



Tustin Pickleball Ladder Event – September 24, 2023

Overview – Advanced & Novice Divisions (20 Player Ladders)

For the event, the 10 Tustin Pickleball courts will be renumbered and divided into two ladders, a black ladder and a red ladder. Each ladder consists of 5 courts, numbered 1 through 5. Up to 20 advanced players will play on the black ladder, up to 20 novice players will play on the red ladder. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams on the advanced (black) ladder, and to the top 3 teams on the novice (red) ladder.

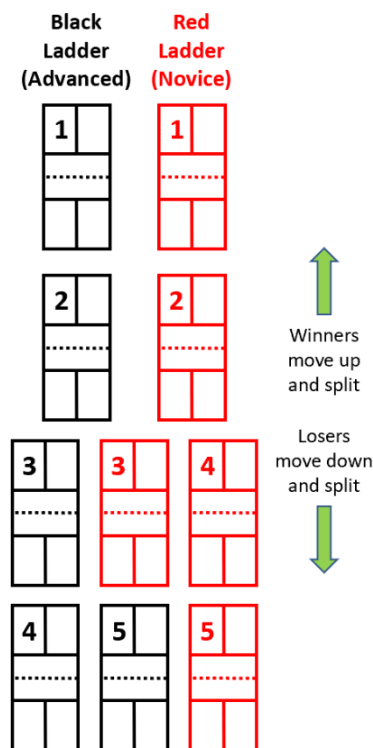
The goal is to win games and advance to court 1 (the highest position on the ladder) through a series of 7 timed games. At the end of each game, the winning team will move up a court and the losing team will move down a court. When moving up or down a court, players split with their partner and pair with a new partner from the other team who has also moved to the court.

The 8th game is the final game for all players. Players who end up on court 1 after game 7 will play with the same partner in the “finals” for the gold and silver medals. Additionally, the teams that end up on court 2 after the 7th game will play their 8th and final game with the same partner, to determine the bronze medal winner. The 8th game is untimed, first to 15, win by 2, switch sides at 8 points. The loser of the bronze medal game will win the 2 pickleballs on the court.

All other teams that end up on courts 3 through 5 after game 7 will play an 8th and final game with the same partner. The 8th game will be one untimed game to 15, win by 2, switch sides at 8 points. The winners of the 8th game on courts 3 through 5 will win the 2 pickleballs on the court.

Ladder Rules

- Starting position (red or black court number, and side) will be randomly assigned to each player at check in.
- There are 7 timed games, plus an additional 8th untimed game for all participants.
- First 7 games are 12 minutes long or first to 11 win by 2, whichever comes first. The 8th and final game is untimed, first to 15 win by 2, switch sides at 8.
- If a timed game is tied at the end of 12 minutes, next point won by the serving team wins the game.
- Winners move up a court and split partners, losers move down and split partners. Winners on court 1 stay on court 1 and split, losers on court 5 stay on court 5 and split.
- For the next game, one of the two winning players who moved from a lower court to a higher court, can choose their next partner. A coin flip or other means, can determine which of the two players gets the choice (if team is mixed, woman player gets choice of next partner). One of the two losing players who moved from a higher court to a lower court, can choose serve, side, or receive. A coin flip or other means, can determine which of the two players gets the choice.
- If there is an odd number of teams in the event, two players will play skinny singles on court 5, then move to court 4 for the next game, with winner choosing next partner. Losing team from court 4 will move to court 5 to play skinny singles.

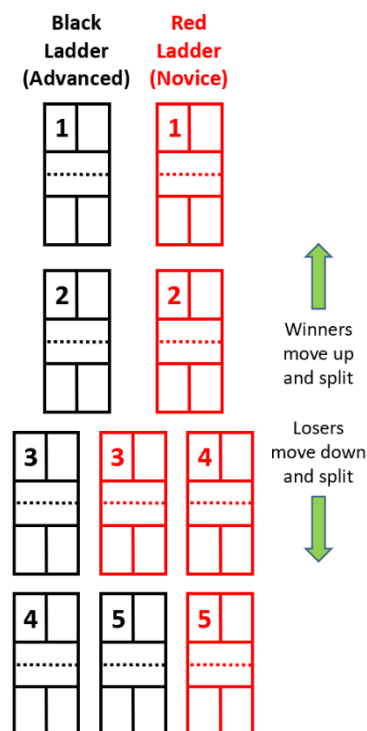




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Rules Summary – Advanced & Novice Divisions

- The goal is to get to court 1, the highest position on the ladder
- Winners move up a court and split, losers move down a court and split
- For the next game, winning team chooses next partner, losing team chooses serve, side, or receive
- There will be 7 timed games, each game is 12 minutes long or first to 11 win by 2, whichever comes first
- If tied at 12 minutes, next point by serving team wins the game
- Advanced players will play on the black ladder, novice players on the red ladder



Game 8 – Courts 1 & 2 Finals

- Players who end up on court 1 after game 7 will play an 8th and final game, with same partners, for gold and silver medals.
- Players who end up on court 2 after game 7 will play an 8th and final game, with same partners, for the bronze medal. Losing team in the bronze medal game will win the 2 pickleballs on the court.
- Finals are one untimed game to 15 win by 2, switch sides at 8.

Game 8 – Courts 3 through 5

- All other teams who end up on courts 3 through 5 after game 7, will play an 8th and final untimed game with the same partner, first to 15 win by 2, switch sides at 8. The winners of the 8th game will win the 2 pickleballs on the court.