

## Classic Sandpaper Rules

### Sandpaper Covers

- Sandpaper covers allow grits between 200-400.
- 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

- Games will be played to 15. You need not win by two points. A game can be won 15-14.

### Alternating

- When games are played to 15, you alternate serves every 2 serves.

### Switching

- In the deciding games, you switch sides at 7 points.

### Serving

- Each player may declare a 'Power Ball' once during a 3-game match and twice during a 5-game match.
- A 'Power Ball' must be clearly announced to the umpire and/or opponent.
- A different color ball is typically used.
  - When the server wins, they receive 2 points.
  - When the receiver wins, they receive 1 point.
- A game may NOT be won using a 'Power Ball'; therefore, it may not be used when the server already has more than 12 points. Alternating is maintained regardless of score.

### 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.

### Warmup

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Ball Color

- Must be white or yellow
- Power Balls need not be white or yellow.

### Age Events

- 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?

### Player Rating and Ranking

- Official ICTTF ratings will be used.
- Rankings at the tournament entry deadline as determined by the Director.
- Official rankings are available at [ClassicTableTennis.com](http://ClassicTableTennis.com).
- ALL match results MUST be submitted to ICTTF via email [HardBatPingPong@gmail.com](mailto:HardBatPingPong@gmail.com)

### Para Classifications and Events

- we use the Olympic Classification - <https://www.paralympic.org/table-tennis/classification>