



## SINGLES TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT RULES

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*All players must show their UGA ID Card before every game in order to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS!*

### A. EQUIPMENT

- a. Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own paddles.
- b. Ping Pong balls will be provided by the Intramural Sports department for tournament play.

### B. SCORING

- a. Each game will be played to 15 points (Rally scoring)
  - i. Games must be decided by at least 2 points
- b. Unless the rally is a let, a player shall win a point if:
  - i. The opponent fails to make a good service return.
  - ii. The opponent fails to make a good return.
  - iii. 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.
  - iv. The opponent strikes the ball twice successively.
  - v. The ball touches the opponent's court twice successively.
- c. Matches will be played in the best 2 out of 3 format

### C. START OF PLAY

- a. Before starting the game, the participants toss a coin with the winner choosing ends and service.
- b. In subsequent games, the winning side serves first.

### D. SERVICE

- a. After two points, the receiver shall become the server, and so on, until the end of the game or until the score is 20-20.
  - i. 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.
- b. The server must project the ball upwards before contacting the ball for service.
- c. 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.
- d. If the server completely misses the ball on the serve, the server may re-serve once

### E. GENERAL PLAY

- a. The ball shall be in play from the moment it is served until:
  - i. It touches anything other than the playing surface, the net assembly, or the racket hand.
  - ii. The rally is otherwise decided as a let or a point.
- b. A good return is defined as the ball, having been served and returned in play, being struck such that it passes directly over the net and its supports and touches the opponent's court.
  - i. If the ball, in passing over, touches the net or its supports, it shall be considered to have passed directly over the net.