

SPANDAN 2022

TABLE TENNIS

SINGLES

The below mentioned rules are applicable to men's singles and women's singles.

Service Rules:

- During the service, the server has to toss the ball at least 15 cm (approximately 6 inches) above the table.
- The ball has to bounce first on the same side of the table and then on the other side of the table. ➤ The tossing of the ball should take place behind the table and above the surface of the table. ➤ During the entire duration of tossing and hitting of the ball on a player's bat, it should be in complete vision of the opponent. Hiding the serve behind one's body is not allowed.
- In singles matches, the service need not be a cross court service.
- A player will be given two warnings if he/she serves the ball without tossing it properly. If the third violation of this type occurs, then the opponent will be awarded a point.
- Each player will be given two services at a time. The service will alternate between the two players.
- After tossing the ball, the ball should directly hit the racket. If the player fails to hit the ball, that is, the ball lands on the table or on the floor, or the player catches the ball in his hand then the opponent will be awarded a point.
- Other standard game rules will apply.

Scoring:

- The matches before the round of 16 will consist of three sets of 11 points each (extended to deuce if necessary). The player who wins the maximum number of sets (2 out of 3) will be the winner of the match.
- The matches in the round of 16, quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals will consist of 5 sets of 11 points each (extended to deuce if necessary). The player who wins the maximum number of sets (3 out of 5) will be the winner of the match.
- Deciding set: When the scorer of the set reaches five points, the sides will be changed.

Fouls:

- During the play the player can touch the table with his racket or other body part provided the table does not move and the game is not disturbed. If the gameplay is disturbed in any way, the opponent will be awarded a point.
- The free hand (the hand which is not holding the racket) cannot touch the table at all. If this happens, then a point will be awarded to the opponent.
- A player can take a maximum of 1 timeout for each match. The duration of the timeout is 1 minute.
- The practice time before the start of the match is limited to two minutes.

DOUBLES

The below mentioned rules are applicable to men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Service:

The service is exactly the same as in singles with one exception. Instead of the ball bouncing anywhere on the table, it must bounce only on the right half portion of the table for both the server and the receiver. (Right Cross Court)

Sequence of Game Play:

The server shall first make a service, the receiver shall return the ball, then the partner of the server shall return, then the partner of the receiver shall return and thereafter each player in turn in that sequence shall return hit the ball.

Example:

A&B vs X&Y

- Player A serves to player X who then returns the ball. Player B must then play the next shot and player Y must return the ball hit by B and so on.

A->X->B->Y->A->.....

If a team is unable to follow this order, then a point will be given to the opponent team. ➤ Before the start of a doubles match, the pair having the right to serve first shall choose who among the two of them will serve and the receiving pair shall decide who among the two of them will receive first and the side of the table they want to start the play from.

- In subsequent sets of the match, after the server is chosen, the receiver will be the player who served to the chosen server in the preceding set.
- At the start of the match, let's assume A decides serve first and X elects to receive first.
 - Start of Set 1: A serves to X
 - Start of Set 2: X serves to A
 - Start of Set 3: B serves to Y
 - Start of Set 4: Y serves to B
 - Start of Set 5: A serves to X

Scoring:

- The matches before the round of 8 will consist of three sets of 11 points each (extended to deuce if necessary). The team which wins the maximum number of sets (2 out of 3) will be the winner of the match.
- The matches in the round of 8 (quarterfinals), semifinals, and finals will consist of 5 sets of 11 points each (extended to deuce if necessary). The team which wins the maximum number of sets (3 out of 5) will be the winner of the match.
- Deciding set: If the game goes to the deciding set, after five points are scored by any of the team, the teams shall switch the ends of the table and also the receiving pair must change their order of receiving.

EXTREME CASES OF MISCONDUCT

- In extreme cases, the player at fault will be given a warning followed by a disqualification from all table tennis events of Spandan 2022.
- The power to execute this lies with the SPOCs. Both the SPOCs have to agree before disqualifying a player from the tournament.
- During severe cases of rule violation or misbehavior, the player may directly dis-qualified from all the table tennis events of the fest without a warning.