

Table Tennis Tournament Rules & Information Spring 2008

Team Registration:

To register, individuals must submit an entry form and pay their entry fee at the front desk of the Wellness Center by 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Entries will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Late entries may not be accepted due to facility and time constraints. Individuals who enter late may request to be placed on the "Waiting List."

Entry Fee:

All students, student spouses, and Wellness Center members who wish to participate will be required to pay a \$5 entry fee. All other participants will be required to pay a \$10 entry fee. **Refunds will not be granted after the initial schedule has been posted.** Fees may be transferred to a different session or program upon the approval of the Wellness Center.

Activity Format:

1. Individuals will play a 5 match regular season followed by a single-elimination tournament.
2. Matches will be played from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm, starting on Monday, March 24, 2008.
3. Divisions: Both Men's and Women's leagues will be offered. Divisions are open to all currently enrolled MCG students and their spouses; presently employed MCG faculty, staff, housestaff, post-doctoral fellows, and residents; and Wellness Center Members.

General Information:

1. Schedules for the season will be available by 2:00pm on Friday, March 21th.
2. Games will be scheduled for Monday nights, but participants may reschedule at their convenience. To reschedule a match, the individual making the request must contact the IM Sports office and the opponent to set a date and time. **All reschedules must take place within the week of the original contest date.**
3. Games will be played at the Student Center game room.
4. All participants are required to present valid picture identification to the opposing player prior to EACH game or contest. If a participant fails to present the picture ID, he/she will not be eligible to participate. It is the sole responsibility of the participants to verify ID's.
5. No individual will be allowed to compete who is suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Play will be governed by the U.S.A.T.T. Rules. The following are modifications and highlights of these rules.

I. Equipment:

- A. Paddles and balls will be provided by the Intramural Sports Department.
- B. All players are required to wear court shoes.

II. The Game:

- A. Scoring
 - a. Games will be played to 11 points with a two point advantage.
 - b. Points are awarded after each rally, regardless of which player served the ball.
 - c. A match consists of winning the best 3 out of 5 games
- B. A player shall lose the point:
 - a. if he/she fails to make a good service.
 - b. if he/she or his/her paddle touches the net or its supports while the ball is in play.
 - c. if he/she or his/her paddle moves the table while the ball is in play.

- d. if his/her opponent makes a good service or good return, and he/she fails to make a good return.
 - e. if his/her free hand touches the table while the ball is in play.
- C. Service
- a. A "volley for serve" determines which player serves first. Players will then alternate serving first in the other games. If a fifth game is necessary, another "volley for serve" will decide which player will serve first.
 - b. Participants will **alternate service every two points**. Service does not change at match point.
 - c. If the score becomes 10 to 10, players will alternate serves after each point.
 - d. A serve must bounce once on the server's side and then cross the net and bounce anywhere on the receiver's side.
 - e. A "let" occurs if:
 - i. a served ball touches the net or its supports while passing over the net and otherwise would have been a good serve.
 - ii. the ball splits or becomes fractured during a rally
- D. The Table Tennis Tournament is self-officiated. The Intramural Coordinator shall have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.

III. Injured Player:

- A. Any player who is bleeding, oozing body fluids, has an open wound or has an excessive amount of blood on their clothing shall be considered an injured player. Such player may not return to the game until the situation is corrected.

IV. Participant and Spectator Conduct:

- A. All players and spectators will be held to a reasonable standard of conduct and fair play. Violators of this standard will be subject to sport-specific penalties, and/or possible removal from the facility and future Intramural Sports events.
- B. Individuals who identify themselves as a spectator for intramural events at the Wellness Center must meet the following requirements before having access to the facility.
 - a. Access will be provided at no cost to the spectator.
 - b. The spectator must be accompanied by a MCG student or Wellness Center member for entrance into the facility.
 - c. All spectators and their sponsor must sign-in at the front desk.
 - d. Spectators under the age of 18 may attend only if accompanied and directly supervised by a parent or guardian who is NOT participating in the observed contest.