TABLE TENNIS RULES

ROSTER

1. **You must have a valid WSU One Card.**
2. **All participants must create and IMLeagues account to participate in Wayne State intramurals.**
3. **Each team must have the minimum number of players signed-up on their IMLeagues roster to play the first game. Otherwise, your team will forfeit the first game.**
4. **College intramurals are for currently enrolled WSU students (that means they are taking classes during the term of the IM sport they are playing) and WSU faculty and staff who have a membership to the MHRFC. No exceptions. Community members of the MHRFC are not eligible to participate in WSU intramural sports.**
5. **Any new player must be added prior to game and create an IMLeagues account. We will not be allowing players to write in their names on the roster after week 2.**
6. **All players must have an IMLeagues account and be on the roster prior to playoffs. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. **Players must check in with scorekeeper 10 minutes before each game and have the WSU One Card on them.**
8. **A player can only participate on one single gender and one coed team per sport.**
9. **Teams allowing participation of players who are not eligible (read Rule #2) or not on the roster will forfeit any games in which the illegal player participates.**

Policy on Forfeits

Player(s) will forfeit the match:

- If they fail to show up for the scheduled game.

Location of Tournament

The Ping Pong tournament, or Table Tennis, will be located in the basement of the Student Center. We will be using their tables. We do have some racquets for participants to use. We will also be providing the table tennis balls. Players may choose to use their own table tennis balls if both opponents agree to it.

Officiating the Tournament

The tournament will be supervised by an Intramural Supervisor and one or two officials. These employees are there to make sure the tournament is run smoothly, record scores, and make sure the participants know who and when they are playing. They are not there to officiate each and every match. Each match will be self-officiated between the two opponents. If there is a disagreement between the two opponents, they will replay the point. No exceptions. Sportsmanship is key here.

Rules

Scoring

A match is played best 3 of 5 games (or 4/7 or 5/9). For each game, the first player to reach 11 points wins that game, however a game must be won by at least a two point margin.
A point is scored after each ball is put into play (not just when the server wins the point as in volleyball).
The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides.

Flow of the Match

Each player serves two points in a row and then switch server. However, if a score of 10-10 is reached in any game, then each server serves only one point and then the server is switched. After each game, the players switch side of the table. In the final game (ie 5th game), the players switch side again after either player reaches 5 points.

Legal Service

The ball must rest on an open hand palm. Then it must be tossed up at least 6 inches and struck so the ball first bounces on the server's side and then the opponent's side.
If the serve is legal except that it touches the net, it is called a **let serve**. Let serves are not scored and are reserved.

Equipment

The paddle should have a red and a black side. The ball should be either orange or white and 40 mm in size. The table should be 2.74 meters long, 1.525 m wide, and 0.76 m high.

Match

The players will play the best of **five (5)** matches per appointed time slot.

Equipment

Racquet

Made of wood, the racquet head is covered with a layer of rubber.
There are no size or weight restrictions so Table Tennis racquets are generally varied in these elements. They are colloquially referred to as paddles.

Please Note: We will provide racquets for players. Each player can bring their own racquet if they choose

Table

A Table Tennis table is 274cm long, 152cm wide and 76cm high. They generally have a dark green or blue colored wooden top, however some tables are covered in a synthetic material. The choice of table top material is not restricted but the ball must bounce 23cm when the ball is dropped from a height of 30cm.

Ball

The ball is made from a lightweight plastic weighing 2.7g. It has a diameter of 40mm and is colored white or orange depending on the color of the table.