# **Table Tennis Rules**

<u>ALL</u> rules are governed by the USA Table Tennis (USATT) & International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) unless otherwise stated.

## **SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT:**

- All players must check-in with the front desk staff in the KWRC building (Rec. Center).
- There will be a Table Tennis Folder at the front desk. You will need a **TAMIU ID** to check the equipment.
- Once your match is complete, both players will return <u>ALL</u> equipment and fill out a blank score sheet with the completed results.

### **SCHEDULING:**

- All participants (both Singles & Doubles) will be placed in pools of 3 and are guaranteed 2 matches during the regular season.
- A forfeit will be assessed to player(s) who do not show up by the deadlines as indicated on the schedule.
- All league games will begin at their scheduled time; therefore, there is **NO** 10-minute grace period for forfeits. <u>GAME TIME</u> is <u>FORFEIT TIME</u> due the amount of participants and time constraints for the league.
- <u>ANY</u> incomplete score sheets will be considered a <u>DOUBLE FORFEIT</u> for both players. Make sure that both players sign the score sheet confirming the score and place it into the folder.

### **PLAYING FORMAT:**

- A match consists of the best of 3 series or ½ hour, whichever comes first.
- To win a game, a player must reach 21 points and must win by 2 points.
- Players will alternate serves after every 5 points scored. Players are allowed 1 extra serve after a missed serve. A missed serve is defined as the ball hitting the net on a serve.
- **<u>IF</u>** the score is tied at 20 points a piece, <u>**THEN**</u> the serve changes from 5 serves to 2 serves per person until a winner is declared.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- It is the RESPONSIBILITY of each participant to get in touch with each other's opponent for a re-schedule match.
- If you wish to re-schedule a match between yourself and your opponent, you must have the match completed by your next scheduled contest (this is to ensure proper seeding for playoffs). Also, if you do re-schedule a match with an opponent, there is <u>NO</u> guarantee a table will be scheduled for you. The league has priority over the tables during its scheduled time <u>ONLY</u>.
  <u>ALL</u> other times are designated as <u>OPEN</u> to the patrons of the recreational center.
- All names & phone numbers will be available at the front desk in the Table Tennis Folder.
- Any participant who forfeits twice during pool play will <u>NOT</u> advance to the single elimination playoff bracket.

<sup>\*</sup>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, <a href="mailto:ssayward@tamiu.edu">ssayward@tamiu.edu</a>, or by phone at ext. 3016. Good luck.\*