PADDLE STACKING PROCEDURES

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Paddle Stacking By Skill Level – Lower Courts 1, 2, 3, & 4

- Players place their paddles in the box based on their skill level.
- Boxes divided into 2 sections - Winners and Non-Winners.
- The paddle board on the lanai pole represents the rotation system.

Skill level guidelines for selecting the appropriate box for paddle placement.

Stacking Box	Skill Guidelines
Social - Blue	• Members play in the Novice Round Robins. • Members play in the "less than 3.0" ladder division. • No interest in playing in competitive tournaments. • Play pickleball just for the fun of it and love the social aspect. • New to pickleball and am still learning the rules.
Competitive - Red	• Members want to play at a competitive level. • Members play in the Intermediate Round Robins. • Members play in the 3.0-3.50 ladder division. • Play in tournaments at the 3.0-3.50 level. • Almost always serve deep and return deep. • Able to attempt a third shot drop when appropriate. • Strategic about how and where I hit. • Have a wide variety of shots in my arsenal. • Able to reset when needed.
Advanced - Black	• Members play in the Advanced Round Robins. • Members play in the ladder at the 3.5+ division. • Members play in tournaments at the 3.5+ level. • Consistent with drop shots, dinks, deep returns, resets, etc. • Able to anticipate my opponent's shots. • Able to sustain a rally for 20-25 hits.

Paddle Stacking By Court- Upper Courts 5, 6, 7, 8

- Players place their paddles in the box based on observing the level of play on the courts.
- Paddles can be placed by 1, 2, 3, or 4 paddles.
- Player rotation based on number of players waiting:
    - **1 player waiting**
        - 1 comes on, 1 comes off
        - One member of the losing team steps off (volunteer or draw).
    - **2 players waiting**
        - 2 come on, 2 come off
        - The losing team comes off and may place their paddles in any court "box".
    - **3 players waiting**
        - 3 come on, 3 come off
        - The losing team plus one member of the winning team step off (volunteer or draw).
    - **4 players waiting**
        - 4 come on, 4 come off
        - All four players who come off may place their paddles in any court "box".

- This system is a fluid system; players may move their own paddles to another box at any time before play begins on that court

- All courts will be available to all players; there will be NO RATING SYSTEM.

- If players place their paddle in a box with others who are at a higher skill level, they should not expect their opponents to adjust their level of play.

- If players choose to play in a box with others of lower ability, they are encouraged to play in a way that supports a balanced game for everyone.