# Research Park Table Tennis Tournament 2023 Rules

### Winning

- A match of table tennis is won by winning games.
  - Round-robin: 4 matches, 1 game per match.
  - Knockout: Single elimination, best-of-3 games per match.
  - Finals: best-of-5 games.
- A game of table tennis is won by a player scoring 11 points.
  - Rally scoring: 1 point is awarded for each infringement.
  - If the points are tied at 10-10, a player must strive for a 2-point lead to win the game.

#### Serving

- A table tennis match begins with the referee conducting a coin-toss. The winner may serve the ball first <u>**OR**</u> choose the side of the table they'd like to play from.
- Each player serves twice in a row and then switch server. However, if a score of 10-10 is reached in any game, then each server serves only once before switching server.
  - Knockout & Finals: After each game, the players switch side of the table.
- The ball must rest on an open hand palm. Then it must be tossed up and struck so that it first bounces on the server's side and then the opponent's side.
- If the serve is legal except that it touches the net, it is called a let serve. Let serves are not scored and must be replayed.

# Contact

- The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides.
- If anytime during the game any part of the player's body touches the table, then the respective point will be given to the opponent.

## Golden Paddle Tournament Point System

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 5 points towards company.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 3 points towards company.

3<sup>rd</sup> place 1 point towards company. There will be two 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

The Referee's Decision is <u>FINAL</u>. No arguments, no disputes.