

## ARRIVAL & PARKING

### ⚠️ Arrive 90-120 Min Early

Thomasson Dr & Bayshore Dr gridlock starts by 8am. Parking fills fast!

🇺🇸 Cashless parking **\$10/day** on-site. Lot fills by 8-9am – arrive before then.

🚗 Overflow lots: **Sugden Park / Naples Botanical Garden** – free shuttles but slow & congested.

📱 Use **Prked app** to rent nearby residential driveways – eliminates shuttle wait entirely.

🚫 Street parking on residential roads = **Naples code enforcement actively tows.**

📍 On arrival: locate **medical tent, restrooms, shade, water stations, your courts** immediately.

## 🌪️ WIND – THE #1 FACTOR

### INTO Wind ↑

Swing **harder**. Apply **topspin always** – Magnus effect dips ball fast, keeps it out of kill zone. Lobs stay in. Backspin can pull ball away from opponent.

### Wind at Back ↓

**No hard flat balls** – baseline margin shrinks to zero. Reduce topspin (ball sits up). Avoid backspin (floats long). **Eliminate lobs entirely.**

### Cross Wind ↔

Aim slightly into wind on passing shots. Lobs will **drift** – adjust target. Backspin slices curve dramatically – high reward, high risk.

## 🎯 WINNING FORMULA – IN ORDER

|          |                 |  |
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| <b>1</b> | <b>SERVE</b>    | Deep → backhand. <b>95%+ in.</b> Topspin. Depth beats power. Harder serve = faster return against you.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>RETURN</b>   | Deep, <b>cross-court, to backhand.</b> Use follow-through as step 1 toward kitchen. Move immediately.  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>3RD SHOT</b> | <b>Cross-court at the returner</b> (they're moving). Lowest net apex + most court. Drop = highest %. Drive only if short ball + weak volleyer. |
| <b>4</b> | <b>4TH SHOT</b> | Low volley <b>at advancing server's feet.</b> If they drive hard – soft hands to block into kitchen.   |
| ✓        | <b>KITCHEN</b>  | Dink <b>cross-court default.</b> Attack above net height only. If pulled wide → soft low reset (you're exposed).                               |

## 🧠 MENTAL GAME & TIMEOUTS

### 🧠 Coach's Truth

Consistency always wins at 3.5-4.0. Bangers intimidate – they don't outskill you. Stay consistent and you **WILL** beat them.

- **Nerves are normal** – first few points. Expected. Reset cue: tap paddle, bounce once, breathe – every point, win or lose.
- **Enjoyment mindset** – down-regulates cortisol, genuinely improves play. Never show frustration visually.
- **Free timeout:** Walk slowly back, back to net. Kick ball to corner. 15-20 sec per rally = uncallable reset.
- **Side switch:** at 6 pts (11-pt) or 8 pts (15-pt). Use 1-min break for 2-3 adjustments only – don't rehash errors.
- **Timeout trigger:** Call immediately after **3 consecutive points lost.** Breaks opponent streak, lets you rehydrate + recalibrate.
- **Never use timeouts when winning** – self-sabotages your momentum and gives opponents a free reprieve.

## 🧰 PACK BEFORE YOU LEAVE

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| 🎾 Paddle + backup        | 👕 2-3 dry-fit shirts     |
| 👒 Hat + polarized shades | ☀️ Sunscreen SPF 50+     |
| 👟 2 pairs court shoes    | 🧦 Extra socks            |
| 💧 Water + electrolytes   | 🍌 Real snacks (no candy) |
| 🩹 Blister kit + Advil    | 👊 Muscle cream           |
| 🏠 Use medical tent!      | 📅 Bracket / schedule     |

## 🔑 HEAT, BALL & PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT

### 🌞 Morning 70s°F

X-40 is rigid, fast, lively. Standard aggressive play viable.

