



GREEN MOUNTAIN TABLE TENNIS CLUB'S

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) If you arrive for practice during set-up, please help set up. Help bring a table out into the playing area for your own use if none are available in the playing area at the time and there is room for additional tables. If barriers are being set up for the evening, also help bring these out and set them up.
- 2) If you are playing right up to the time we stop playing for the evening, help put the equipment away.
- 3) As we are the guests of the Boys & Girls Club of Rutland County and Knights of Columbus, and they have given us an excellent rate for their facility, we need to be very responsible. Please be aware of individuals who might not belong in the building after hours. Please report any failure of facility equipment, such as gas leaks, overflowing toilets, etc.
- 4) Welcome newcomers of all levels, giving them a friendly greeting and a table to play.
- 5) Wear the proper attire for table tennis – dark colored shirts, soft-soled sneakers.
- 6) When warming up with a playing partner, please give him/her the courtesy of getting into their rhythm by not blasting every ball served up to you. It can be frustrating to your playing partner to have to chase balls constantly and not be able to warm up properly.

- 7) Do not lean or sit on the tables.
- 8) Do not hit the tables or strike the barriers with your paddle; our equipment is expensive to replace!
- 9) Do not throw your racket in frustration.
- 10) Avoid all abusive language and any swearing.
- 11) Table areas are for practicing strokes and skills and playing real table tennis games. Modified “games” will not be allowed and only disturb adjacent players.
- 12) Do not walk behind or into another playing area while others are playing a point; doing so risks injury or distraction. Wait until after their point is over with, before going into another playing area or asking others to retrieve your ball.
- 13) Try not to be loud and distracting when playing, as it may disturb other players’ concentrations. The player next to you may be in a “tight game” or may be “training.” Respect the playing area and others near you.
- 14) Call a “let” if your ball enters another player’s court or space. Players are usually glad to retrieve an errant ball.
- 15) If you have clothing (sweats, jackets, etc.) or equipment bags, etc., please keep them out of the playing area (e.g., on the benches or under your table). Keep track of your personal belongings, as the Club is not responsible for missing or stolen items (this has never been a problem with our club).
- 16) Please keep drink containers away from playing site unless they have tight lids, etc. Food is not restricted to any area, but please try to eat only when you’re sitting on the benches between matches. It’s best to keep food inside your equipment bag.
- 17) If you notice a cardboard barrier coming down or collapsing, react quickly to stabilize it and return it to an upright position.
- 18) After playing 2 consecutive matches, please leave your table for other players to use (return your ball, have a seat, get a drink of water, etc.). Have consideration of others who may be waiting for a table or a partner. Don’t be a “table hog.”
- 19) Always shake hands with your opponent(s) after your match. Always keep a good attitude and be courteous to all players.
- 20) Try and play at least one game per evening against a player on the club’s Challenge Board (ladder).

- 21) USATT Official Rules for playing the game of Table Tennis are enforced.
- 22) Help promote the game of table tennis by soliciting new players. Let them know about our web site, when and where we play, etc. Just remember, all of us were once new players, interested in finding out about the club. We'd like to believe that the club is so good, that it sells itself, but keep in mind the following:

****FUN SPORT OF STRATEGY AND SKILL****

****AEROBIC WORKOUT****

****TERRIFIC RECREATION****

****FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT****

****FANTASTIC TOURNAMENTS****