**Rally Scoring**

Sometimes games run long. To help us all finish up at a reasonable time, here's a simple way to end a game quickly and safely when your court is the last one still playing.

**Finishing the Game with Rally Scoring**

If you're the last group playing and the rest of the courts have finished, players should take the initiative and move to rally scoring to wrap things up.  Captains will monitor this and if rally scoring has not been initiated will step in and call for rally scoring to begin.

* **Switch to Rally Scoring**. When the score for either team is 9 or below, the game will switch from traditional scoring to rally scoring. This means that a point is scored on every single serve, regardless of which team served.

* **Determine the Starting Server**. To make this as fair as possible, the player who is the #2 server on either team will begin the rally scoring. The game still continues to 11 points, but the pace picks up significantly.

* **First to 11 Wins**. The first team to reach a score of 11 points wins the match, You do not need to win by two to win the game.

**Safety First**

Switching to rally scoring isn't just about efficiency; it's also about safety. In longer games, especially in extreme weather, players may become fatigued. This can impact their focus and physical performance, increasing the risk of injury.

By using rally scoring, we ensure that the last game wraps up quickly, preventing these risks and allowing everyone to get off the court safely and on time. It's a great way to respect everyone's time and energy, whether it's battling the winter cold or the summer heat.