

# St. Albert Pickleball Club Board Policies

## Operational

### Visitor Play

#### **Policy:**

The St. Albert Pickleball Club (SAPC) welcomes visitors to play at any event that matches their play level rating, except those events specifically posted and advertised as “Members Only”. Visitors will sign a SAPC Visitor Waiver form and pay any fees associated with the event they attend.

#### **Purpose:**

To share the game of pickleball with people visiting in the area, and to share play time with friends or family who are members at other local clubs.

#### **Clarification:**

1. For the purposes of this policy a visitor is anyone who is not a member of SAPC and who has some proficiency in playing Pickleball.
2. Visitors are expected to only attend events that match their player level rating, as described in the SAPC Ratings Policy and indicated in the events calendar.
3. Visitors who are new to Pickleball will first attend a training session before joining any other SAPC event.
4. All visitors will
  - introduce themselves as a visitor to the Captain of the organized play;
  - bring their own paddle;
  - accept the terms of, and sign a SAPC Visitor Waiver Form. The waiver is in effect for six months after the date it was signed, provided that the form is present at the venue;
  - neatly print their first and last name in the Visitor’s section of the Venue Attendance Form.
  - pay the venue fee using two SAPC stickers for each indoor session of play, or the fee for the event as set by the SAPC:
    - if a visitor is a guest of an SAPC member, that SAPC member is expected to sell or provide their guest (visitor) with two stickers for the drop-in-fee;
    - if unaccompanied by a member, the visitor will ask a member present, other than the Captain, to sell the visitor two stickers (currently valued at \$6.00);

- adhere to the SAPC Code of Conduct;
  - note that the type (paddle play, round-robin, etc.) and order of play is decided by the Captain;
  - respect all decisions of the Captain.
5. “Members only” events will be marked as such on the calendar and on any advertising for the event.
  6. Visitors from the Edmonton and area, who are not accompanied by a sponsoring SAPC member, are welcome to play in SAPC-organized play up to 4 times in any rolling 12-month period. For more frequent attendance the visitor is expected to become a member of SAPC.
  7. There are no limitations on members bringing a visitor. A club member bringing a visitor (guest) would play at a venue that matches with the lower rated player. Social play rules would apply to the higher rated player, who will adjust their play to make it enjoyable for the lower rated players.
  8. For indoor play, SAPC sponsor-visitor relationships must be indicated on event attendance sheets by circling both names and drawing a connecting line between the circles.

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