

# TEAM COMPETITIONS



## LUCKY DIP

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### DESCRIPTION

Lucky dip is a doubles format where each match, players change partner and opponent by drawing names out of a hat. Each player records the points they win in each round. This is ideal for introducing new players to the club through a fun, social format.

TIME	PLAYERS / COURTS	SINGLES / DOUBLES
1 Hour	4 players per court	Doubles
AGES	TEAM / INDIVIDUAL	OBJECTIVE
8 years or above	Individual	Social

### ORGANISATION

**COURTS AND PLAYERS:** For any number of players. You need 1 court for every 4 players.

**SCORING:** Matches are timed and should last 5-10 minutes, all matches in each round start and finish together. Scoring is counting (eg 1,2,3,4...). Players score their own matches

**SCORESHEETS:** Players add the points they won in each match onto the master scoresheet next to their name (see page 2).

### ACTIVITY

**ORDER OF PLAY:** Each player is given a piece of paper and they write their full name on it. They fold up the paper and the coach collects them in a hat or envelope. The coach (or players) then pick out the first 2 names, these 2 players play doubles together, the next 2 names are the pair that they play against. Keep picking names until all courts are full with doubles matches.

Once the first round has finished the players come in, write the points they won on the scoresheet then the coach re-picks doubles pairs and matches (every player should play with someone different in each round).

If you have too many players, players can sit out for a round and then come in for the next round, this may require an extra round to be played at the end for players who have played fewer matches than every one else. Only players who have played one less round record their scores.

**AT THE END:** The player who has won the most points across all rounds is the winner.

### ADAPT THE FORMAT

Many formats can easily be adapted to suit players aged under 10, mixed ages, teams and to be a more or less competitive event.

Download 'ADAPTING COMPETITION' for a quick and easy guide to adapting this format to suit your needs.

### THEMES

Many competitions are more fun and easier to promote if they have a theme such as Davis Cup, Olympics or Family Day attached.

Download 'ADDING THEMES' for ideas.

