

Pickleball Scotland Ambassador

The role of an Ambassador is to help grow the number of people playing Pickleball around Scotland by introducing the game to people for the first time or first few times. The main aim of the Pickleball Scotland approach is to introduce the game using the Pickleball Scotland values. In essence this means to ensure safety and enjoyment and avoid over technical coaching so that when people are introduced to the game they want to come back for more!

To become an Ambassador players who have been playing for at least 6 months, and who are members of Pickleball Scotland, can attend a two hour training session in which they learn our 5 key principles to introducing the game. These principles are:

- 1. Ensure that safety is provided
- 2. Provide a very brief history
- 3. Introduce the rules bit by bit not all at once
- 4. Introduce people to the 5 core values of Pickleball Scotland
- 5. Try not to over-coach at this early stage

Having attended the training, Ambassadors receive a certificate and a booklet reminding them of the Pickleball Scotland approach. Ambassadors should know the rules. The rules can be downloaded and printed from the website.

Opportunities to attend the training workshops are offered throughout the year. At the moment the workshop costs £20 per person. So far we have trained over 100 Ambassadors in various locations. Please do get in touch [coaching@pickleballscotland.org] if you would like to undertake Ambassador award training.

If you or your club would like to offer an introduction to the game for newcomers please ask one of the qualified Ambassadors to do this. You can find the list of Ambassadors on the website.