



## 2026 US Open Code of Conduct

To: All Players

Happy Anniversary! We are turning 10 and couldn't be more excited for you to join us. The US Open looks forward to providing you an unequaled tournament experience. Our objective is to continue the theme that the US Open is the Biggest Pickleball Party in the World, and one you will look forward to because of how you are welcomed by staff, volunteers, and the viewing public.

The vast majority of players conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good sportsmanship, proper etiquette, and exemplary behavior—all in the spirit of the sport. However, over the past few years, there has been some behavior from a small number of players that is inconsistent with those principles. Therefore, we ask you to work with us to prevent a recurrence.

Please be aware that any player behavior that could potentially harm the reputation of the US Open or its sponsors is unacceptable and will be reviewed by an ad-hoc committee of US Open staff for potential corrective action. What kind of behavior?

Behavior that could result in such a review includes, but is not limited to:

1. Not putting forth best effort, as determined by the match referee. For example:
  - a. Walking off the court, quitting, or refusing to play due to disagreement with a call made by the opponents or the referee.
  - b. A match forfeit resulting from technical warnings and/or technical fouls.
  - c. The 'serve around'. This is when players intentionally fault to counter a referee's call or decision they disagree with, aiming to negate the ruling.
2. Behavior before or after a match that does not reflect good sportsmanship or may lead to property damage or personal injury.
3. Disrespectful behavior directed toward referees, staff, workers, volunteers, or spectators.
4. Attempting to access areas of the venue without the proper credentials.

The outcomes from such a review by the US Open could result in an ejection from the bracket or tournament, expulsion from the venue, and/or suspension from playing at future US Open events. For pro, champions pro and masters pro players, this could also result in loss of prize money.



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The US Open, our volunteers, our sponsors and vendors warmly welcome you to our tournament. Players from around the world will either be present or watching from home to see you demonstrate qualities such as personal discipline, competitiveness, sportsmanship, commitment to the sport, and adaptability to any situation. We all share a common goal of supporting you in meeting those expectations.

Thank you,

Ben Weinberger  
Tournament Director

Mark Peifer  
Head Referee