



# TABLE TENNIS

## *Cheat Sheet*

### ROSTERS

- **Co-ed:** A full team consists of 2 players, with a minimum of 1 female
- **Open:** A full team consists of 2 players, with no female minimum
- The minimum number of players required to avoid a default is: 1 *player*

### GAME PLAY

- Teams will play two matches per night against different opponents
- Each match is a best-of-five games using a doubles format
- Games use a rally-point scoring system
  - Games are played to 21 points; but teams must win by two points (to a capped limit of 25)
- 5 combined points must be played in any game in order for the score to count
- **Regular Season:** Ties are allowed (i.e., each team wins one game)
- **Playoffs:** Ties are not allowed
  - Tiebreaker #1: Combined point differential between all games
  - Tiebreaker #2: One additional point or rally must be played to determine a winner

#### Serving

- Teams always serve from the right side of the table
- The serve must bounce once on the server's right court, and bounce again on the receiver's right court
- Teams alternate serving every two points, where each player on the team will serve one time
- The receiving team will alternate players on serve receptions
- If the serve touches the net on the way over and still lands in play, it is called a 'LET' and the ball is to be re-served
- If the serve fails to bounce on the opponent's right court or hits the net and lands out of play, a point is awarded to the receiving team

#### Rallying

- Following the serve reception, either player on the team can play the ball to any spot on the opponent's court
- Prior to returning the ball, it must touch your side of the court
- Touching the ball with your paddle hand is allowed
- A ball that grazes the edge of the table is counted as valid, even if it bounces sideways

### PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS

- Players are expected to call their own faults, which can include:
  - The server missing the ball when trying to hit it
  - Free hand touching the table or ball
  - Double-Hit or Carry
  - Hitting the ball prior to it touching your side of the table (volleying)
  - Crossing the plane of the net with a body part, paddle or clothing