

# ■ MRSA TriRacket Sports 2026

## Table Tennis Rules/Schedule

### ■ DIVISION OVERVIEW

Division	Players/Teams	Pool Structure	
Men's Singles	32 players	8 groups of 4 (round robin)	All 32 advance to Sunday elimination
Men's Doubles	14 teams	2 groups of 4 + 1 group of 5	All 14 advance to Sunday elimination
Kids Singles	9 players	2 groups (1 of 4, 1 of 5)	All 9 advance to Sunday elimination

### BASIC TABLE TENNIS RULES

All matches are played on regulation table tennis tables with approved ITTF balls (3-star 40mm+).

#### Service Rules

The ball must rest on an open, flat palm before being tossed **at least 16cm (6 inches) straight up**.

The ball must be struck on the way down and must bounce once on the server's side, then once on the receiver's side.

The serve must be visible at all times — no hiding the ball with the body or free arm.

In singles, the serve may land anywhere on either side. In doubles, the serve must go **diagonally** from the server's right half-court to the receiver's right half-court.

**Each player serves 2 consecutive points**, then service alternates.

A **let serve** (ball clips the net and lands correctly) is replayed with no penalty.

Players must allow the ball to bounce once on their side before returning it.

A point is lost if: the ball bounces twice on your side, you hit the ball before it bounces, the ball doesn't clear the net, the ball goes off the table, or you touch the table with your free hand during a rally.

The ball may hit the table edge

In doubles, partners must **alternate hitting the ball** — neither player may hit two consecutive shots.

Alet is called for unexpected interference (stray ball, external disturbance). The rally is replayed.

## ■ MATCH RULES

### Scoring

- Games are played to **11 points, win by 2**.
- At **10-10**, play continues until one player/team leads by 2. At **11-11 it is sudden death** — next point wins (cap of 12).
- Service alternates every **2 points**. At 10-10, service alternates every point.

### Match Format

- Round robin and most elimination rounds: **best 2-out-of-3 games**.
- **Men's Singles Semifinals and Finals (both Advanced & Intermediate brackets): best 3-out-of-5 games.**
- **Kids Singles Final: best 3-out-of-5 games.**
- **Men's Doubles Semifinals and Finals: best 3-out-of-5 games.**

### Table & End Switching

- Players/teams **switch ends of the table after each game**.
- Players **change tables after every completed match** (round robin and elimination).

### Time Clock

- A time clock is used as a guide, but **all matches in each round will be fully completed** before advancing.
- The clock is flexible — no match will be stopped mid-game.

### Minimum Matches Guaranteed

- Every player/team is guaranteed a **minimum of 3 round-robin matches** before elimination.
- **All players and teams advance** from pool play to the elimination bracket regardless of record.

## POOL STRUCTURES & SCHEDULE

### Men's Singles — 32 Players

**8 groups of 4 players** — each player plays 3 round-robin matches within their group.

All 32 players advance to Sunday's elimination bracket.

Seeding for Sunday: win/loss record → point differential → total points scored.

**Saturday:** round robin exhibition only.

### Men's Doubles — 14 Teams

**3 pools:** Pool A (4 teams) · Pool B (4 teams) · Pool C (5 teams).

Pools A & B: **3 matches each**. Pool C: **4 matches each**.

All 14 teams advance to Sunday's elimination bracket.

**Saturday:** round robin exhibition only.

### Kids Singles — 9 Players

**2 pools:** Pool A (4 players, 3 matches each) · Pool B (5 players, 4 matches each).

All 9 players advance to Sunday's single elimination bracket.

**Sunday:** round robin and elimination both take place on Sunday.

## ■ SUNDAY ELIMINATION

### Men's Singles — Advanced & Intermediate Brackets

- **Combined first round:** All 32 players play Round 1 on Sunday, seeded from Saturday pool results.
- After Round 1, the bracket splits into two independent elimination brackets:

#### Advanced Bracket

Players who WON in Round 1.

Continues as its own independent elimination bracket.

#### Intermediate Bracket

Players who LOST in Round 1.

Continues as its own independent bracket.

■ **Both brackets run simultaneously and INDEPENDENTLY — Intermediate players do NOT re-enter the Advanced bracket. Each bracket crowns its own champion.**

- All rounds up to Semis: **best 2-out-of-3 games.**
- **Semifinals and Finals (both brackets): best 3-out-of-5 games.**

### Men's Doubles — Modified True Double Elimination

- All 14 teams enter a **true double elimination bracket** on Sunday with the following structure:

#### Winners Bracket

Seeds 1–8 (top 8 teams from pool play) start here.

