



**INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF
PICKLEBALL**

IFP RESOLUTION

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

CODE OF ETHICS

1 Interpretation

This Resolution is expected to be interpreted in the spirit within which the sport is to conduct its business which includes consensus, ethical behavior and with an expectation of growing the sport. Should formal interpretation of any Bylaw be required, that will be undertaken by the body or person designated by Board of Directors. “Committee” means anybody formed by Board of Directors including Managing Directors of Programs, Committees, Commissions, Working Groups, and Tribunals as appropriate. All such Committees will operate in accordance with the Bylaws and the Constitution which underpins the basic principles of the IFP’s approach to ethics.

1.1 Ethics Guidelines

The IFP will allow no political, religious, racial, age, or gender discrimination to affect its decisions or actions. People who deal with the IFP or share in its activities in any capacity commit themselves by their actions to behave in a correct and ethical manner.

2 Board of Directors and Staff Code of Ethics

2.1 Introduction

This section details the expected standards of conduct for IFP Board of Directors, players and officials, and the associated disciplinary and appeal processes to be used in case of alleged misconduct.

2.2 Conduct that is not permitted

- 2.2.1 Personal gain.
- 2.2.2 Unacceptable personal misconduct.
- 2.2.3 Failing to co-operate with disciplinary process.
- 2.2.4 Failing to highlight suspected misconduct.

3 Player On-site Offenses

During any match or at any time while at the tournament venue during an IFP-sanctioned event, not conducting oneself in an honorable and sportsmanlike manner.

3.1 Inappropriate conduct

- 3.1.1 Failing to comply with the specific clothing and advertising regulations of each tournament.
- 3.1.2 Failing to complete a match in progress except if the player is reasonably unable to continue the match due to injury, health or extraneous conditions.
- 3.1.3 Late arrival for match that results in disqualification.
- 3.1.4 Withdrawing from any event in a tournament while still fit enough to compete on the same day in another event in that said tournament (i.e., players may not default without good reason from one event to concentrate their efforts in another during the same tournament).
- 3.1.5 Failure to use one's best efforts to win a match.
- 3.1.6 Trying to influence the decision of line judges.
- 3.1.7 Seeking coaching - Seeking coaching during play except as permitted under the Rules.
- 3.1.8 Failure to attend media conference - Unless injured and physically unable to appear, failing to attend any post-match media conference organized after conclusion of each match whether the player was the winner or loser, providing that this does not interfere with the preparation for the player's next match.
- 3.1.9 Violating ceremony protocol - When participating in the finals of a tournament, not participating in the final ceremonies directly after the match or not wearing the style of clothing (e.g. tracksuit, uniform) requested by the organizers.
- 3.1.10 Audible obscenity - Using words commonly known and understood in any language to be profane or indecent and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the umpire or spectators.
- 3.1.11 Visible obscenity - Making of gestures or signs that are recognized as obscene or offensive.
- 3.1.12 Abuse of the ball - Intentionally hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within or out of the court, hitting a ball with negligent disregard for the consequences, or deliberately damaging a ball.
- 3.1.13 Deliberately tampering with the ball to affect its flight or speed
- 3.1.14 Abuse of paddle or equipment - Intentionally and violently destroying or damaging paddles or other equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the net, court, umpire's chair or other fixtures during a match

- 3.1.15 Oral abuse - Making a statement within the precincts of the tournament site, directed at an official, opponent, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.
- 3.1.16 Physical abuse - Physically abusing an official, opponent, spectator or other person. Even the unauthorized touching of such persons may be regarded as physical abuse.
- 3.1.17 Unsportsmanlike conduct - Conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport.

4 Player Major Offenses

4.1 Conduct contrary to the integrity of the Sport

If a player is convicted of any of the following major offenses, the IFP Board of Directors will take appropriate actions based on the following guideline.

- 4.1.1 Serious violation of a criminal law of any country, the punishment for which includes possible imprisonment, that player may be deemed by virtue of such conviction to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport of pickleball.
- 4.1.2 If a player has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the sport, that player may be deemed by virtue of such behavior to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport of pickleball.
- 4.1.3 Wagers - Wagering anything of value in connection with an event in which one will be, or is, competing.
- 4.1.4 Bribes or other payments - Offering, giving, soliciting, or accepting, or agreeing to offer, give, solicit, or accept, anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts or the result of a match in any IFP-sanctioned event.

APPROVED by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and made effective as of February 1, 2020

Pat Murphy, President