

LADDER AND SHOOTOUT PLAY

1. **These two forms of play offer a higher level of competition than most other forms of play, as each week you are assigned to a group of players very closely matched to your skill level. Your performance is tracked each week, compared to others, and ranked. As a result your standing can climb or fall in relation to others, week-by-week, and you can be assigned to a higher or lower-skilled group in subsequent weeks.**
2. Both forms of play are good preparation for tournament play.
3. Ladders and shootouts use different manual methods or computer programs, as selected by the captains, to track and assess performance.
4. There is a sign-up process undertaken at the beginning of the season and a limited number of players are accommodated, based on court capacity of the venue being used and an estimate of weekly absences.

Ladder Play

1. Your group may vary from 4 to 9 players, your group may be assigned 1 or 2 courts, and you play with and against each of your other group members in a pre-determined round-robin type of format.
2. Play is only available to those who have pre-registered for the season of play. In addition, if the number of players who show up exceed the court capacity by a certain percentage, playing spots will be assigned on a first come-first served basis.
3. Participants must be present at least 15 minutes before the start of play, to ensure they can be considered in the design of player groups for that particular session.
4. Each group will be assigned a leader who is responsible for ensuring game scores are accurately documented on the sheets provided by the captain. The assigned leader will return the completed sheet to the captain after all games have been played.

Shootout Play

1. In addition to the seasonal pre-registration, there is a sign-up process using our website for each session of play and, for example, only the first 24 who sign up for a specific event will be registered and allowed to play.
2. Groups of eight will be established in advance of the play, based on that week's sign ups. Each group of eight will be further divided into two sub-groups of four.
3. The two sub-groups within each group will use their assigned court on an alternating basis.
4. Each player will play six games in a pre-determined round-robin type of format.
5. After the first three of these six games, the two sub-groups are re-arranged within the group of eight, giving players a chance to play with different partners and opponents.