



# WILLIAMSON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

## *Open Play Rules for Table Tennis*

### **Facility Rules:**

#### **Governing Body:**

The governing body of Open Play Table Tennis in all of the Williamson County Parks and Recreation complexes will be the Athletics Superintendent or the assigned representative.

Items not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Athletics Superintendent or his/her assigned staff.

#### **Player Conduct:**

Un-sportsmanlike conduct of any kind will not be tolerated.

Profanity of any manner is strictly prohibited.

Any violation may result in loss of table tennis privileges.

#### **Eligibility:**

Open Play is for all players of any level or experience.

All players must sign in at the front desk and pay the entry fee at time of sign in at the WCPR Recreation facilities. Academy Park sign in and entry fee payment will be at the gym entrance.

Any player that is under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

## **Dress:**

Only non-marking soled shoes are allowed on the court. No open-toed shoes will be allowed. No black soled shoes.

No white shirts. Please wear shirts that will be in contrast to the ball in play.

No alcoholic beverages, soft drinks or sport drinks are allowed on the courts. WATER is allowed in an appropriate container. No Glass is allowed.

## **Order of Play:**

### **Scoring**

A match is played as best 3 of 5 games. 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.

The center lines are used in doubles play only.

### **Flow of the match**

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

### **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 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 m long, 1.525 m wide, and 0.76 m high.

### **Calling on a Table:**

If a table is called on while the table is being used, the player that is using the table must choose to play a match or practice at the time of the call. If a practice is chosen, then that practice can only be a maximum of 15 minutes. After this, the player must sit down and get back into the rotation.

If any of the players do not wish to play the challenger when a challenge is declared, this must be spoken clearly to the challenger. At this time a MATCH or PRACTICE MUST START. After the match (win or lose), or after the 15 minute practice, the player or players must leave the table; and the challenger or challengers will take their place.

The WCPR Table Tennis Supervisor may at his/her discretion CALL a 2 out of 3 format to be played in order to decrease the waiting period between playing.

**Any rules not covered under the WCPR Facility Rules in regard to rules of table tennis play will fall under the Official Table Tennis Rules by the ITTF or the USATT.**

### **You can see the current Official Table Tennis Rules by the International Table Tennis Federation:**

[https://www.ittf.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019ITTFHandbook\\_v2.pdf](https://www.ittf.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019ITTFHandbook_v2.pdf)

### **For the current USATT Rules:**

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Features/2016/September/27/USATT-Rules-of-Table-Tennis>

### **For information regarding the Nashville Table Tennis Club:**

<https://nashvilletabletennisclub.org/>