



SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Volunteer,

First, thank you so much for sharing your time and efforts with our students. You are part of the leading edge of something wonderful and I want to let you know how much I appreciate you. Your participation in this is the first step in a long-term plan that is going to put Aiken into the forefront in the southeast as a leader as we grow pickleball into a truly international sport. Many, many people are already involved in this effort, but I wanted to let you know you are truly appreciated.

The following are a few painfully obvious points I want to revisit, but I want to make sure we are all in agreement before we set foot on campus.

1. We are volunteers involved in an Aiken County Public School District (ACPSD) program, supervised by a ACPSD personnel. ALL student behavior issues are to be deferred to ACPSD personnel.
2. Our task is to aid the ACPSD personnel (and the Lead volunteer pickleball instructor) on communicating best practices for the game of Pickleball.
3. These are children and are looking to us for guidance. At a minimum, you **MUST**:
 - Treat all students with respect
 - Avoid personal cell phones (except 911), misconduct, or inappropriate language
 - Allow ACPSD staff apply discipline, not us
 - Avoid physical contact, except emergency first aid (if you are qualified). Absolutely **NO** hugs unless the student is your child (The occasional ‘high-five’ is OK)
 - **NEVER** work in isolation
4. You should:
 - Praise good sportsmanship and performance
 - Be mindful of exceptional skills. Our future superstars are coming from this group
 - Leave valuable personal items in your car
5. Take 5 minutes from each session to encourage pre-activity stretches.
6. Please review the following areas and communicate them with students:
 - Suitable Footwear
 - Safe footwork or movement (no running backwards)
 - Attire/clothing
7. For future interactions (e.g., parents reach out to us)
 - Encourage students to learn and read the rules, including taking the online tests.
 - Encourage students to subscribe to USAP Jr. membership.

With respect and gratitude,

*Ben Lacy
Southern Pickleball Academy
President/Founder*

Volunteer Signature

Date