### 🔥 Afternoon 80s-90s°F

X-40 softens ("mushy"), more dwell time – spin **AMPLIFIED**, power **NEUTRALIZED.**

### 🎯 Franklin X-40 Afternoon Shift

Heat softens the polymer – ball compresses more on impact. Bangers lose their weapon. Teams using heavy spin + precision drops gain mechanical

## 💚 PARTNER SYSTEM – X RULE & VERBAL CUES

### ⚡ THE X RULE (Core Coverage)

When opponent hits cross-court, the **diagonal player** owns the ball – even in the middle. Same-side player **CAN** take it but must **CALL** loudly. No call = diagonal takes it. Make this automatic.

- **Mine / Yours:** Call instantly on trajectory recognition. Removes all cognitive friction.
- **Lefty watch:** Both BH in middle → target centerline. Both FH in middle → target sidelines.
- After every rally: say something brief to partner – win or lose. Silence builds tension.

### VERBAL CUE SYSTEM

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>"SWITCH"</b>   | Extreme lob/angle forces player off side – partner crosses behind to cover vacated space.   |
| <b>"BOUNCE"</b>   | Suppresses partner's reflex to volley a ball that's flying out – let it go for free point.  |
| <b>"OUT"</b>      | Emphatic: ball is past baseline – serves as line call AND command to partner to let it go.  |
| <b>"GO GO GO"</b> | Partner has sole responsibility for short drop or deep lob retrieval – auditory motivation. |

advantage. Adjust your touch in warm-up each match!

- Drink **before** you're thirsty – thirst = already behind. Pre-load **16–20oz 2 hrs before** first serve.
- During match: **7–10oz electrolyte drink every 15–20 min**. Pure water leads to hyponatremia = cramping + fog.
- Post-match: **16–24oz within 30 min** + electrolytes. Every lb lost = 20–24oz to replace.
- Change sweaty shirts between matches – wet clothing traps heat and accelerates exhaustion.
- **Do NOT sit 10+ consecutive min** between matches. Walk, stand, lay flat – prevents spinal + leg stiffening.
- Stretch + fuel **30 min before** each match. Use medical tent proactively – massage + creams.

## 🍎 NUTRITION PROTOCOL

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| <b>Morning Routine</b>    | <b>Protein shake, oatmeal + honey, coffee</b>   | Jumpstarts muscle recovery. Caffeine stimulates CNS alertness.             |
| <b>Pre-Match 30 min</b>   | <b>Banana, dates, coconut water, fruit</b>      | Fast glucose for explosive energy + anaerobic bursts. Easy to digest.      |
| <b>Intra-Day Snacks</b>   | <b>Pretzels, jerky, granola, rice cakes</b>     | Replaces sodium lost in sweat. Sustained carbs without GI loading.         |
| <b>Hydration Additive</b> | <b>Low-sugar electrolyte powder (Na, K, Mg)</b> | Prevents hyponatremia – maintains neuromuscular firing, prevents cramping. |

### ⚠️ Avoid Heavy Meals

Heavy proteins/fats pull blood to GI tract ("rest & digest") – causes lethargy and kills fast-twitch response. Light + frequent = sustained energy.

## 📡 SHOT ADJUSTMENTS & SUN TACTICS

- **Topspin:** Primary outdoor weapon. Keeps ball in vs. wind, out of kill zone. Forces opponents to adjust before hitting – causes pop-ups. Use on 3rd shots, returns, drives.
- **Lobs:** Far more effective outdoors – wind, glare, depth perception confuse opponents. Target backhand shoulder. Call "lob" to partner. Into wind = ball hangs; with wind = carries out.
- **Slice/Backspin:** Into wind = potential dramatic winner (spin + drag pulls ball away). With wind = ball floats up – use sparingly. Low kitchen resets work in all conditions.
- **Dinks:** Cross-court default (lowest net, most court). Attack above net height. Speed up at hip/below. After speed-up: both partners split-step immediately for counter.

### ☀️ SUN 11am–1pm

**Lob to the sun!** Courts N–S = sun overhead at midday. Opponents lose ball in glare. Call it early, non-paddle hand shades eyes. When in doubt let it bounce.

