



## Berkshire Mountain Pickleball Mission Statement

BMP provides an inclusive, welcoming environment for Berkshire residents and visitors to actively participate in the sport of Pickleball that is easy to learn, fun to play, socially oriented, and promotes wellness and vitality among people of all ages and backgrounds.

*As always we  
value your input*

What are we doing right? What can we do to improve? Do you want to see more organized play? Please email us at [bmp01201@gmail.com](mailto:bmp01201@gmail.com)

## Well, well, well winter is almost over!

**Happy Valentines Day Picklers!** And yes, we are preparing for busy Spring/Summer sessions. We will have many places to play, and we are looking forward to a different structure going forward. In the meantime, let's get comfortable and talk about something uncomfortable.

### Pickleball Etiquette

- 1.) *Greet other players ~ start on the right foot!*
- 2.) *Warm Up ~ we know it prevents injury.*
- 3.) *Observe court rotation guidelines ~ 2 up and 2 down in most cases and play to 11. If you win two times in a row, you go out also. In OPEN PLAY/ALL SKILLS that means everyone plays with everyone.*
- 4.) *Don't distract players if you are observing!*
- 5.) *Avoid "in and out" disputes ~ If it's too close to call say so.*
- 6.) *Stay positive and be a good sport ~ Tap paddles, congratulate each other.*

We take pride in being a welcoming supportive group of picklers. And in this case the WE is YOU!

**WORTH REPEATING: Be kind, be helpful, be humble and have fun!**

#### ATTENTION!

Boys and Girls Club Closed Dates  
February 9, 14, and 19 through 23  
March 8  
April 5, 15 through 19

# The Pickle Corner

In the kitchen?



## To Drill or not to Drill

Drilling various shots regularly offers players the opportunity to fine-tune & hone their technique. It reaches a point at which they can trust that a particular shot will pay off for them during a match.

We all know it's important so going forward we will be creating some time slots and areas for members to just do some drills. It will start in the Spring Session. In the meantime, get ready to find a partner, and set up some drill time.

Here is one of many articles that you may find useful.

[24 Pickleball Drills to Level Up Your Game - PrimeTime Pickleball](#)

## In or Out

How do you make the best line calls; Out or In? Here's what you need to do:

- Call balls you clearly see out on your side of the court. Make calls quickly and decisively.
- If you are unsure and another player was in a better position to make the call, ask that player. If you ask, you MUST accept his/her answer.
- If no one clearly saw the ball, it is considered good. If it was too close to call, it is considered good.
- Just because you hit a ball does not mean it was good. You can hit, then make the call. In fact, you should not stop playing because you think the ball is going to be out. Play it through, then make the call. But make the call before the opponents send it back again.
- If someone stopped playing because they thought it was going out, but it did not get called out, too bad, it was good.
- If a player calls out before the ball hits the ground, it is not out. That is considered crosstalk between players. A ball cannot be out until it hits the ground outside of the lines.
- If there is a disagreement between two players on the same team about whether the ball was out or not, it is considered good.
- The rules say there are no replays if there was doubt about whether a ball was good. Either it is clearly called out, or it is considered good.

# Other Stuff

## Pay up puleeease!

Just an FYI. Did you know that 100% of the money we collect at the Boys and Girls Club goes to the club not to Berkshire Mountain Pickleball? Yup, that's right, your \$5 goes to a very worthy organization for our community.

## New Courts

No real updates here, just that we are still working with the city to determine the opening date. They are super cooperative and appreciate our involvement. We will let you know as soon as there is a firm date.

## Congratulations Kell!



Great job Kelly Maginnis! Our newest ITPA certified Pickle Ball trainer. It's not for the weak at heart! Hours of practice and study go into this certification. Well done!

## Website

All the Newsletters and Financials are uploaded onto the site now. Let us know if you have any questions about the Financials. Still looking for some fabulous photos if you have any that you would love to share!

Members, please note that in the MEMBERS ONLY section the password is 22Bmppickaba11.

## Tournaments ~ Please help!

Yes, we WILL be having tournaments this summer. Please let one of the Steering Committee members know if you are willing to help organize. We need volunteers for the planning phase and of course for the day of the events. We can't do it without you. Please contact us soon, we will be having a meeting in March to discuss plans. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

## MCLA National Girls and Women in Sports Day

A group of BMP members joined a lovely event put on by MCLA Athletic Director Dot Houston. February 4<sup>th</sup> and lots of fun! A great way to celebrate! BMP was well represented!



## Speaking of Women in Sports!

Here's a few of our favorite people on a fun trip to Florida, to attend a Pickleball Clinic. Great job organizing this one Marie Richardson! Looks like everyone had a great time!







**Be Well Picklers!**

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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**