



Table Tennis Rules

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PHILOSOPHY

Novi Parks sponsored leagues and activities are formed and operated on the principles of good sportsmanship, fair play, courtesy to others, healthy activity and other policies pertaining to all-around community understanding and development.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

- Players must bring their own paddle
- Informal games of singles and doubles will take place and no standings are kept
- A single-elimination tournament will be held during the final two weeks of the program
- A Site Supervisor will be on hand to assist players as needed
- This is not a drop-in program

GAMEPLAY RULES

- Games are played to 11 points
 - A game must be won by two points
 - A match is generally the best of five games
- Alternate serves every two points (except when tied 10-10, then alternate every point)
- Toss the ball straight up when serving
 - Hold the ball in your open palm, behind your end of the table
 - Toss at least 6 inches straight up and hit it on the way down
- The serve can land anywhere in singles. There is no restriction on where the ball lands on your side or your opponent's side of the table.
- Doubles serves must go right court to right court
 - Landing on the center line is fair
 - Doubles partners switch places after their team serves twice
- A serve that touches the net on the way over is a "let" serve and done over
- A ball hitting the net during a rally is considered a legitimate hit
- Doubles partners must alternate hitting balls in a rally
- Volleys are not allowed. The ball must bounce on the table before playing.
- If you hit the ball in a rally or on a serve and it bounces back over the net after hitting your opponent's side of the table (due to extreme spin), without your opponent touching it, that is your point.
- If the ball touches your paddle hand and otherwise results in a legal hit, there is no rule violation and play shall continue as normal
- You may not touch the table with your non-paddle hand
- An "edge" ball bouncing off the horizontal table top surface is good

SPORTSMANSHIP

Please keep in mind that the purpose of this organization is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for each player, while furthering sportsmanship and understanding of the game.