Players:
3-5 games that will comprise the regular season schedule. Individuals that have completed their regular season schedule will be invited to play in the playoffs.

It is up to the participants to schedule their own season games by the designated deadline [aka play-by-date], one is assigned for each match. Contact information and match assignments will be e-mailed to all participating members. It will also be available in the Recreation Office and posted on the Intramural website (phone numbers will not appear on our website).

Each participant must bring a score sheet and a writing utensil with them to the court. Score sheets can be downloaded off the intramural website or picked up from the Recreation Office. The winner must submit a completed score sheet to the office by midnight of the match deadline. If the office is closed, they can be left in the Recreation Drop Box. Failure to communicate with each other and to play the assigned match will result in a loss and forfeit for both parties. If you are having trouble contacting your opponent it is your responsibility to contact the Recreation Director at least two days prior to the deadline.

Every player must wear non-marking athletic sneakers/shoes. Goggles, racquets, and balls can be borrowed at the issued desk. Eye protection is mandatory.

Note: Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff are eligible to participate.

Length of Game:
Best-of-three (3) games to win the match. Games play to 11 points. If the score reaches 10-10, then the receiver of the serve decides if that game will be played to 11 or 12 points.

Rules:
Points can only be won by the server.
The ball may be volleyed (taken directly out of the air) or taken on the first bounce.
The ball is dead after two bounces on the floor or if it bounces off the floor prior to hitting the front wall (a skip). The ball is also out if it hits the glass on the back wall prior to bouncing on the floor during a rally.
The player who hits the ball out or down loses that rally.

Serving:
The server must have both feet anywhere in the long service rectangle while serving.
The ball must be bounced off the ground and then hit when serving, It cannot be hit without bouncing it first.
The ball must land behind the second red line of the service rectangle.
The ball is out if it hits the ceiling on the serve, hits two side walls along with the front wall before bouncing, hits the back wall prior to bouncing, or hits a side wall before hitting the front wall.
If you do not serve correctly on the first attempt (that’s a fault), you get a second attempt.
The returner may volley the serve, or hit it after the first bounce.

Golden Rule: Safety
The most dangerous situations are:
1. When the striker (person playing the ball) is about to play the ball and their opponent is trapped between the ball and the front wall.
2. When the striker is about to play the ball and their opponent gets in the way of the swing.
Under no circumstances should you, as the striker, attempt to hit the ball. Replay the point (hinder).

If the opponent is hit with ball, the following call will be made:
The play will be considered a hinder and will be replayed.
UNLESS the person is hit with the ball after it has already hit the front wall, then it is considered the person who had been hit to lose the rally.
UNLESS the person hit with the ball is the person who had hit the ball, then it is the other person’s win.

Participants must officiate their own matches. If there’s a discrepancy on a call, that serve/point shall be replayed.
Injury:
If an in-game injury causes a team to terminate play, then that team receives a loss by forfeit unless agreed to resume play by all parties at a later date. This must be reported to the recreation director (by the original deadline) and the game must be completed and submitted by the following deadline. No scores can be submitted after the last regular season deadline. IF AN INJURY REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION CALL PUBLIC SAFETY IMMEDIATELY. 973.408.4444.

NOTE: Rules are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Intramural Department.