**What is a ladder league?**

 We gather 2 groups of 16 (or multiples of 4) like skilled players (we will offer an upper and lower division based on play levels). The first week, players will have a blind draw and be randomly paired up in a foursome. They will play three doubles games in a round-robin format with the other three players in the foursome.  After the scores are tallied for each of the three games, players will be ranked and may individually move up or down the ladder the following week, depending upon their points scored in those 3 round-robin games.  The next week, the 4 players with the highest scores will play in a foursome, the next 4 scores in another foursome and so on.  The ultimate goal is to climb the ladder to the highest rung after the 4 weeks of play. Each week, you will play 3 games to 11 (win by 1) with your foursome.  The ladder league will last 4 weeks.

**For maximum fun, we would need at least 12 players to participate in each level.**

**FAQs**

1. When will it start?  Monday, April 7th
2. What time will it start?  5:00pm
3. What night of the week will the league be held on?  Monday night
4. How long does the league last?  4 weeks
5. Which division do I sign up for; upper or lower? This is up to you. The upper division will be more competitive play for the more experienced players. The lower division will be more for social play and beginner players.
6. How long does each week take?  You will be playing 6 games to 11.
7. Do I play as an individual or do I need to have a partner?  You sign up individually and we randomly pair you up with a partner each week.  The first week is a blind draw.  After the first week, you will be playing with/against players in your foursome depending on your total score.
8. How is the scoring calculated?  Each week you will play 3 games to 11.  We will add up your total points scored for the evening.  For instance, you win the 1st game 11-8, win the 2nd game 11-2 and lose the last game 7-11.  Your total points for the evening would be 29.  We tally all players scores and sort the players by highest to lowest points.  The following week, the top 4 players will be grouped together and so on.
9. What happens if I’m going to be absent?  You will need to either find a sub for yourself OR ask Tami if she can find a sub for you. If a sub is used, you will be penalized 3 points per game. For instance, your sub wins the first game, typically you would receive 11 points, but you will only receive 8 points as your penalty: 11-3=8. If your sub scores less than 3 points, you will not go into the negative, you would simply receive 0 points for that game.
10. How will I know where I am on the ladder?  Each week after the games are played, we will email the ranking out to all players.
11. How do I sign up?  Email Tami at tami.dokter@teamesplanade.com
12. How much does it cost?  For Esplanade members it’s free.  For non-members, $20 for the entire 4 weeks. Please invite a friend as it’s more fun with more players.

 