

# TABLE TENNIS SINGLES TOURNAMENT- FALL 2009

## TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax/Pager Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

League: Men's Women's  
 Circle a Preferred Start Time: Before 7:30 After 8:30 An  
 Games are played: Wednesday & Thursday  
 Tournament begins: Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Preferred 1<sup>st</sup> game time: *(Please note preferences are not guaranteee*  
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**TEAM ENTRY FEE:**

\$3.00 for UT-Houston Students and Current Rec Members *(\*Must be current during league participation)*  
 \$5.00 for all Other Teams (must be affiliated with UT/TMC) **MAXIMUM 16 Men & 8 Women and at lea**  
**(4 Men/4 Women) to make tournament. (on a first registered basis)**

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Registration opens Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Turn in your registration form b  
 or before 6pm Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to the Recreation Center at 7779 Knight Road and sign up for your  
 desired 1<sup>st</sup> game time with the front desk staff. **PLAYERS MUST SELECT A DESIRED TIME WHEN**  
**TURNING IN THE REGISTRATION FORM!** Otherwise a player risks the chance of not playing at thei  
 desired time or not being entered in the tournament. **Choosing a desired game time is not guaranteed**  
**you will receive this game time however this helps with scheduling.**

**(If the tournament makes) PAYMENT IS DUE AND WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM**  
**WEDNESDAY, October 21<sup>st</sup> - TUESDAY, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. IF NO PAYMENT IS**  
**RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE A E-MAIL WILL BE SENT INFORMING PLAYERS OF**  
**THEIR ELIMANATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**

**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:** The table tennis singles tournament will be either a single  
 elimination or consolation tournament. All games will be played on the Recreation Center table tennis tables  
 @ 7779 Knight Road. All UT-Houston Students, Current Rec members, and all Other Teams (must be  
 affiliated with UT/TMC) are eligible to play. Depending on how many players enter all games will be played  
 each Wednesday & Thursday starting @ 6:00 p.m. and last game @ 9:30 p.m. until the tournament is  
 completed. **All teams must be prepared to play both October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**SCHEDULES/RULES/AWARDS:** The table tennis tournament schedule & rules will be e-mailed to eac  
 player Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> by 12:00 p.m. All participants will officiate themselves, gentleman's rules  
 apply. Participants must sign a waiver before game time. The winner of the tournament will receive a  
 Rec Sports championship t-shirt and take picture for our Rec Sports wall and web site!

**For more information please call Kelly McNamara @**  
**713-500-8422 or e-mail [Kelly.McNamara@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Kelly.McNamara@uth.tmc.edu)**

**(Registration opens September 28<sup>th</sup> - PAYMENT ACCEPTED ONLY FROM OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> - OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**Office Use Only:** Date/Time Rcv'd: Staff Initials: *(Place registration forms in the Rec Sports folder)*

# ***Fall 2009 - Table Tennis Tournament Rules & Regulations***

## **Format:**

- The format for the Table Tennis Singles Tournament will be as such: there will be pool play matches consisting of 2,3, or 4 participants. For the 2-team pools, both players will advance; for 3-team pools, the top 2 players advance; for 4-team pools, the top 3 players advance.
- The total number of matches required to win the tournament will depend on the number of entries.
- An individual's placement in the single-elimination bracket is completely random.

## **Equipment:**

- Paddles and balls will be provided per table. Players are encouraged to bring their own equipment.
- No sandpaper covered paddles are allowed.

## **The Game:**

- A coin toss or paddle spin 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.
- Matches are best 2-out-of-3 games or who ever is winning at 25 minutes; whichever comes first. Each game is to 15 points. In the event of tie, a new game will begin with a coin toss. The first player to 5 wins, alternating service will take place.
- 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, with no spin, and struck as it is descending.
- 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.
- Each player serves 5 consecutive times and the opponent serves 5 consecutive times, etc until 15 points are accumulated.
- Players shall switch sides after each game. In the 3rd game, the players shall switch ends when someone reaches the score of 5.
- 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.
- If the score reaches 14-14, the service changes after each point until one player gains a two-point advantage.
- A shot is no good when it hits the side edge of the table below the white line.
- 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.



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## Table Tennis Individual Sports Activities Waiver

The University urges all participants in athletic and instructional activities to act in such a manner as to protect their own safety and the safety of others. The University further requires that all persons who participate sign the following agreement prior to taking part in the activity.

I fully understand that my participation in any of the UTHSC-H Recreation Center program activities is purely voluntary. I desire to participate and agree to act in a reasonable and prudent manner under the circumstances further understand that any University staff in attendance will be acting in an individual capacity only and will not be present as a University official or to ensure the safety of participants.

As a condition to my participation in the activity, I waive and release the State of Texas, The University of Texas System, The University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston and their Regents, officers, employees and agents from any claim that I may have for any damage to property or injury to my person that may result in whole or in part from my participation in the activity.

I understand that the University does not either expressly or impliedly require my participation in this activity. If I am a University employee, I do not consider the activity within the scope and course of my employment with the University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston.

Return this form by or before first game, to the league coordinator in person or mail to REC 182.

***I certify that I am affiliated with and meet eligibility requirements for participation in the Rec Sports program.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature