



Pickleball Court Etiquette.....Dick's story *(borrowed)*

This is Dick. Dick is an adult, but sometimes he forgets that and does some un-adult things. For instance:

Dick will shoot you a nasty glance if you make a suggestion on how he can improve his play. He's a former tennis/racquetball/squash/handball/fill-in-the-blank player; after all he knows it all.

In a recreational game, Dick will always hit the ball to the weaker opponent rather than try to take on the stronger one - even though, win or lose,

Dick is going to sit out the next game, even if a court is short a player. He needs his rest to win the next game.

Dick delights in proving his manhood by targeting his female opponent with a game of whack-a-mole. (Humorously, Dick will fail to recognize that the female he has targeted is actually the stronger of his two opponents. Dick often pays for this indiscretion.)

If a ball comes rolling into his court during play, Dick will just hit the ball out of the way with only the slightest regard to the general direction from whence it came.

Dick will call "Ball" when a stray ball even comes close to entering his court, even if it didn't disrupt their game.

Dick will hit each and every ball as hard as possible; Dick thinks this is how pickle ball is played.

Dick will lose his patience if his partner isn't playing well and his team is losing.

Dick hates to lose, and quickly becomes petulant.

Dick gloats.

Dick sometimes fudges "in" or "out" calls, or continually argues the score. Dick complains loudly if he thinks you made the wrong call.

Dick avoids playing with a lesser-skilled player. After all, winning is everything!

When playing with a lesser-skilled player, Dick points out their mistakes after each point.

Dick will give up if his partner isn't playing up to snuff.

Dick never communicates with his partner and often purges.

Dick has no problem playing with players well beyond his level, whether he was invited or not.

While waiting to play, Dick will add or erase other people's names without their knowledge....

Dick never brings a chair, and will sit in yours without asking.

Dick will often times show his dissatisfaction when it comes time to congratulate his opponents at the net at the end of the game.

And the moral? Pickleball is a sport best played by fun loving adults. If regardless of your age, you cannot show respect to your partner, your opponents, your fellow competitors, and ultimately yourself while on the courts, I'd suggest maybe you give another sport a try.

Don't Be Like Dick!