

## **GENERAL RULES OF PADDLE TENNIS**

### **WHO SERVES FIRST:**

The right to serve first is decided by spinning the paddle. The team that does not spin has the right to call the spin.

### **SERVICE:**

In paddle you get one serve. If a player serves out of turn, the player who should be serving must take over serving from the point that the mistake is discovered. All points stand as played. If an entire game is served by the wrong player, the game score stands as played, but the order of service remains as altered so that in no case may one player on a team serve 3 games in a row,

### **LET CORDS:**

Let cords are when the ball touches the net before going over, We play let cords on serves and all through the match.

### **LINE CALLS:**

All lines are called by the receiving team. PLEASE do not argue a line call made by your opponent.

### **TOUCHING THE NET:**

It is against the rules to touch the net with any part of the body or paddle during play. A player who touches the net should call it on themselves and give the point to their opponent.

### **CARRY AND DOUBLE HIT:**

If a player deliberately carries or catches the ball in play on the paddle or deliberately touches it with the paddle more than once, it is not legal. A player that does this should call it on themselves and give the point to their opponent. Any ball struck using a continuous motion is legal.

### **BALL HITTING PLAYER:**

If a ball in play touches any part of a player's body the point is lost (by the player that is hit), even if the player is standing outside the boundaries of the court.

### **DOUBLE BOUNCE:**

If a player sees that the ball has bounced twice before it is hit, the player should call it and give the point to their opponent.

#### REACHING OVER THE NET:

The only legal exception to reaching over the net is if the ball, served or returned, hits the deck within the proper court and rebound or is blown back over the net, and the player whose turn it is to hit it reaches over the net and plays the ball. It is not against the rules to follow through over the net after hitting a ball on your side of the net, as long as you do not touch the net.

#### TIE BREAKER:

At 6 games all, begin the tiebreaker following the regular service rotation. All the players continue to serve in order and from the same side they served from during the set. You switch sides when the score totals 1, 5, 9 etc.

1. The next person to serve begins the tiebreaker in the Ad court serving one point.
2. Teams then switch sides.
3. Opposite team then serves the next 2 points starting in the deuce court.
4. When points total 5, switch sides again
5. Continue serving until one team reaches 7 points and is ahead by 2 points.
6. The set is scored at 7-6
7. The next set is started by the team who received service in the first point of the tiebreaker. They start serving from the opposite side in which they received the first point.