



Integrity & Clean Sport/Whistleblowing Reporting Policy

International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA)

The **International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA)** is committed to protecting the integrity of pickleball and promoting a culture of clean sport, fair competition, and ethical conduct.

Upholding these values requires the active participation of the entire pickleball community. Athletes, coaches, officials, instructors, and members of the public all play an important role in identifying and reporting conduct that may threaten the integrity of sport.

IPTPA encourages individuals with knowledge of potential misconduct to come forward and share information that may assist in protecting athletes and maintaining a level playing field.

What Should Be Reported

IPTPA encourages the reporting of any information, intelligence, or suspicion related to activities that may compromise the integrity of pickleball or violate anti-doping rules.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- Use or attempted use of prohibited substances or methods
- Possession, trafficking, or distribution of banned substances
- Administration or attempted administration of prohibited substances
- Encouraging or assisting athletes to engage in doping practices
- Tampering with doping control processes
- Attempting to evade doping control
- Any conduct that threatens the fairness or credibility of competition

Individuals are encouraged to report concerns even if they are uncertain whether a rule violation has occurred. Information provided in good faith can assist in identifying patterns of behavior and protecting the integrity of sport.

Confidentiality and Protection of Sources

IPTPA recognizes that individuals who report concerns may have legitimate concerns about confidentiality.

All reports received by IPTPA will be treated with appropriate discretion and handled responsibly. IPTPA will make reasonable efforts to protect the identity of individuals who provide information, consistent with the need to properly review and assess reported matters.

Information provided will be used solely for the purpose of evaluating potential integrity or anti-doping concerns and determining whether further review or action is necessary.

Importance of Reporting

Information from athletes, coaches, and members of the community is often essential in identifying and addressing integrity issues within sport.

By reporting concerns, individuals help protect:

- **Athlete health and safety**
- **Fair and honest competition**
- **The reputation and credibility of pickleball**
- **The values of sportsmanship and integrity**

Protecting clean sport is a shared responsibility, and every report contributes to strengthening the integrity of the sport.

How to Report Information

Anyone with information, intelligence, or concerns related to potential doping activities or other integrity matters within pickleball is encouraged to contact IPTPA directly.

Reports can be submitted confidentially to:

Brad Guye

International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA)

Brad@IPTPA.com

When submitting a report, individuals are encouraged to include as much information as possible, such as:

- Names of individuals involved
- Dates, locations, or competitions where activity may have occurred
- Description of the suspected conduct
- Any supporting documentation or evidence available

Providing detailed information can assist IPTPA in conducting a thorough and responsible review.

Supporting a Culture of Clean Pickleball

IPTPA believes that education, transparency, and accountability are essential to protecting the future of pickleball.

By working together and reporting concerns when they arise, the pickleball community helps ensure that the sport continues to grow while maintaining the principles of fair play, respect, and integrity.

IPTPA appreciates the commitment of all athletes, coaches, and community members who contribute to safeguarding clean and ethical competition in pickleball.