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APP CLOTHING, LOGO, APPEARANCE POLICY

General Appearance: A Pro Player must present himself, herself, or themselves in a professional manner and wear appropriate pickleball attire, at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Head Referee, during practice, warm-up, matches, and any other activities taking place on-site at an APP event or on behalf of or in conjunction with the APP. The APP has discretion to apply more or less lenient levels of enforcement depending on the day of competition, court location, streaming for live production status, practice versus match courts, profile of event, then-current partner relationships, etc. A player may be asked to change clothing, mask/cover logos, remove items from the court, or comply with other requests if the Tournament Director or Head Referee deems it necessary or appropriate. Failure to comply with this provision may result in default from an event and/or the Tournament and/or a fine. **In addition, team members are asked to use best efforts to color coordinate their apparel.**

The following are examples, but not an exhaustive list, of apparel that will be deemed unprofessional and will not be permitted:

- T-shirts
- Leggings/compression shorts shorter than mid-thigh worn without an over-short or over-skirt
- Shirts or tops that do not cover **the majority of** the back and/or torso (including cutoff shirts with wide arm holes), except that professional-looking racer-back style/tank shirts are permitted
- Cut-off shirts and/or cut-off shorts
- Denim clothing
- Clothing that is sheer or see-through or worn with such a tight, short, or extra large/loose fit or other issue that makes it unprofessional (in APP's sole discretion)
- Logos that exceed 6 square inches
- Any other unprofessional item of clothing or accessory, as determined in the sole discretion of the APP

If a Player is unsure whether an item of clothing complies with this policy, the player may check with the Tournament Director for clarification.

Other Restrictions – Distasteful or Embarrassing Products or Companies: During the pendency of an APP tournament or event in which a Pro Player is registered or a Pro Player is attending, the Pro Player shall not wear, display, promote, endorse or otherwise support products or companies that are distasteful or embarrassing to the APP or its players, staff, sponsors, investors, media partners, or others affiliated with the APP, without prior written approval of the APP. By way of example only, this would include products such as tobacco (including electronic cigarettes and similar products), firearms, or pornographic material. APP shall have sole discretion to determine which products and/or companies are distasteful or embarrassing to the APP. The Tournament Director or Head Referee will have discretion to



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determine whether a Pro Player has complied with this provision. A player or team may be asked to change clothing, mask/cover logos, remove items from the court or site, or comply with other requests if the Tournament Director or Head Referee deems it necessary or appropriate. Failure to comply with this provision may result in default from an event and/or the Tournament and/or a fine.

Other Restrictions – Competitive Entities: Competitive Tours / Leagues / Providers of Tournaments / Ratings / Partner Competitors: During the pendency of an APP tournament or event in which a Pro Player is registered (or a Pro Player is attending), the Pro Player shall not wear, display, promote, endorse or otherwise support products, companies, events, or entities that are competitors to the APP or certain of its partners. By way of example only, APP currently considers the following entities, and any similar providers of pickleball tournaments, leagues, events, and ratings to be competitors of the APP and/or its significant partners: MLP, MiLP, UPA, PPA, NPL, DUPR (including any entities related to or affiliated with the foregoing). This list may be amended from time to time, but the fact that an entity is not named in this list does not prevent the Tournament Director or Head Referee from using his/her discretion to require a Pro Player to comply with this provision. The APP has discretion to apply more or less lenient levels of enforcement depending on the day of competition, court location, streaming or live production status, practice versus match courts, profile of event, then-current partner relationships, etc. Failure to comply with this provision may result in default from an event and/or the Tournament and/or a fine.

Other Restrictions – Items on Court / Items Visible from or on Court / Items Onsite: All restrictions set forth in this policy relating to appearance and clothing also apply to any item or object that a Pro Player displays or brings onto or into an APP tournament location, site, court, or APP-related event or appearance, and shall be subject to all of the above restrictions. By way of example only, a Pro Player may not wear or bring on to a tournament site or on to an APP tournament court a towel, water bottle/container, wristband, hat/cap/visor, bag, etc. that violates the letter or intent of the restrictions set forth in this policy. As a result, no towels, water bottles/containers, wristbands, hats/caps/visors, bags, etc. may reflect distasteful or embarrassing logos, products, or companies that bear the logos, mottos, or other identification relating to any Competitive Entities listed in this policy or as determined by the Tournament Director or Head Referee. A player or team may be asked to mask/cover logos, remove items from the court or tournament site, or comply with other requests if the Tournament Director or Head Referee deems it necessary or appropriate. Failure to comply with this provision may result in default from an event and/or the Tournament and/or a fine.

ALL PRO PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE PRO CLOTHING / APPEARANCE / ON-COURT / ON-SITE ITEMS / OTHER RESTRICTIONS POLICY AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, BY CHECKING THE VERSION POSTED HERE (WHICH WILL BE REGULARLY UPDATED):

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