

# Skinny Singles

There are several versions of 'Skinny Singles'.

## **Cross Court Skinny Singles**

The two players are diagonal from one another each representing their own service area. If the ball bounces outside this area then it is a fault. Rotate sides (left and right) when a score is made. Keeping the server on the right side for even scores and the left side for odd scores. If you win the serve back you must serve from the correct side (left or right) based on your score. The receiver is always diagonal from the server.

## Variations on Cross Court Skinny Singles

- Cross Court Skinny Singles from the Even Side only to provide forehand practice.
- Cross Court Skinny Singles from the Odd Side only to provide backhand practice.

Dean's personal comment: It seems like a version of Skinny Singles where the serves are on the diagonal like those in a real game might be preferred. (Why practice a skill that is never used in a double game?) So some version of the first option above makes the most sense to me. My \$0.02.

## **Score to Rotate Skinny Singles**

The two players start the game diagonal from one another. Only the player winning the point rotates and their opponent does not rotate, staying where they are. Some points will be played straight across from one another and some will be played diagonal from one another. When a player wins "side out" they should already be on the side representing their score (even on the right, odd on the left). If the ball bounces outside this area then it is a fault.

## **Single Side Skinny Singles**

The two players are straight across from one another each representing their own service area. If the ball bounces outside this area then it is a fault. Rotate sides (left and right) when a score is made. Keeping the server on the right side for even scores and the left side for odd scores. If you win the serve back you must serve from the correct side (left or right) based on your score. The receiver always moves to a service area where they are straight across from the server.

Source: Speedy Singles @ Pickleball Island