

HCG Sports Meet: KREEDA 2024

Table Tennis

Playing Rules

General:

- Match begins with the umpire conducting a coin-toss. The winner will have the options to serve the ball first, receive it, or choose the side of the table they'd like to play from.
- Balls will be provided at the venue.
- All the Doubles Events of The competition shall be conducted in two stages.
 - Stage I All the Teams shall be drawn into Eight Groups as per the last National Position and play one another in a round-robin League System to determine the position in each group.
 - Stage II In the second stage, the No. 1 and No. 2 Teams of these Eight Groups shall play by progressive knockout system to determine positions from 1 to 16.
- All the singles events shall be played in two stages:
 - Stage I In the first stage, all the players except 1-16 classified players in Men and 1-8 classified players in Women, shall be divided into groups of 3 or 4 players each. They shall play one another in a Round Robin League System to determine the order of position in each group. All the group league matches will be best of five games, with one player from each group qualifying to the Main Draw.
 - Stage II In the second stage, the winners from each groups and Ranked Players (1-16 in Men and 1-8 in Women) shall play according to single knockout system. All matches in stage II shall be best of five games up to quarterfinals.

Scoring Format:

- A player can win a game by scoring 11 points - with one point awarded for every infringement. Every player gets to serve twice in a row. The first to 11 points will be declared the winner.
- If the points are tied at 10-10, a player then has to strive for a two-point lead to win the game.
- Singles matches will be played as best-of-seven event, doubles as a best-of-five.

THE RACKET

- The racket may be of any size, shape or weight but the blade shall be flat and rigid.
- At least 85% of the blade by thickness shall be of natural wood; an adhesive layer within the blade may be reinforced with fibrous material such as carbon fibre, glass fibre or compressed paper, but shall not be thicker than 7.5% of the total thickness or 0.35mm, whichever is the smaller.
- A side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be covered with either ordinary pimples rubber, with pimples outwards having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 2.0mm, or sandwich rubber, with pimples inwards or outwards, having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 4.0mm.

- The blade, any layer within the blade and any layer of covering material or adhesive on a side used for striking the ball shall be continuous and of even thickness.
- The surface of the covering material on a side of the blade, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matt, bright red on one side and black on the other, the surface of the covering material on a side of the blade, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matt, black on one side, and of a bright colour clearly distinguishable from black and from the colour of the ball on the other.
- The racket covering shall be used without any physical, chemical or other treatment.
- Slight deviations from continuity of surface or uniformity of colour due to accidental damage or wear may be allowed provided that they do not significantly change the characteristics of the surface.
- Before the start of a match and whenever he or she changes his or her racket during a match a player shall show his or her opponent and the umpire the racket he or she is about to use and shall allow them to examine it.

DEFINITIONS

- The ball is in play from the last moment at which it is stationary on the palm of the free hand before being intentionally projected in service until the rally is decided as a let or a point.
- A let is a rally of which the result is not scored.
- A point is a rally of which the result is scored.
- A player strikes the ball if he or she touches it in play with his or her racket, held in the hand, or with his or her racket hand below the wrist.
- A player obstructs the ball if he or she, or anything he or she wears or carries, touches it in play when it is above or travelling towards the playing surface, not having touched his or her court since last being struck by his or her opponent.
- The server is the player due to strike the ball first in a rally.
- The receiver is the player due to strike the ball second in a rally.
- Anything that a player wears or carries includes anything that he or she was wearing or carrying, other than the ball, at the start of the rally.
- The end line shall be regarded as extending indefinitely in both directions.

• THE SERVICE

- Service shall start with the ball resting freely on the open palm of the server's stationary free hand.
- The server shall then project the ball near vertically upwards, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm after leaving the palm of the free hand and then falls without touching anything before being struck.
- As the ball is falling the server shall strike it so that it touches first his or her court and then touches directly the receiver's court; in doubles, the ball shall touch successively the right half court of server and receiver.
- From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden from the receiver by the server or his or her doubles partner or by anything they wear or carry.

- As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm and hand shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net. The space between the ball and the net is defined by the ball, the net and its indefinite upward extension.
- It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire or the assistant umpire can be satisfied that he or she complies with the requirements of the Laws, and either may decide that a service is incorrect.
 - If either the umpire or the assistant umpire is not sure about the legality of a service he or she may, on the first occasion in a match, interrupt play and warn the server; but any subsequent service by that player or his or her doubles partner which is not clearly legal shall be considered incorrect.
- Exceptionally, the umpire may relax the requirements for a correct service where he or she is satisfied that compliance is prevented by physical disability.

For any clarifications on the playing rules the Rules as laid down by Table tennis Federation of India shall be referred.