

Table Tennis - Rules and Regulations

- The referees ruling on a play is final
- The Al-Wahda Tournament Committee Officials reserve the right to modify these rules at anytime
- The Al-Wahda Tournament Committee Officials reserve the right to eject anyone, player or spectator, for questionable conduct

SINGLES

- In Singles the center line serves no purpose
- Players are expected to arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled match. Any Player not turning up on time will get a 5 minutes grace period, after which the game will be awarded to the other player

Scoring:

- Each Round Robin match will be best of 3 games
- The first player to reach 11 points wins - you must win by 2 points or first player to reach 15 points wins whichever comes first
- A point is scored after each ball is put into play
- The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides

Flow of the Match:

- The right to choose serve or side shall be decided by the winner of a rally
- Each player serves two points in a row and then the server is switched
- 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
- The player serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match
- If there is out of order serving, or if the players have not switched sides between games, once the error is discovered, the play should be interrupted right away and the error should be rectified.
- All points scored before the discovery of an error shall be corrected

Legal Serve:

- 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 re-served

Equipment:

- Each player will provide their own paddle

DOUBLES

- Players are expected to arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled match. Any Player not turning up on time will get a 5 minutes grace period, after which the game will be awarded to the other player

Scoring:

- Each Round Robin match will consist of 2 games
- The first team to reach 21 points wins - you must win by 2 points or first team to reach 25 points wins whichever comes first
- A point is scored after each ball is put into play
- The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides

Flow of the Match:

- The right to choose serve or side shall be decided by the winner of a rally
- In each game of a doubles match, the pair having the right to serve first shall choose which of them will do so and in the first game of a match the receiving pair shall decide which of them will receive first; in subsequent games of the match, the first server having been chosen, the first receiver shall be the player who served to him in the preceding game.
- The ball can only bounce on the right half portion of the table for both the [server](#) and the receiver.
- The service will alternate every two points between teams and it will also alternate between players on the same team. Once your team has finished your two serves, you swap sides with your partner. The person you were serving to now serves and your partner is the new receiver
 - At each change of service, the last receiver shall become the server and the partner of the previous server shall become the receiver. For example, a correct pattern would be:
 - Player A has played his two serves to player X
 - Player X then plays his two serves to player B
 - Player B will then play his two serves to Player Y
 - Player Y will play his two serves to Player A
 - Player A will then restart the sequence all over again and the sequence will repeat itself until a changeover or the end of the game.
- The server shall first make a good service, the receiver shall then make a good return, the partner of the server shall then make a good return, the partner of the receiver shall then make a good return and thereafter each player in turn in that sequence shall make a good return
- The player or pair serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match

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