

3 Court Ladder-Play for 12 players

Summary:

- Players draw cards at the beginning of the session to determine their starting court and teammate.
- Each game is either played to 11 points, or until 15 minutes have passed, so that all new games start at the same time.
- Players will move up or down at the end of each game depending on whether they won or lost, and split to play with a new partner.

Details:

Identify one player as the Official (must have a phone stopwatch)

Bring playing cards – 4 Jacks, 4 Queens, 4 Kings

Reserve 3 courts and identify them each as Jack, Queen, King courts

Identify 12 players for 2 hours of play

Mix up the 12 cards and have each player pick a card

Remember the card and give the card to the Official

The 4 players with Jack cards, go to the Jack court

The 4 players with Queen cards, go to the Queen court

The 4 players with King cards, go to the King court

The players with the black cards are teammates

The players with red cards are teammates

The red players play against the black players on each court

The black team chooses the side. The red team chooses whether to serve or receive.

- The Official announces the start of play for all 3 courts and starts the timer for 15 minutes.
- Play begins on all courts. Standard scoring
- The team that reaches 11 points (win by 2) wins the game. If this occurs before 15 minutes is up, players may continue to play for the remaining time.
- The timer rings at 15 minutes, and all play stops.
- If neither team has reached 11 points at 15 minutes, then the team who has the most points has won.

The winner team on the King court, stays on the King court, but splits.

The loser team on the King court, moves down to the Queen court, but splits.

The winner team on the Queen court, moves up to the King court, but splits.

The loser team on the Queen court, moves down to the Jack court, but splits.

The winner team on the Jack court, moves up to the Queen court, but splits.

The loser team on the Jack court, stays on the Jack court, but splits.

- The Official announces the start of play for all 3 courts and starts the timer for 15 minutes and play begins again as above.