

# MADHATTER



For those who have participated in a MadHatter this will be a review, but for those who haven't, here is the general format ...

## Overview

Players arrive as teams, but once they enter the gym they become individual players who draw chips to determine which team they will be playing on. Coaches will be assigned to coach a team/court. Their job is to get players in position on the court and to help referee. Teams will simply rotate in at the server position, so everyone gets an opportunity to play. After each round, players draw for new teams and we do it again. This is a great format for kids to get to know other players and it really encourages communication.

If you win great, but most importantly, we want the kids to have fun and enjoy the experience.

## Format & Rules

- **First 10 minutes of each wave** - we take 10 minutes to draw for the first round of teams, take a big group picture, and do a quick warm-up.
- **Each Round lasts 25 minutes.**
- **2 games to 25 points** - do not switch sides.
- **Players draw for new teams after each round.**
- **4 rounds per wave** - then the next round of teams begin!!!
  
- **Serving Rule** - Max of 3 per player in order to keep teams rotating
- **Rotations** - Players rotate in at serving position.
- **Setter** – We recommend that setter be in the front row (like front middle or front right)
- **Reffing** – A coach from one of the teams asks as the referee but is not required to use the ref stand. Ideally, if we have enough coaches it would be nice to have someone positioned on the ref stand.
- **Scorekeeping** – please ask one of your parents to VOLUNTEER to help with scorekeeping and flipping score.
- **Court Colors:** Dig Pink (Pink & White); Xmas (Green & Red); Halloween (Orange & Black); Hodge Podge (Blue & Yellow)
  
- **Parents** - please have your son/daughter ready 15 minutes prior to the start of your wave as we will try to have the informational meeting and group picture before our warm-up.

You may have a couple of confused kids at first, but by the time it's done, the players will understand, and they really enjoy the format.