

RULES

1. General

- a) Teams are in pairs and the same pair stays together throughout the tournament.
- b) Each court has four Giant Racquets and up to four balls. The racquets must remain on the same court throughout all games.
- c) Each game lasts 10 minutes.
- d) The first ball may not be served until the bell has sounded or umpire indicates play to start and play ceases on the sound of the bell, except that if a rally in progress when the bell rings, the rally is to be completed and scoring will count.

2. Serving

- a) Players toss for the first serve,
- b) The winner plays on the left side of the umpire and has the first service.
- c) The server can bounce the ball on the ground and serve underarm – this is recommended.
- d) A legal serve will be completed when the server, standing behind the service line, hits the ball into the opposing service box on the other side of the net. “Lets” do not apply, its where the ball lands that counts.
- e) There is no second serve if first serve is a “fault”.

3. Scoring

- a) One point scored on every serve.
- b) That is a point is awarded to the server if they win that serve, if they lose the serve, the point is awarded to the receiving team.
- c) Play and scoring are numerical (as in Table Tennis) and the winning team is the one with the highest points tally when the final bell sounds.
- d) In the event scores are tied in the rounds other than the finals, no play off is required as the points for each team are added to the teams cumulative points
- e) If the scores are equal in the grand final, the team that served first at the start of the game serves one serve. Service is then swapped to the opposing team who have two serves, then teams continue to have two serves each until one team has a margin of three points, at which stage they are declared the winner.

4. Serving order

- a. All players must serve in sequence.
- b. Player 1 of team A serves two consecutive serves from the forehand side of the Court
- c. The serve then goes to the opposite (Backhand) side of the court for player 1 of Team B
- d. Player 1 of Team B then serves twice.
- e. The serve then goes back to the first side of the Court for player 2 (Backhand Side) of Team A to serve twice.
- f. Play continues along these lines until the referee calls the game as finished.

5. Umpire's decisions

- a) The Umpire's decision on all matters is final including on when a ball is deemed to be in or out, a serve is good etc etc.

6. Other

- a) In general play, the back lines are used for the game apart from serves, as are the doubles lines.
- b) Players do not change ends unless the referee deems the wind to be too advantageous to one end on the day. In that case, the change will occur at five minutes.