

### 3 Player Pickleball

What do you do if you only have 3 Pickleball players. Rather than somebody sitting out, 3 Player Pickleball is a good option.

- Players:** Player 1 at one end & Players 2 & 3 at other end.
- The court:** Player 1 defends only the side of the court he/she serves from (includes to doubles line).  
Players 2 & 3 defend their whole double court end.
- Serving** The serve rotates every 5 points. Player 1 serves 5 balls. Player 2 becomes next to serve 5 balls. Player 3 rotates & serves next 5 balls. After serving, the singles player moves to the doubles end. Each player serves 5 balls twice.
- Returns** Players 2 & 3 stay at the baseline until the server returns the ball and it bounces. Then they return the ball and can move towards the net.
- Scoring** The score remains with each end and does not rotate with players. The winner therefore is not a person but an end (ie single end winner or double end winner).
- Points** As per normal game. There is a maximum of 30 points in total.
- Note:**
1. By rotating the server, single players do not get too exhausted.
  2. You can modify the suggested rules to suit yourselves.