

Classic Hardbat Rules

Paddle Covers

- A list of approved and acceptable Hardbat covers can be found at ClassicHardbat.com.
- The list is not all-inclusive.
- Covers do not need to be different colors like in table tennis.
- All final approval of covers in a tournament is the sole decision of the Tournament Director.

Blades

- The blades must be all-wood; no carbon and no fiber

Game Scoring

- will be played to 11, 15, or 21 points
 - When games are to 11 you alternate serves every 2 points.
 - When games are to 15, you alternate serves every 5 points.
 - When games are to 21 you alternate serves every 5 points.
- When the score is 'deuce' you alternate serves every point.
- In the deciding games, you switch sides at 5 points, 7 points, and 10 points respectively.

Winning

- You must win by two points.

Serving

- Toss the ball straight up a minimum of 6 inches.
- In singles, the ball can land anywhere.
- In doubles, it must be played to the right court.
- If the serve hits the net, a 'let' is played. There are no limit to the number of 'lets'.
- Serving must start from behind the table.

Doubles

- players must alternate hitting.

Volleys

- hitting the ball before it bounces is not allowed.

Edge Shots

- Hitting the top edge of the table is part of the point.
- Hitting the side is not.
- The referee will decide subjectively. If no agreement, the point is replayed.

Coaching

- Is allowed during matches.

Timeout

- Each player is allowed one 60-second timeout per game.

During the Point

- Your paddle hand may touch the ball during the point.
- The hand is defined as fingers and palm ABOVE the wrist.
- The ball touching your non-playing hand is a loss of the point.
- Your BODY - may NOT touch the TABLE during the point. It is a loss of the point.

Warmup

- Players are allowed 2 minutes of warmup before starting the match.

Serve and Side

- Choice is determined by head or tails or one player hiding the ball.
 - The winner determines serve or side.
 - The loser determines what remains.

Uniform

- Clothing colors are optional as long as they are not white.

Ball Color

- Must be white or yellow

Age Events - Approved by the ICTTF are as follows:

- Under 18 (Junior)
- Under 22 (Student)
- Over 40
- Over 55 (Senior)
- Over 70
- Over 80
- Over 90
- Over 100

Age of Players

- Juniors are determined as of January 1 of the current year. For example, was the player UNDER 18 on Jan 1?
- For Seniors, age is determined as of December 31 of the current year. Will the player be OVER 60 on December 31?

Rating and Rankings of Players

- The official rating of each player is calculated by the ICTTF. Official ICTTF Ratings are available at ClassicTableTennis.com.
- Ranking and/or seeding of the player at the cutoff date for entry into the tourney as determined by the Director.
- ALL match results MUST be submitted to ICTTF via email HardBatPingPong@gmail.com.

Para Classifications and Events

- the Olympic Classifications are used <https://www.paralympic.org/table-tennis/classification>