General Rules & Guidelines for IM Table Tennis (Singles)

- All players must present their own UGA 81# ID Card at the beginning of the tournament. Any player not providing his/her own valid UGA 81# ID card will not be permitted to participate.
  - Any player caught violating this rule or any other rules/policies will face the sanctions listed under the Disciplinary and Ejection Policy section.


- This will be a SINGLES tournament. Tournament format will be determined based on the number of registered participants.
  - Players must be at their assigned tables, signed in, and ready to play no more than 5-minutes after the scheduled match time, or the match will be declared a forfeit.

Equipment
- Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own paddles.
- Ping Pong balls will be provided for tournament play.

Start of Play
- Before starting the game, the opponents toss a coin with the winner choosing ends and service.
- In subsequent games, the winning side serves first.

Scoring
- Each game will be played to 15 points (Rally scoring)
  - Games must be decided by at least 2 points.
- Unless the rally is a let, a player shall win a point if:
  - The opponent fails to make a good service return.
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  - The opponent, or anything he/she is wearing or carrying, moves the playing surface or touches the net or its support while the ball is in play.
  - The opponent strikes the ball twice successively.
  - The ball touches the opponent’s court twice successively.
- Matches will be played in the best 3 out of 5 format.

Service
- After two points, the receiver shall become the server, and so on, until the end of the game or the score 20-20.
  - From the score 20-20, the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same, but each player shall deliver only one service in turn until the end of the game.
- The server must project the ball upwards before contacting the ball for service.
- The server shall strike the ball such that it touches first his/her own court and then, passing directly over the net, touches the receiver’s court.
- If the server completely misses the shuttle on the serve the server may re-serve once.
General Play

- Ball in Play – The ball shall be in play from the moment it is served until
  - It touches anything other than the playing surface, the net assembly, or the racket hand.
  - The rally is otherwise decided as a let or a point.
- A good return is defined as the ball, having been served and returned in play, shall be struck so that it passes directly over the net and its supports and touches the opponent’s court, except that if the ball, in passing over, touches the net or its supports, it shall be considered to have passed directly over the net.

Disciplinary and Ejection Policy

- The following suspensions apply for misconduct during Intramural activities:
  - Ejection
    - Any participant ejected by any Competitive Sports employee will serve a two (2) game suspension for the team from which the athlete is ejected.
    - If the ejection is the result of violence or misconduct aimed at any Intramural Sports employee, the participant will be suspended indefinitely from all Intramural activities sponsored by the Department of Recreational Sports until the participant meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports.
  - Student Identification Card Infraction
    - Any participant who attempts to partake in any activity by fraudulently using a UGA 81# ID Card will be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Competitive sports Program. The rightful owner of the UGA ID Card will also be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Competitive Sports Department. The confiscated UGA ID Card can be claimed from the Competitive Sports Staff in room 201 Ramsey.

- Meetings
  - Purpose: The suspensions listed above are final unless the player meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports. Meetings will provide players receiving disciplinary suspension the opportunity to appeal for reduced suspension. The Graduate Assistants have full authority to reduce or remove suspensions.
  - Procedure: Meetings can be set up via email with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports (imsports@uga.edu)
    - Meetings will give the player direct contact with at least three members of the Department of Recreational Sports. If members of the appeal committee are involved in the incident, they will be removed from the specific meeting.