

## **BASIC PADDLE RULES**

### **Format**

All play in the sport of Paddle is doubles format.

### **Scoring**

In the sport of Paddle, the same scoring system is used as in the sport of tennis.

### **Service**

With regard to service, the following rules apply:

- In Paddle, all play begins with an underhand serve from the right service court into the opponent's court diagonally across similar to tennis.
- The server must allow the ball to bounce once before hitting it and the ball must be hit below waist level.
- The serve must land in the opponent's service box. If the ball bounces in the service box and strikes the side or back wall, it is a valid serve and must be played by the opposing player. If the ball lands in the service box and hits the wire fencing, it is considered a fault.
- The server must keep at least one foot on the ground when hitting the serve. The server's feet may not touch or cross the service line while serving.
- In Paddle, similar to tennis, the server has two opportunities to complete the serve.

### **Fair Play**

The following are considered fair play situations in the sport of Paddle:

- The court lines are considered in play only during the initial serve. Otherwise, they are not a factor in determining the outcome of each point in the game between opposing players.
- All players are permitted to play a ball off any of the walls on their own side of the court.

### **Loss of Point**

The opposition wins a point when any of the following events occur:

- The ball bounces twice in any area on your side of the court.
- The ball strikes you or your teammate while in play.
- The ball hits the wire fencing, posts or any other fixture before going over the net or landing on the opponent's court.

### **Out of Bounds**

The ball is considered out of bounds and a point is given to the opposing players if the ball hits the wire fence or walls before bouncing on the opponent's side of the court.

### **Overhand Strokes**

The ball can be taken out of the air by any player except on the initial serve and the return of serve.