

Table Tennis Rules

Intramural Sports

Recreation and Wellness Services

University of Akron

Participation in any and all activities within this facility and/or sponsored by The University of Akron is voluntary. All participants understand and agree that use of this facility and/or participation in an activity sponsored by the university is at their own risk and that the university is not responsible for any incidents, injuries or loss of property that may occur.

Table Tennis rules will be conducted under the USA Table Tennis Regulations with the following additions, exceptions, and clarifications. If you have any questions, please contact the Manager of Intramural Sports.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All students, faculty or staff can participate provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Intramural Sports Participants Handbook. All participants must present a valid U of A ID.
- This is a self-officiated event; any disputes can be brought to the attention of the sport monitor. If there is still no resolve, the serve will be replayed.

GAME INFORMATION

- A coin toss or paddle spin determines who is to serve. The winner may elect to play at either end of the table, or to serve or receive. The loser is allowed the alternate choice.
- Games will be played to 21 points.
- Match winner is best of 3 games.
- Each player serves 5 consecutive points then receives 5 consecutive points.
- If the score reaches 20-20, the service changes after each point until one player gains a two point advantage.
- Match participants must switch sides of the table each game.
- The serve is an open serve to any part of the opponent's table.
- The serve must be from hand to paddle (bounce serves will not be allowed).
- A second serve will be awarded if the ball hits the net and falls in the opponent's side.
- A shot is no good when it hits the side edge of the table.
- No sandpaper covered paddles are allowed.
- A player or his racket may not touch the net, its supports, or the playing surface while the ball is in play. The player shall lose the point.
- The free hand is not allowed to make contact with the table at any time while a point is being played.