

Tournament Format

- ❖ The deadline for entering the tournament is August 9th, 2008, 11:00 am.
- ❖ Any player can participate in the tournament regardless of their skill level as a table tennis player or ethnic origin. In short, the tournament is open to all Himalayan communities, other friends and supporters.
- ❖ A minimum of 4 entries need to be submitted for each category for the category to take place. For example, if there are less than 4 entries for women's doubles, this category of the event will not take place.
- ❖ There are four different categories: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles & Junior's Singles (Under 15 years). We will also have a Mixed Doubles Exhibition.
- ❖ Entry fee will be \$5 for a category and \$8 for more than one category.
- ❖ Money should be collected by the contact person by the deadline on **Saturday, August 9th** before the Tournament Draw is announced.
- ❖ On the Tournament Day - **Saturday, August 9th** the draw will be done at 12:30 pm at the event venue and games will begin at 1:00 pm.
- ❖ Table Tennis balls are provided and a few paddles available but players are strongly recommended to bring their own paddles.
- ❖ Players should be available close by the venue during the whole tournament since they may be asked to play depending upon the schedule of the matches. If needed to leave, please inform the responsible person.
- ❖ If you have any suggestion or complain, please bring it forward to the responsible person.
- ❖ Unfriendly sportsmanship attitude is not tolerated since this is a friendly and not a competitive tournament and if needed the player/spectator guilty of defying sportsmanship or causing trouble can be asked to leave the venue.

Rules of the Game

- ❖ A coin toss determines who is to serve. The winner may elect to play at either end of the table, or to serve or receive. The loser is allowed the alternate choice.
- ❖ If any player doesn't show up on time for their game, the umpire has the right to disqualify the player who does not appear with 5 minutes of the initial game call.
- ❖ The scoring format will be followed according to the current ITTF standards meaning that the **game will be won by the player or pair first scoring 11 points unless both players or pairs score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points**
- ❖ A player may not hide the ball during service.
- ❖ A serve that touches the net and proceeds over into the opposing team's side is considered a let. The server will then receive another attempt to serve. There are no limitations to the number of lets permitted per service.
- ❖ There will NOT be a 3rd place game this time. Both players in the semi-finals will be awarded the 3rd place trophy.
- ❖ A player's paddle may not touch the net, its supports, or the playing surface while the ball is in play. The player shall lose the point if it happens.
- ❖ The scores will be kept by a volunteer match official and their decision will be based upon their judgment & knowledge of the unofficial guidelines of ITTF rules. If you are dissatisfied with a call, please inform the responsible person.