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## Rally Scoring Week - April 3-8, 2023

With the exponential growth of pickleball and the need to make pickleball more television-friendly, there's been more discussion regarding traditional scoring versus rally scoring. With traditional scoring, points are won only when a rally is won by the serving team. With rally scoring, a point is won on every rally regardless of which team is serving.

Like many other clubs, our club is looking at rally scoring as a means to deal with overcrowding and excessive wait times. With rally scoring we could potentially shorten games and increase the number of player rotations. However, to implement rally scoring in some way, we would first need to have all members gain an understanding of how it works.

To give everyone an opportunity to learn and try rally scoring, we are designating the week of April 3rd as "Rally Scoring Week". During this week (Monday through Saturday) we will play all games on all courts using rally scoring.

Although there are different variations of rally scoring, we will start with a simple format of first to 21 points, win by 2. The serving team's score determines which side the ball is served from. For example, the server will start from the right side (if they have an even score) or left side (if they have an odd score). The server will alternate sides, left and right, until a point is won by the returning team. At that point, the serve goes to the opposing team and the sequence is repeated until the game is won

We understand there will be a learning curve for most players, so we have plenty of resources to help. Start by <u>clicking here</u> to go to our website, where you will find "Rally Scoring Basics" and a short YouTube video on rally scoring. Also, during the week we will have board members available at the courts to help answer questions.

Once we complete our rally scoring week, we can gather feedback to determine whether rally scoring could benefit the club and how we can use it.

We sincerely hope that everyone gets a chance to join us (and have some fun) during rally scoring week!

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