



Austin Table Tennis Club - Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Austin Table Tennis Club! To ensure a positive, safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all members and visitors, we have established this Code of Conduct. By participating in club activities or using club facilities, you agree to abide by these guidelines.

Respect and Sportsmanship

- **Respect for Others:** Treat all members, visitors, staff, and opponents with courtesy and respect, regardless of age, skill level, gender, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or background.
- **Sportsmanship:** Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. This includes shaking or bumping hands before and after matches, acknowledging good shots from opponents, and refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct such as cheating, excessive celebration, or taunting.
- **Language and Behavior:** Use appropriate language and maintain a respectful demeanor. Offensive language (especially towards others), yelling, throwing rackets or any behavior that disrupts others' enjoyment or safety will not be tolerated.
- **Health:** Out of consideration for the health and well-being of all members, please **do not come to the club if you are feeling unwell**. This is crucial for preventing the spread of contagious illnesses. **Please stay home if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:**
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough, sore throat, or runny nose
 - Body aches or unusual fatigue
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - Any other symptoms of a contagious illness

Members who are visibly unwell may be respectfully asked by a club representative to return home to recover. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in prioritizing the health of our table tennis community.

- **Hygiene:** The physical exertion of table tennis can lead to body odor. To minimize any potential discomfort for fellow members, we ask that everyone be mindful of their personal hygiene.



Safety and Facility Use

- **Facility Care:** Help maintain the cleanliness and order of the club facilities. Dispose of trash properly, keep playing areas clear, and report any damage or issues to club staff or board members.
- **Equipment Care:** Treat club equipment (tables, nets, barriers, robots, etc.) with care. If you notice any damaged equipment, report it immediately.
- **Personal Safety:** Be mindful of your surroundings and other players. Avoid running in the playing area and be aware of balls in play to prevent accidents.
- **Attire:** Wear appropriate athletic attire and non-marking shoes suitable for table tennis.
- **Firearms:** Firearms are strictly prohibited on Club property, including the parking lot.

Fair Play and Etiquette

- **Table Rotation:** Adhere to the club's established system for table rotation and challenges as Challenge Table Rules will be strictly enforced.
- **Serving Turns:** Clearly communicate serving turns and scores during practice and matches.
- **Practice Etiquette:** Be considerate during practice sessions. Avoid monopolizing tables or engaging in overly loud conversations that distract others.
- **Coaching:** Only board-approved coaches may provide formal coaching on club premises.

General Expectations

- **Follow Club Rules:** Adhere to all posted club rules, regulations, and instructions from club staff and board members.
- **No Harassment or Discrimination:** The Austin Table Tennis Club has zero tolerance for any form of harassment, discrimination, bullying or fighting.
- **Reporting Concerns:** If you witness or experience any behavior that violates this Code of Conduct, please report it promptly to a board member or staff member.
- **Personal Belongings:** Keep personal belongings organized and away from playing areas. The club is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- **Food and Drink:** Consume food and drink only in designated areas, away from the playing areas, to maintain cleanliness and prevent damage to equipment. Only water is allowed in the playing area.
- **Child Supervision.** For their safety, children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult at all times unless they are attending camp or a lesson, or their parent (1) is a club member, (2) has signed the club's release, and (3) been given prior written consent from the board of directors.



Consequences of Violations

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- A verbal warning
- Temporary suspension of club privileges
- Permanent expulsion from the Austin Table Tennis Club

We believe that by upholding these principles, we can ensure the Austin Table Tennis Club remains a welcoming and thriving community for all table tennis enthusiasts. Thank you for your cooperation!