

# Dogwood 50<sup>+</sup> Table Tennis Club Rules

## A) Waiting Queues:

*Singles Players:* Please wait at the north end of the stage, near the singles table (Table 6) in the priority order, or place your racket in an obvious way.

*Doubles Players:* Please place your racket (with your name tag on it) at the end of the waiting queue (Q).

### *Details:*

- (1) If you are not in the Q, you are not considered to be waiting, and you won't get a chance to play.
- (2) When a doubles table becomes available, the first four members at the head of the doubles Q get to play at the table.
- (3) If there is at least one member waiting in the doubles Q, the four players who just vacated a table must place their rackets in the Q first. This rule must be followed **even if there are less than four members in the Q**. Who get to play at the just-vacated table is determined by the resulting order.
- (4) You are allowed to move the position of your racket in the Q to a later position to delay your playing time, but not into the middle of a foursome who are planning to play together.
- (5) When the timer at the singles table expires, and there is nobody waiting in the singles Q, then the four players at the head of the doubles Q, if any, get to play on the singles table. If there is only one player waiting in the singles Q, the player in the doubles Q should be asked to play with that singles player in the priority order. If none of them is interested, one of the singles players who have just finished playing can play again.

## B) Playing Time:

- If there is anyone in the doubles Q, **and if** all the doubles tables are occupied by four players, then the players at every doubles table must start a game without practice hitting.
- If not all doubles tables are full, you are encouraged to join in. You don't get to play even if you in the Q, as long as there is an empty spot at some table.
- If there is anyone waiting either in the singles or doubles Q, and if all the doubles tables are occupied by four players, then the timer at the singles table should be started (set to **15 min.**)
- When doubles players get a table, they can play four 11-point games, before vacating the table.

- If doubles players don't want to play a game, when the doubles Q is non-empty, they can use the table for **15 min.** If you join the two or three players who have started the timer, you cannot reset the timer when you join in.

C) Code of Conduct (Parks, Recreation and Culture Facilities of Coquitlam):

<http://www.coquitlam.ca/parks-recreation-and-culture/sport-and-recreation/one-pass/codeofconduct.aspx>

*Inappropriate behaviors include but are not limited to the following:*

- Verbal assaults/put downs/name calling.
- Threats and attempts to intimidate.
- Throwing of articles in a deliberate or aggressive manner.
- Aggressive approaches to other individuals.
- Physical striking of other individuals.
- Engaging in horseplay, causing unsafe conditions.
- Attempts to goad or incite violence in others.
- Engagement in a course of annoying comment or conduct
- Displaying of abusive or offensive materials, words, images.

*Violation can entail a suspension from City facilities. Please read the above web page for details.*

D) Etiquettes:

- You should not criticize how others play, unless it is disruptive or dangerous.
- Please realize that unsolicited instructions are not welcomed, if not resented, by many players. If you have positive advice to give please ask first "Can I give you a tip?"
- When you finish playing, please do not run but walk normally to the Q.
- Pls. remove everything that you bring in, such as plastic water cups, coffee cups, etc.

E) Membership fees: \$5/yr for the 50+ Table Tennis Club, in addition to Dogwood membership (\$10/yr).

F) Guests:

- A guest must be of age 50 or older.
- A former member of this club cannot play as a guest.
- A person can play as a guest in no more than two sessions in his/her lifetime.