

Three-Bucket Paddle Rotation

There are three buckets numbered 1, 2, 3 – one for each court. The overall object is for the winning players to move down one bucket number and the non-winning players to move up one bucket number. For example: four players on court two; the winners put paddles in the back of other paddles in the court 1 bucket and the non-winners would do the same in the court 3 bucket. Paddles always go in the buckets behind any other paddles already in the bucket.

Basic Guideline:

1. When a person first arrives, they can put their paddle in whichever bucket they want.
2. After a match, players put paddles to the back of the appropriate bucket as they come off the court. The two winning players will place their paddles in the back of the next lower number bucket. Non-winning players would put paddles back in the next higher number bucket.
3. The players of the four front paddles in the bucket number for the empty court then proceed to that court to play.
4. No two players can play with the same partner in their next match.
5. Winners on court 1 are allowed to stay on that court for up to three games, but cannot play with the same player. After each game the winners put his/her paddle in the back of bucket 1 and the players of the four front paddles proceed to court 1 to play. Any person winning three games in a row on court 1 then must put his/her paddle in the back of bucket 3.
6. The non-winning players on court 1 will put their paddles back in the court 2 bucket, and cannot play together for their next match.
7. The non-winning players on court 3 put his/her paddles in the back of other paddles in bucket 3, while winning players on court 3 put paddles in bucket 2, but cannot play together in their next match.

Because players can't play with the same person for their next match, it allows for more mixing of players. This system works better with more players, but the object of mixing courts, players, and levels of play will allow everyone to both play both with and against players of their level, as well as playing with and against players of a higher level.

Note: If there are less than enough players to fill all three courts, the appropriate number of buckets will be used to accommodate the number of players present.