



General rules

- Paddle-tennis is always played in doubles, i.e. with four players.
- The paddles and players are not allowed to touch the net. A player who touches the net or part of the opponents court with his paddle or body loses the point.
- The ball may be touched with the paddle only once per stroke. Players are not allowed to touch the ball with their body.
- When the sum of the game scores is odd (1:0, 2:1, 3:2, 4:1, etc.), the teams switch sides.

Scoring

- Paddle-tennis uses the same scoring method as tennis, i.e. 15/0, 30/0, 40/0, game. Deuce and advantage are also used.
- Winning six games with a two-point lead wins the set. Winning two sets wins the match.
- If the game score is tied at 6:6, a tie-break is played as in tennis.

Winning points

The team wins the point if it hits a shot that the opponents cannot return, for example:

- The ball is smashed in bounds and then bounces out of the paddle-tennis cage.
- The ball returns without the opponents having hit it.

or the opponents execute a faulty stroke. Faulty play includes:

- The ball lands in the net.
- The ball is hit out of bounds (e.g. over the cage or through the entranceway).
- The ball bounces on the court floor twice.
- The ball touches a plexiglass wall (on one's own side or that of the opponents) before landing on the floor of the opponents side of the court.
- The ball touches the wire net of the team's own side of the court after it has been hit (e.g. when trying to hit one's own plexiglass wall).
- The ball touches the player hitting it or his partner.



Serving

- As in tennis, each point starts by serving to the diagonally opposed service area. The server is allowed two attempts (first and second serve).
- When serving, the server must stand with both feet behind the service line.
- When serving, the server bounces the ball on the floor and hits it on the rebound at hip height or lower.
- The service ball may not touch the wire fence after rebounding off the opponents' service area, otherwise the serve is a fault.
- If the service ball touches the net before landing in service area, the serve shall be repeated. If this happens a second time, the serve is a fault.
- The players on the serving team exchange sides with each other after each point, and the server then serves the next ball to the diagonally opposed service area. The players on the receiving team do not exchange sides. The same player serves throughout the game, serving alternately to each player of the opposing team.

Play

- Once the ball is in play, after crossing the net, it must always hit the court floor on the opponents side before touching the walls.
- Volleying is allowed except when returning a serve.
- After touching one or more walls, the ball may be played back to the opponents, but only before it touches the floor a second time.
- As in tennis, the ball may touch the floor on ones own side only once and may be hit only once. Before crossing the net, the ball may be played against one or more walls on ones own side of the court.
- Players may smash the ball so hard onto the opponents court floor that it bounces out of the cage. Opponents are allowed to run out of the cage and try to hit the ball back onto the opponents court. These points are usually the most spectacular!

The paddle-tennis court is open to the public. In order to ensure fun for all, we ask you to observe the following rules:

- Always treat others with fairness and respect.
- Use of the paddle-tennis courts is at your own risk.