

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TABLE TENNIS (ONLY SINGLES):

1. GAMES ARE PLAYED TO 11 POINTS
2. ALTERNATE SERVES EVERY TWO POINTS
3. TOSS THE BALL STRAIGHT UP WHEN SERVING
4. THE SERVE CAN LAND ANYWHERE IN SINGLES
5. A SERVE THAT TOUCHES THE NET ON THE WAY OVER IS A "LET"
 - ◆ Can the ball hit the net in ping pong? Yes, during a RALLY, if it touches the top of the net and then otherwise lands as a legitimate hit. BUT not when serving. If a served ball hits the net on the way over and otherwise legally bounces in play, it's a "let" serve and is done over. There is no limit on how many times this can happen.
6. VOLLEYS ARE NOT ALLOWED
 - ◆ Can you hit the ball before it bounces in ping pong? No. In regular tennis you may "volley" the ball (hitting the ball before it bounces on your side of the net). But in table tennis, this results in a point for your opponent. NOTE: When your opponent hits a ball that sails over your end of the table without touching it and then hits you or your paddle, that is still your point.
7. IF YOUR HIT BOUNCES BACK OVER THE NET BY ITSELF IT IS YOUR POINT
 - ◆ If you hit the ball in a rally or on a serve and it bounces back over the net after hitting your opponent's side of the table (due to extreme spin), without your opponent touching it, that is your point.
8. TOUCHING THE BALL WITH YOUR PADDLE HAND IS ALLOWED
9. YOU MAY NOT TOUCH THE TABLE WITH YOUR NON-PADDLE HAND
10. AN "EDGE" BALL BOUNCING OFF THE HORIZONTAL TABLE TOP SURFACE IS GOOD
11. HONOUR SYSTEM APPLIES TO DISAGREEMENTS
 - ◆ If no referee is present during a match and the players disagree on a certain call, the "honour system" applies and the players should find a way to agree, or play the point over. Ping pong carries a tradition of fierce but fair play. Help us keep it that way