

Article XV

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF THE PICKLEBALL COURTS

Article 1: Name

The name of this club is The Connestee Falls Mountain Picklers Pickleball Club.

Article 2: Mission Statement:

To promote an all-inclusive atmosphere wherein all members may experience good sportsmanship, opportunities to improve their skills and be encouraged to participate in making our facility equal to the standards of Connestee Falls.

Article 3: Membership

Members will be CF property owners, resident affiliates, renters with permanent gate passes and others who have purchased an amenities membership. All members will be in good standing with the Connestee Falls POA.

Article 4: Dues

Fees shall not be assessed for membership in the Club,

Article 5: Officers of the Club

1. The Pickleball Club shall be governed by the Pickleball Club Committee. The Club Committee shall consist of 5 officers. Club Committee officers will choose a Chairperson. Each Club Committee officer will assume responsibility for overseeing one of the standing sub-committees.
2. Qualifications: All officers must be club members in good standing with the POA at the time of their election and at all times during their tenure.
3. Term of Office: Officers shall serve for two years. Officers shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in any role. Approval by the club membership will be given for any extension of tenure.

Article 6: Elections of Club Committee Officers

1. The Chairperson will seek out nominations from club members when a Club Committee position is open. Nominations can be made for yourself or one can nominate anyone else in good standing from within the club. Nominations will be open for a 2-week period after which the names will be shared and elections held if needed. If there is only one candidate, that candidate's name will be presented for club approval.
2. Club Committee vacancies: In the event of a vacancy prior to the end of the two-year term, the Club Committee members shall appoint an interim officer who shall serve the balance of the term.

Article 7: Standing Sub-Committees

The Club Committee Chairperson will oversee the Communications committee. Other Club Committee officers each have responsibility for overseeing the remaining committees:

- Communications committee - sends member eblasts, takes and distributes Club Committee meeting minutes, maintains an online presence, fulfills all POA communication needs and communicates with the General Manager as necessary.
- Financial committee - oversees all bank accounts, POA funds and club funds disbursement and maintains the financial records.
- Social committee - addresses all things that pertain to monthly social events, fundraisers, events with other clubs, club round robins and other annual social events.
- Maintenance committee - works with the POA maintenance crew as needed, facilitates the maintenance/clearing of the courts, and takes care of small projects that need completion.
- Player Development committee - offers lessons, drills/skills sessions, and expands the program from within and outside the community to others.
- Connestee Falls Student Scholarship Pickleball Tournament committee -organizes all aspects of the yearly Pickleball fundraiser tournament.
- Additional Committees: The Club Committee may create other committees as needed to fulfill the Club's needs. Club members may volunteer to participate on any of the committees.

Article 8: Meetings

1. The Club Committee shall meet as necessary to discuss and vote on all issues pertaining to the Club membership needs, scheduling, and facility maintenance. Dates, times and locations will be announced via email blast to the members.
2. A majority of officers will constitute a quorum.
3. Club Committee meetings may be open to the membership at the discretion of the Chairperson. Club members can participate in the discussions but cannot vote.
4. Club members input is encouraged. All communications sent to the Club Committee Chairperson will be discussed at the next scheduled Club Committee meeting.
5. All decisions made by the Club Committee will be made by a majority vote and shall be binding.

Article 9: Use of Pickleball Facility

1. The pickleball facility is dedicated for the exclusive use by Connestee Falls property owners and all other persons authorized by the CFPOA.
2. Court and Viewing Area Policy
 - A. Attire: Appropriate attire, including shirts and non-marking court shoes shall be worn by all players.
 - B. Eye Protection: Use of protective eyewear is highly recommended.
 - C. Use of Courts: Persons not involved in pickleball-related activities are not permitted on the courts. Gates are to be closed at all times.
 - D. Prohibited Activities: Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the Pickleball complex. No alcoholic beverages or breakable containers are allowed on the courts.
 - E. Conduct: Good sportsman-like conduct should be exercised at all times. Profanity shall not be used. Be respectful of others on the courts and in the surrounding areas.
 - F. Animals: Pets are not permitted in the Pickleball complex. Only service dogs are allowed.
 - G. Commercial Use: Commercial use of the Pickleball facility is not permitted without the express consent of the Club Committee. This includes, but is not limited to conducting private lessons,

clinics, demonstrations and the sale of merchandise. Any such approved use will be limited to authorized members and authorized guests.

3. Club Member and Guest Policy

A. Accompaniment by Members: Day guests must be accompanied by their host member while playing. Overnight guests need not be accompanied to the courts.

B. Children: Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult in and around the court areas.

C. Contributions: The Club Committee encourages sponsoring members of day guests to collect a contribution to the Connestee Falls Pickleball Fund of not less than \$5 per person per day. Contributions are to be placed in the guest fees collection box located on the fence by the bulletin board. The funds are to be used solely for activities and equipment for Club members and guests not included in the CFPOA budgeted funds.

4. Scheduling and Identifying the Type of Play

A. Scheduling: Pickleball court scheduling will be determined by the Club Committee after assessing the needs of the members. The Communications committee will be responsible for updating the club calendar and posting it on the courtside bulletin board and informing members by email.

B. Form of Schedule: The following types of play may be found on the seasonal schedule:

- Community Play: All Play, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice
All Play: Players of all levels are encouraged to participate together.
Advanced, Intermediate, Novice: Players can rate their own level of play according to the USA Pickleball guidelines.
- Specialty Groups
Groups approved by the Club Committee with a defined focus and enrollment that have a dedicated time on the Club calendar for play.
- Lessons
May be provided individually or in a group setting for any level player.
- Daily Dose
Work on your drills and skills with others.
- Arranged Game Format
A private game arranged directly by the participants.

5. Rules for Play

A. All pickleball play shall be in accordance with the USA Pickleball/IFP rules and regulations. See www.USAPickleball.org for details

B. Enter the courts through the gate closest to the court where you will be playing. Be mindful of games being played on adjoining courts. Enter quickly between points, closing the gate behind you.

C. Court Rotation:

a. During Community Play when a game is completed, players waiting to play shall be alerted by those who have just finished play. Use of the paddle holder system will determine the order of play when a large number of players are waiting.

- b. During Community Play when a limited number of players are waiting, the following system may be used:
 - i. If four are waiting, all four players come off and four new players go on
 - ii. If three are waiting, one player stays and three new players go on, etc.
 - c. First come first serve courts may be used for up to 2 hours. Play time can be extended if no other group is waiting.
 - d. Members may make court reservations through the Club's online reservation system.
6. Equipment
- A. Pickleballs are provided by the Club.
 - B. A pickleball machine is available to all players who have been provided instruction on how to use it. After receiving instruction, a player will be given a code to retrieve the machine that is stored in the storage building. Please replace the machine after use. Players should be mindful to use a court that is not adjacent to one being used by others.
 - C. Although most players provide their own paddles, if needed, players can borrow Club paddles or rent them through the Golf shop for a fee.