



# CAMPUS RECREATION

## *Illinois State University*

### **Table Tennis RULES OF PLAY**

Please consult the Intramural Sports Participant Handbook for the complete list of Intramural Sports rules and procedures.

**International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules will be in effect except for the following modifications:**

#### **Location**

- Games will be played at the Student Fitness Center (SFC) Court C.
- Please give yourself plenty of time to get to your games ahead of schedule. Remember that all team members must be signed in and ready to play at game time to avoid a forfeit.

#### **General Information**

- Prior to Game Time:
  - Players must check in at the field they are scheduled to play. Valid IDs must be presented at check-in. Acceptable forms of IDs are:
    - Current Illinois State University student ID.
    - Current faculty/staff ID with photo ID.
- NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO is allowed at any Intramural Sports venue. Anyone found consuming alcohol or using tobacco products will be asked to leave the facility and may face additional disciplinary action. Participants who appear to be under the influence will also be asked to leave.

#### **Players**

- Singles teams shall consist of one individual, there is no gender requirement
- There will be no doubles teams
- A speaking captain must be designated for each team. They alone may appeal to the supervisor, and then only on interpretations of the rules. Games are self-officiated. Any discrepancies must be settled by team captains within 1 minute or the match will be declared a forfeit for both teams by the Competitive Sports Supervisor. If a protest occurs, the game is to be stopped immediately and proper documentation must be filled out before play resumes.

#### **Eligibility**

- Please reference the Intramural Sports Participant Handbook for any eligibility clarification.

#### **Equipment**

- No jewelry is permitted during play.
- The SFC Welcome Desk has paddles and balls available for checkout, however, participants may bring their own if they choose.
- No jewelry is permitted during play.

- You must schedule an appointment with a Competitive Sports Administrator prior to playing if you have a special equipment need (i.e. religious or medical).

### Game Regulations

- A game shall be won by the player first scoring 11 points unless both players score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player subsequently gaining a lead of two (2) points.
- Each match will be best two (2) out of three (3) games.
- Players will switch sides after each completed game.
- After each two (2) points have been scored the receiving player shall become the serving player and so on until the end of the game.
- The player serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match.
- **Games are self-officiated.** Any discrepancies must be settled by the players within 1 minute or the match will be declared a forfeit for both teams by the Competitive Sports Staff

### Grace Period

- If at game time a team is not ready for play, a 10 minute grace period will be automatically enacted.
  - Step 1 - 0 – 9:59 minutes, a team which is not ready to play will be penalized and start down 10 points in the first game and cannot receive more than a 3 sportsmanship rating.
  - Step 2 – Competitive Sports Supervisor will call forfeit at the 10 minutes if a team is not ready for play (dressed, on the court, signed in) mark and a forfeited team will receive a 0 sportsmanship rating.

Minutes Late	Penalty	Sportsmanship
0-9:59 minutes	Down 10 points game 1 (10-0)	Max 3
10 minutes	Forfeit	Max 0

### Mercy Rule

- There will be no mercy rule for Intramural Table Tennis.

### Sportsmanship

Intramural Sports has developed a sportsmanship rating system that is intended to be an objective scale utilized by the Intramural Sports team members to evaluate attitude and behavior throughout each Intramural Sports contest. After each game, the Officials will rate each team on their sportsmanship before, during, and after each Intramural Sports game. To be eligible for the playoffs each team must average a “3.5” or better throughout the regular season.

A sportsmanship rating below “3” is considered ‘unacceptable’. Any team receiving an unacceptable rating will be notified via email. Any team receiving a sportsmanship rating of “1” will be required to set up a meeting with the Intramural Sports Office prior to their next scheduled contest. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of any subsequent games. The Individual(s) who are removed from play for poor sportsmanship will receive at least a one game suspension be suspended from all Intramural Sports activity until meeting with Intramural Sports Pro Staff where further consequences may be determined.

Teams receiving an unacceptable sportsmanship rating in the playoffs will be eliminated regardless of the outcome of the game. An unacceptable rating in the playoffs will result in that team’s removal from the tournament.

#### Scale

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#### Description

Excellent Conduct and Sportsmanship - The team shows good sportsmanship and cooperates with the opposing team or Competitive Sports Team Members. There are no major complaints or conduct-related penalties. The team is under control without any need for captain intervention.

- 4 Good Conduct and Sportsmanship - The team still shows cooperation with officials and opponents but may have some complaints and grumbling. There are no blatant displays of bad attitude. The captain is in control of the team and there are no warnings, yellow cards, or conduct-related penalties.
- 3 Average Conduct and Sportsmanship - The team shows momentary lack of cooperation with officials, opponents, or supervisor. There may be consistent complaining but no excessive display of bad sportsmanship. Captain mostly has control of the team.
- 2 **This is an unacceptable rating.** Below Average Conduct and Sportsmanship - Team constantly comments to the Competitive Sports Team Members and/or opposing team from the field and/or sidelines. Poor sportsmanship may include non-verbal and verbal dissent towards Competitive Sports Team Members and/or the opposing team, which may or may not merit sport specific, conduct-related penalties.
- 1 **This is an unacceptable rating.** Poor Conduct and Sportsmanship - Captain has no control over teammates and/or themselves. Team is completely uncooperative and poorly represents themselves and the Illinois State Intramural Sports Program. Teams, including fans, receiving multiple yellow cards, a red card, unsportsmanlike penalties, technical fouls, or an ejection will receive no higher than a "1" rating.

If a team feels that they have been rated unfairly during the game, they may file a protest by emailing the Intramural Sports office at [intramuralsports@ilstu.edu](mailto:intramuralsports@ilstu.edu).