## **Doubles Ping Pong Rules**

## Terms

<u>Alternate Hitting</u> - Each time the ball passes over the net it must be struck by a different player in doubles. Partners must alternate hitting the ball in doubles.

Doubles Play - Two players on each side play as a team.

<u>Game</u> - Shall be won by the team who first scores 11 points or if both teams score is 10 then it's who ever wins by two.

<u>Good return</u> - A ball that is struck so that it passes directly over or around the net and lands on the table.

<u>Let</u> - During the serve the ball hits the top of the net and lands in the correct service court. A let serve is re-served.

<u>Match</u> - A match consists of one game, the best of three games or the best of five games.

Point - The ball is not returned or does not land on the table during a rally.

Rally - The period during which the ball is moving from one half of the table across the net to the other.

<u>Serve</u> - The server strikes the ball held in an open hand so that it first touches the server's right court and after crossing the net, strikes the receiver's right court.

<u>Volley</u> - A ball that travels over the net and does not land on the table before striking the floor or someone's paddle. A volley is NOT LEGAL in ping pong. The team that has a volley loses the point.

## Rules

When beginning the game of ping pong, the server serves 2 times from the right court. The person receiving the serve will be come the next server. As soon as the server completes his term of service, he changes places with his partner. The ball is served 2 times by each player until one team reaches 11.

During play, a player may not touch the table with any part of their body or clothing. If this happens during play a point will be scored by the team not committing the fault.

When the server is ready to serve, the ball shall be placed on the palm of the free hand, which must be held still. The service shall begin when the server throws

the ball into the air so that their opponent can see the ball. It shall then be struck so that it touches the server's court and then passes over the net to the opponent's court. If the ball is missed when attempting to serve, it is a point for the other team.

All lines are considered in. The side edge of the table is out.