## 🕒 OPPONENT PROFILING (FIRST 5 POINTS)

- **Handedness:** Lefty/righty combo without stacking = structural gap. Both BH middle → attack center. Both FH middle → target sidelines only.
- **Post-strike mobility:** Watch HOW FAST they transition into court after hitting – not just how they chase balls. Slow transition or crashing net = target their feet while they're moving.
- **Backhand:** Most 3.5 players weaker there. Confirm early, exploit on every serve and return pattern.
- **Kitchen patience:** Impatient dinkers speed up early + out of turn. Slow dinks draw their errors. Frequent lobbers → weak overhead? Test it.
- **Partner comms:** A quiet opposing team has coverage gaps – target the middle on ambiguous balls.

### Mid-Match Rule:

If it's working – don't change it. If losing a pattern, change exactly ONE variable at a time to find the fix.

## 🛡️ TARGETING COUNTER – MIXED DOUBLES

### ⚠️ Expect to Be Targeted

Opponents will direct 80–90% of shots at one player (often female). Two effects: targeted player fatigues AND non-targeted player goes cold + overplays. Know the counters.

### 1. REVERSE STACK

Swap lateral positions after winning a point. Forces opponents to rewrite targeting mid-rally. If they aim at left side by habit, they'll now drive into the stronger FH. Disrupts their muscle memory loop.

### 2. SHADOW MOVEMENT

Non-targeted player: actively shift, feint steps toward middle, flash paddle across centerline. Fake poach constantly – injects paranoia, forces opponents toward sidelines (increasing their error rate). When you DO poach: hit decisively DOWN.

### 3. TARGETED PLAYER SURVIVAL

**Lean don't step** – take dinks out of air to conserve energy. **Lateral shuffle** – keep hips square, don't turn. **Center-line reset** – dink softly to the gap between opponents to force

their communication breakdown and reset to 50/50.

## STACKING, SWITCHING & FORMATION STRATEGY

**STACKING** Both players same side before serve/return, then slide to predetermined spots. Keeps strongest weapons (both FHs) in the middle – the most trafficked zone. Use when you need consistent FH control.

**SWITCHING** Start traditional, then swap sides immediately after return is struck. Creates chaos – server can't pre-target the 3rd shot because they don't know if you'll switch. Adds an unpredictability layer stacking lacks.

**FAKE SWITCH** Aggressively step toward center as if swapping – then retreat. Completely scrambles server's 3rd-shot targeting. Zero risk, high disruption. Combine with real switches to make it unreadable.

### When to Stack vs Switch

Stack if you need predictable FH coverage control. Switch if you want chaos + targeting confusion. Fake switch anytime – it's free disruption with no downside.

- **I-Formation:** Situational only – small court means one-up one-back leaves diagonal gaps that 4.0 players exploit with cross-court dinks.
- Pinched central presence can obscure server's view and force riskier wider angles without fully committing to I-form.
- Visualization pre-match: picture executing perfect shots amid 55,000 spectators. Primes neural pathways before the chaos hits.

## MATCH DAY QUICK REFERENCE

### BEFORE EVERY MATCH

- ✓ Arrive 90-120 min early (parking gridlock)
- ✓ Pre-load 16-20oz water 2 hrs before first match
- ✓ Check wind direction + sun angle on your court
- ✓ Dynamic warm-up before hitting (swings, laterals)
- ✓ Fuel 30 min prior: banana, dates, coconut water
- ✓ Confirm X coverage rule + verbal cues with partner
- ✓ Warm-up order: kitchen → groundstrokes → serves
- ✓ Sunscreen, hat, polarized glasses – every match

### DURING – NON-NEGOTIABLES

- ✓ Serves 95%+ in, deep, to backhand
- ✓ Return deep + cross-court → move to kitchen
- ✓ 3rd shot cross-court to the returner (they're moving)
- ✓ X rule – diagonal player owns the middle, always
- ✓ Reset cue every single point – paddle tap, breath
- ✓ Walk slowly back to position (15-20 sec free timeout)
- ✓ Call timeouts after 3 straight points lost
- ✓ Stay positive with partner – always, visibly

*"You have put in the work. Trust your game. Enjoy every single point."*



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