

Table Tennis Singles Rules Fall 2009

1. Campus Recreation will provide paddles and balls for the tournament. Players may use their own equipment.
2. The site of the Tournament will be in the Union Underground.
3. The tournament format will be as follows: Each player is put into a pool in which they will play everyone in their pool one time. The top player from each pool will advance to the championship bracket.
 - *All matches will be self-officiated
4. Each match will consist of 2 to 3 games (best 2 out of 3) to 15 points. Games must be won by 2 points. In the championship bracket, each match will consist of 2 to 3 games (best 2 out of 3) to 21 points. Games must be won by 2 points. There is a 30 minute time limit on all championship bracket matches.
 - *There is a 15 minute time limit on each pool match. A common clock will be kept by the Program Supervisor on duty. All matches will start and end at the same time. If the time limit expires during the game, then the player ahead at that point will be declared the winner of the match. If the game score is tied at the conclusion of the time limit, the next player to score a point will be the winner of the match.
5. A coin flip will determine who serves first. Each player alternates 5 serves at a time. At a score of 20, the players shall alternate each serve. The serving player in the first game shall receive in the following game.
6. For service, the ball must be tossed into the air from the palm of the hand. Finger spins and rubbing the ball against the paddle face are illegal. The ball must be visible to the opponent at all times.
 - *The ball must land in both the server's and receiver's court. Lines are in. Both the ball and the paddle must be behind the end line at contact. If the ball touches the net on the serve, but still lands in, a let will be played. If the server misses the ball, it is a lost point.
7. A player shall lose a point if he/she:
 - fails to make a good service
 - fails to make a good return
 - touches the net with the paddle or body
 - volleys the ball with a hand or other part of the body
 - hits the ball with the hand or other part of the body
 - hits the ball outside of their opponent's court
8. The player, who started at one end of the table in a game, shall start at the other end of the table in the immediate subsequent game. If the match goes to a third game, or the opponents are playing one game only, the player shall change ends when one player reaches a score of 7 points.
 - *In championship bracket play, it will be 10 points.