

**Table Tennis Rules
IU South Bend
Intramural Sports**

Current USTTA Rules will govern table tennis play except for the following modifications.

I. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. All students, faculty/staff and Alumni who are matriculated, registered, and paying IUSB tuition for classes and all SAC fees are eligible.
2. Every student will be required to present his/her valid IUSB ID card to the game official prior to the start of the tournament.

II. RULES

1. A coin toss determines who is to serve. The winner may elect to play at either end of the table, or to serve or receive. The loser is allowed the alternate choice.
2. On the serve, the ball shall be placed in the palm of the flat hand about the level of the playing surface. The ball should be tossed upwards at least 6 inches, with no spin, and struck as it is descending.
3. A serve that touches the net and proceeds over into the opposing team's side is considered a let. The server will then receive another attempt to serve. There is no limitation to the number of lets permitted per service.
4. Each player serves 2 consecutive points then receives 2 consecutive points.
5. Players shall switch sides after each game.
6. The player who served first in game one shall receive the first serve in the second game. The rotation continues at the start of each subsequent game.
7. Matches are best 3-out-of-5 games. Each game is to 11 points.
8. If the score reaches 10-10, the service changes after each point until one player gains a two-point advantage.
9. A shot is no good when it hits the side edge of the table below the white line.
10. No sandpaper covered paddles are allowed.
11. A player or his racket may not touch the net, its supports, or the playing surface while the ball is in play. The player shall lose the point.