

# USATT Rules of Table Tennis

## 1. Applicability

- 1.1. This document, the *USATT Rules of Table Tennis*, shall apply to competition sanctioned by USATT, except for competition which is required to follow the ITTF rules.

## 2. Adoption of ITTF Rules

- 2.1. The ITTF *Laws of Table Tennis* and the ITTF *Regulations for International Competitions* shall apply, unless superseded by an amendment in this document.

## 3. USATT Amendments to the ITTF Laws

- 3.1. The ITTF *Laws of Table Tennis* shall apply, with the amendments in this section.

### 3.2. A Point

- 3.2.1. Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point

- 3.2.1.1. if an opponent deliberately disturbs the conditions of play in a way which could affect the outcome of the rally.

## 4. USATT Amendments to the ITTF Regulations

- 4.1. The ITTF *Regulations for International Competitions* shall apply, with the amendments in this section.

### 4.2. Approved and Authorised Equipment

- 4.2.1. The entry form or prospectus for all tournaments shall specify the brands and colours of table, net assembly and ball to be used. All such equipment must be of brands and types currently approved by either the ITTF or USATT.

- 4.2.2. The covering material on a side of the blade shall be currently authorised by either the ITTF or USATT and shall be attached to the blade so that the ITTF or USATT logo, as well as the supplier and brand names, are clearly visible nearest the handle.

### 4.3. Playing Conditions

- 4.3.1. The playing space shall be rectangular and not less than 9.2m long, 4.6m wide (30ft long, 15ft wide) and 5m high.

- 4.3.2. The light intensity, measured at the height of the playing surface, shall be at least 300 lux in the entire playing area.

- 4.3.3. The flooring may be of rubber, rubberized synthetic material, wood, tile or concrete. The entry form or prospectus shall specify the type of flooring to be used.

### 4.4. Intervals

- 4.4.1. In an individual event the request for a time-out may be made by the player or pair or by the designated adviser; in a team event it may be made by the player or pair or anyone authorised to be at the playing area.

### 4.5. Advice

- 4.5.1. Players may receive advice only during the intervals between games or during authorised suspension of play, and not between the end of practice and the start of a match; if any authorised person gives advice illegally the umpire shall hold up a yellow card to warn him or her that any further such offence will result in his or her dismissal from the playing area.
- 4.6. Seeding
  - 4.6.1. Seeding shall follow the order of the latest ranking list published by USATT at the time of the initial draw of the competition.
  - 4.6.2. Unrated players may be seeded by estimated ranking, at the discretion of the Referee.
  - 4.6.3. Exceptionally, seeding may utilize ITTF ranking points, ITTF rating points, or a combination of ITTF points and USATT rankings, at the discretion of the Referee.
  - 4.6.4. In the event that there is a tie in ranking, the tie shall be broken by lot unless otherwise specified by the tournament management committee.
- 4.7. Alterations to the Draw
  - 4.7.1. Vacancies in round robin groups may be filled by moving or adding players, at the Referee's discretion.