

Different Types of Sessions

Sessions are organized into 3 categories named Group Play, Level Play and Ladder Play, with the addition of Skills and Drills sessions when available. Players use the SignUpGenius app to sign up one week in advance for available sessions.

Group Play – these sessions are for play between members of the same Group. Initially, members are assigned to one of four Groups based on their own self-assessment using the USAPA rating forms for 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 & 4.5 players. Once in a Group, players can try to move to a higher Group by going through a Challenge-Up process. Groups follow the general guidelines of:

Group 1 – New players to 3.0 USAPA ranking

Group 2 – 3.0 to 3.5 USAPA ranking

Group 3 – 3.5 to 4.0 USAPA ranking

Group 4 – 4.0 and above USAPA ranking

In each session, the attending Group Coordinators (with input from the attending players) will determine how play will be organized.

Level Play – these sessions are a chance for members to go and play without strict adherence to their assigned Group placements. Guidance is provided in each Level’s descriptor/name as to what sort of skill level it may appeal to. There will be three tiers of Level Play, namely:

Novice/Intermediate

Intermediate

Intermediate/Advanced

Each Level Play session will be targeted at a particular skill level, and registration will be open to all members who feel they fit in that skill level. In each session, the attending Group Coordinators (with input from the attending players) will determine how play will be organized.

Ladder Play – there will be two separate ladders, namely:

“A” Ladder, for Group 3 and Group 4 players

“B” Ladder, for Group 1 and Group 2 players

Each ladder will be for a 4-week block (starting in the first full-week of each month), with one scheduled session per week. By signing-up, a member is committing to playing in all of the scheduled sessions for their ladder during the 4-week block (and if a ladder-participant can’t make a ladder session, then the ladder-administrator is to be contacted asap, and the administrator will arrange for one of the signed-up spares to replace the original ladder-participant for the remainder of the 4-week block). In each session: each participant plays three timed games with a different partner from their court and, at the end of those games, the player with the highest total score moves up a court and the lowest-scoring player moves down a court; then, after the court reassignments, a second set of three round-robin games is played, following which the highest scoring player moves up and the lowest moves down. The resulting court positions are carried over each week to the following week during the block.

Skills and Drills – will be offered when leaders are available. The leader will provide drills to players with opportunities for practice to develop their skills.