponent by turning your back to them and hitting it over your shoulder or by smacking the ball on the ground so they have to bend down and/or chase the ball. Pick the ball up and try to send it to your opponent in a courteous, efficient manner.
2. (during play) If you are not positive whether a ball landed IN or OUT, call it IN. This is a pickleball rule. (Keep in mind, as of January 2022, a ball that touches the floor OUTSIDE the line but part of the ball hangs over the line is IN. This is what we used to call a "hanger" and before 2022 was considered OUT. Not anymore.)
3. (during play) If you disagree with your opponent's call and it is their place to make the call, do not argue the call. If you ask your opponents' opinion you must accept their decision (also a rule). If nobody on the court knows, then it is considered IN (also a rule).
4. (during play) Do not cross over in front of your partner to play a ball (called "poaching") unless you are certain your partner cannot play the ball.
5. Don't call the ball IN or OUT on your opponents' side of the court unless you're asked.
6. Don't give an opinion from the sidelines unless you're asked by a member of the team who legally has the call.
7. Don't call out an errant score or server number call by your opponent once they have started their serve or while the ball is in play. Don't talk to the opponent while the ball is in play. This is in the rules.