



LADIES

TABLE TENNIS

BYLAWS

FORMAT & RULES

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FORMAT

- Table Tennis will be played as a team sport, in which each participating country can enter a team with a minimum of two (2) players and maximum of four (4) players per team. Each match will consist of two (2) singles games and one (1) doubles game in the following order:
 - Singles game,
 - Doubles game,
 - Singles game.
- In a team of four (4) players: both singles games must be played by two (2) different players. The doubles match can be played by any combination of the four (4) players.
- In a team of three (3) players: both singles games must be played by two (2) different players. The doubles match can be played by any combination of the three (3) players.
- In a team of two (2) players: each player must play a singles match, and both players must play the doubles game together.
- Before each game, a toss will decide which team gets to pick either service or side of the table. i.e. If Team 1 wins the toss, they can select if: (a) they want to serve first, or (b) if they want to choose their side of the table. If Team 1 decides to serve first, the opposing team can decide which side of the table they would like to start on.
- When the team comes to the table to play the matches, they need to submit the names of the players for all 3 games in the beginning.
- Player choices cannot be changed after the names have been submitted.

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- Table tennis rules will be in accordance with the current International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF: www.ittf.com).
- Players will have to bring their own racquets.
- Each match will consist of three games – 2 Singles and 1 Doubles, each being best of one for round 1 and quarters. Every game win (best of 1) is equivalent to 1 point. The Maximum no of points for a Match win is 3 Points.
- In case of a tie in points, the net game difference will be calculated. This may be adjusted proportionately/pro-rated if the number of matches played by the Teams involved in a tie is not the same. In the event, the net game difference is the same between the teams, the team with the lowest aggregate game score lost, from the game scores recorded in that Round event, will proceed as the winner.

Round 1	Round Robin	In each group, each team plays each other once. Top 4 teams from each group advance to Quarter finals. Each game is best of 1. Game of 15 .
Quarter finals	Knock out	First Place of Group A vs Fourth Place of Group B. Second Place of Group A vs Third Place of Group B. Third Place of Group A vs Second Place of Group B. Fourth Place of Group A vs First Place of Group B. Top 4 teams will advance to the Semi Finals. Each game is best of 1. Game of 15
Semi finals	Knock out	First Place in Quarter Finals vs Fourth Place in Quarter Finals. Second Place in Quarter Finals vs Third Place in Quarter Finals. Each game is best of 3. Game of 15 .
Finals	Knock Out	Winner of both semi finals

In the semi-finals and finals, each match will consist of three games, best of three.

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Withdrawals

- The team will be considered as withdrawn from the team match, if the team or its members do not start the match within 10 minutes from start of play, or if the team decides not to finish the match. If the team withdraws from a team match during round 1 and quarters, the team match will be won by the opponent by 3-0 and a game win of 15-0. If this incident occurs during any of the knockout rounds, the team match will be won by the opponent.
- If the team is disqualified or withdraws after the draw but before the start of the competition, the team will not be replaced.
- If a player is unable to finish a game due to injury, the opponent will be awarded the game. The score, in this instance will be 15- (the score of the injured at the time of withdrawal).

Referee

- All games will be refereed by an assigned participant who is not part of the teams in play. Clothing may be any color or colors except that the main color of the shirt, except the color of the sleeves, collar of sides of the short or shirt, shall be clearly different from the color of the ball in use.
- The table tennis ball used will be an white colour.
- Any objects such as jewellery/watch worn by the player if conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to blind the opponent shall need to be removed.
- Only non-marking shoes will be allowed in the playing court.

Scoring

- A game is won by being the first player to win 15 points and be at least 2 points ahead of his or her opponent. If both players have won 14 points, then the first player to get a 2-point lead wins the game.
- Each player gets to serve for two points in a row, and then the service switches to the other player.
- If a serve touches the net assembly (the net, net posts, and net clamps) and touches the player's side first, then the opponent's side on the second bounce, it is called a let serve (or just let) and that rally must be replayed, with no change to the score. There is no limit on how many lets the server can serve in a row.
- If a score of 14-all is reached, both players will only serve 1 serve each until the game is completed.

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- In the final possible game of a match, when the first player (or doubles team) reaches 5 points, the players must change ends. (i.e. in the 3rd game of a best of 3).
- All matches are time capped (30 minutes for best of 1 match and 90 minutes for best of 3 match).
- In the event if the match cannot be completed within the stipulated time, the team having higher points for the current game in play will be awarded a win and earn 1 point. The match score will also be recorded.

Service

- While serving, the ball must be always behind the end line of the table, and above the level of the playing surface.
- The ball must be thrown up near vertically at least 16cm (around the height of the net), and must be hit on the way down, not the way up.
- If the umpire is doubtful whether a serve is legal, they may warn the player. If any more of the player's serves are of doubtful legality, the umpire will fault the player and award the point to her opponent.
- If a serve is clearly illegal, the umpire will fault the player and give the point to her opponent.
- The ball must always be visible to the receiver throughout the serve - it must never be hidden.

Obstruction/Hitting the Ball

- An obstruction only occurs if a player touches the ball (with her racquet, body, or anything she is wearing), when the ball is above the playing surface, or traveling towards the playing surface, and has not yet touched her side of the court. It is not an obstruction if the ball (a) has passed over the end line, (b) has passed over the sideline going away from the table, or (c) is moving away from the playing surface.
- It is legal for a player to hit the ball with the fingers of their hand that is holding the racket, or even the same hand below the wrist, provided that only one contact is made. Double hits are not allowed, so a player may not hit the ball with the fingers of their racket hand, and then hit the ball with their racket.
- A player may not throw the racket at the ball in order to hit the ball. If a player drops her racket, she must pick up the racket in order to hit the ball.



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- A player is not allowed to put her free hand on the playing surface at any time.

Toweling, Rest Periods and Time-Outs

- Players are allowed to towel off every 6 points during a match.
- Each player (or team in doubles) is allowed to claim one (1) time-out period of up to one (1) minute during a match, by making a T-sign with the hands. Play resumes when the player(s) who called the time out are ready, or when one (1) minute has passed, whichever happens first.
- Players are allowed a maximum rest period of one (1) minute between games.

The decision of appointed referees by Unity Games Ladies Committee will be final and binding in case of any disputes. If there are any changes to these Regulations, the respective Team Managers will be informed.

If any player from any team uses foul language, or is abusive, or acts in an unsporting manner, she will be immediately disqualified from that match, and a walk-over will be awarded to the opposing team. A repeat of this violation by the team or any of its members will cause the team to be disqualified from the tournament

Any queries/concern/disputes should be channelled to the Unity Games Organising Committee. The final interpretation of the by-laws shall be done by the Unity Games Committee.

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