

## Classic Wood Rules

### **Wood Frames**

- All wood frames must be made of all-wood; no carbon and no fiber.
- All final approval of Frames in a tournament is the sole decision of the Tournament Director.

### **Match (Timber Rules)**

- the first two games are played to 15. 15-14 is an acceptable score.
- A 3rd game is played if nobody has a total of 30 points.
- In the 'decisive' game, the game ends when a player accumulates 30 points in total. The 3rd game score could be 7-6 as an example.

### **Serving**

- Throw the ball 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 service hits the net, a 'let' is played. There is no limit to how many 'lets'.
- Service must start from behind the table.

### **Alternate**

- Every 2 points or serves

### **Doubles**

- Players must alternate hitting.

### **Volleys**

- it is not allowed to hit the ball before it bounces.

### **Edge Shots**

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

### **Coaching**

- is allowed during matches.

### **Time Out**

- Each player is entitled to a time limit of 60 seconds per game

### **Warm-up**

- you are entitled to a 2-minute warm-up before starting the match.

### **During the Point**

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

### **Serve and side**

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

### **Uniform**

- Clothing colors are optional.

### **Ball color**

- must be white or yellow.

### **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)

### **Player's Age**

- Juniors are determined from January 1st of the current year. For example, was the player under 18 on January 1st?
- For Seniors, age is determined from December 31st of the current year. Will the player be over 60 on December 31st?

### **Age Events**

- Under 18 (Junior)
- Under 22 (Student)
- Over 40
- Over 55 years old
- Above 70
- Above 80
- More than 90
- More than 100

### **Para Events**

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

## Honor System

- If no referee is present during a match and players disagree on a given decision, the "honor system" applies and players must find a way to agree or play the point again. Ping Pong carries on a tradition of fierce but fair play. Help us keep it that way!

## Discipline

- **WARNING**
  - A verbal warning and will inform the athlete of the reason for the warning.
- **YELLOW CARD:**
  - The referee shows the yellow card and this results in the offender losing a point by adding a point to the opponent.
  - The service sequence is also added so as not to disturb the normal service sequence.
  - Up to 2 yellow cards may be given in a game, if there is a need for a **THIRD CARD, IT WILL MEAN A RED CARD AND EXPULSION OF THE ATHLETE FROM THE GAME AND THE REST OF THE COMPETITION.**
- **RED CARD**
  - The referee can directly use the direct card in case of an act of serious indiscipline by an athlete in case of serious offense to the referee, opponent or fans, as a result of game situation resulting from a third yellow card.
- **BLUE CARD**
  - This is an extra-game disciplinary card, it must be applied for delays of the athlete to present himself to the game table within the deadline or
  - in cases of indiscipline with other athletes, referees or competition directors outside the game, but inside from the court area the competition takes place.
  - The card will always be given by the main referee or by the competition directors. After being called the game and the athletes, they will have up to 5 minutes to go to the indicated table or they will be subject to the blue card.
  - This card punishes the player with 2 points at the beginning of each set of the match to start, or in case of an extra game situation, in his next match of the competition.