

# FOUR SQUARE



## INSTRUCTIONS:

**Number of Participants:**  
4+ people, ages 7-15

**Materials:**  
Kickball, chalk or tape, pavement or hard surface

**Steps:**

Use chalk to draw a giant square and divide it into four equal squares. Each small square should be roughly 5' x 5'. Draw a number (1-4) in each of the squares outside corners.

Each player occupies one of the squares, and the squares each have a rank order, the top being the "Ace" (or "King").

At the start of the game, the Ace serves the ball by bouncing it in her square once and then hitting it towards one of the other squares. The receiving player then hits the ball to any other player and play continues, until... a player loses the round by hitting the ball before it bounces once in his square, or by not hitting the ball before it bounces twice, or by hitting the ball out of bounds.

Once a player is out, she moves back to the lowest ranking square. The other players then move up to fill the vacancies. If there are more players than squares, that person goes to the back of the line, and the person at the front of the line gets to move onto the lowest square and play.

Variation: If the Ace remains in the top square for 3 or more turns, it's common to let them introduce a new rule or variation to the game.