Teams that lose a match drop down to the Losers Bracket.

#### Losers Bracket

Seeds 9–14 (bottom 6 teams from pool play) start here directly.

Teams that lose a second match are eliminated.

- **Semifinal crossover:** The Winners Bracket Semifinalists face the Losers Bracket Semifinalists in a crossover round.
- The **losers of the Semifinals do not continue** — elimination stops at the Semis for both brackets.
- The **two Semifinal winners** advance to the Final.

■ **There is no bracket re-entry after the Semifinals. The Final is between the two Semifinal winners regardless of which bracket they came from.**

- All rounds through Quarterfinals: **best 2-out-of-3 games.**
- **Semifinals and Final: best 3-out-of-5 games.**

### Kids Singles — Single Elimination

- All 9 players enter a seeded single elimination bracket on Sunday (same day as round robin).
- All rounds through Semifinals: **best 2-out-of-3 games.**
- **Final: best 3-out-of-5 games.**

## ■ QUICK REFERENCE CARD

Rule	Detail
<b>Scoring</b>	First to 11, win by 2 (sudden death at 11-11, cap 12)
<b>Service</b>	2 serves each, then alternate; every point at deuce
<b>Table switch</b>	After every completed match
<b>End switch</b>	After every game
<b>Round robin format</b>	Best 2-of-3
<b>Men's Doubles format</b>	True double elim — bottom 6 seeds start in Losers Bracket; Semis crossover; elimination s
<b>Semis &amp; Finals (all divisions)</b>	Best 3-of-5
<b>Clock</b>	Flexible — all matches completed before next round
<b>All advance</b>	100% of players/teams advance from pool play

# Saturday

Mens Table Tennis

Kids Table Tennis

Time

Table Tennis

X

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Men's singles + doubles exhibition

# Sunday

Time

Table Tennis

9:30 AM

Check-in (kids ex. + men's KOs)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Kids singles exhibition

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Men's singles + doubles knockouts

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Men's singles + doubles semifinals

Kids singles knockouts

Kids singles final

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Men's singles + doubles finals

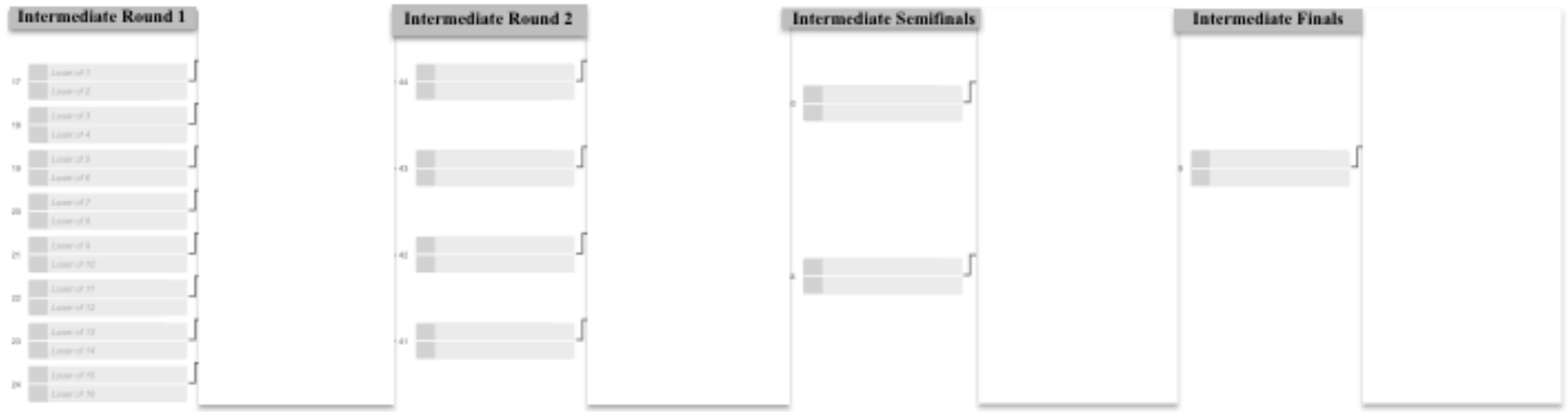


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# CHALLENGE

## Detroit MRSA Tri Racket Sports 2026 Kids Table Tennis Single







## Detroit MRSA Tri Racket Sports 2026 Mens Table Tennis Double

