

Table Tennis Rules

USATT rules will apply. You must provide your own table tennis racquet. The ball will be white plastic Kingnik balls. Games are to 11 points (must win by two), and matches are two out of three games in the recreational qualifying round (to determine placement in A or B flight); after that all matches in all events will be best three out of five games. Players alternate pairs of serves until a 10-10 score and then single serves to the end of the game. A legal serve must begin with a toss of 6 inches or more upward, from an open palm that is above and behind the playing surface, and the ball must be struck at a point behind the table. Except where noted below, paddles must have rubber topsheets of two different colors (red and black); the rubber can be smooth or have pips facing outward and can be with or without an underlying sponge layer. **NO WHITE CLOTHING IS ALLOWED.**

Good sportsmanship will be required of all entrants, as these games are intended for the fun and enjoyment of everyone. Bad language or abuse of equipment is prohibited.

The tournament directors reserve the right to change the competition format to best suit the event, based upon the number of entrants, using round-robin, double elimination, or straight bracket play where needed. If at all possible, round robin play will be used in the initial round of each event, so as to guarantee the entrants multiple matches for their tournament experience.

Once an event reaches its final cap for number of entrants, no more entries can be taken for that event. You may enter multiple events, subject to the given requirements of age, gender, or rating. For age-rated events (seniors and youth events), use age as of March 1, 2017.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

The given times are the starting time. Participants should check in at the official's table no later than 10 minutes before start time. Anyone who is not present when called for a match will forfeit that match unless permission has been given by the tournament director. Matches will be delayed as needed to accommodate players who are in simultaneous events.

NOTE:

There is no break for lunch and no lunches provided, but there is usually time between matches to eat if you bring your own food, and nearly all players will have breaks between events. The tournament director may be able to provide 30-minute lunch breaks for some events.

RATED EVENTS:

For rated events, the latest USATT ratings for the players will be used.