**Simplified Rules of Table Tennis:**

* First team to 11 points wins. You must win by 2.
* Server must present ball in open palm. Lift ball 6 inches.
* Serve must bounce once on server’s side then once on receiver’s side.
* Server may start on either side and hit to either side in a singles game.
* In doubles, server must serve from right side of the table to the opposite box diagonally across.
* For each service, the server serves the ball twice then possession of the ball switches.
* Points are scored by who ever does not make a fault on a rally. It does not matter who is serving.
* The ball can never bounce twice on one side.
* You cannot volley the ball if it has a chance to land on the table. It must bounce first. If it is going over the end line of the table and then the ball is volleyed back into play, the rally continues. However, tactically you would not want to hit the ball because it will be your point.
* A “let” is if the ball hits the net on a serve. The server is allowed to “re-do” the serve. It does not count for the two serves, it is a “re-do”.
* If the ball hits the net during a rally and goes over to the oppositions side they must play the ball.
* You must always say the serving score before serving. (your score vs. your opponents score)
* When it is not your ball you are supposed to toss the ball over the net rather than hit it across.
* You are to never put your free hand on the table during game play.
* You are not allowed to sit, lean, or lay on the tables.

**DOUBLES: When playing with a partner.**

* Players alternate hitting the ball between rallies. If you hit the ball, your partner must hit the next ball.
* In doubles, server must serve from right side of the table to the opposite box diagonally across to the oppositions right side table.
* If the ball lands on a line is considered “in”.
* In doubles, at each change of service the previous receiver shall become the server and the partner of the previous server shall become the receiver. This means that to meet the doubles table tennis rules, you must follow the correct sequence throughout each game. For example, after the player has played its two A serves the player X, X player plays his player serves two B. Player B then plays his two serves to player and then the player and will play his two serves for player A. player then restarts the sequence again and the sequence is repeated until the end of that game.



**Doubles Service Rotation: ------------🡪**

\*\* Remember the RECEIVER becomes the

next SERVER. The previous server’s team

switches positions.

**CUE RULES FOR DOUBLES ONLY:**

* Alternate hits
* The receiver becomes the server &

switch receiver.

* Serve from the right diagonally

cross-court to opponent.