



## **GSU TABLE TENNIS TEAM STRUCTURE AND RULES**

The primary purpose of this document is to establish an initial organization structure and rules for the Table Tennis Team at Governors State University (GSU). The structure and rules are subject to further revisions when the table tennis activities are evolved at GSU in the future.

**Team Management:** Under the initial structure, GSU will assign the responsibilities of tasks and activities involving the GSU Table Tennis Team (the Team) to the Head Coach, the Athletics Director, and the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students.

**Team Membership:** There are two types of memberships for the Team, i.e., student-athletes with scholarships via GDUT and student-athletes with no scholarships. Selections of the student athletes to the Team from these two types of memberships will be conducted by the Head Coach according to students' academic performance, table tennis skills, and behavior and conduct, or according to the Head Coach's discretion. Selections will be conducted twice a year by the end of the second week of each semester. Students interested in becoming a student-athlete should contact the Head Coach no later than the end of the first week of each semester. Student-athletes with scholarships may lose their scholarships if they are not selected to the Team.

**Team Core Values:** There are five core values that student-athletes need to follow, i.e.: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership, and Sportsmanship.

**RESPECT**—Student-athletes must show respect by treating themselves, other persons, institutions and the sport according to the highest standards of conduct. It implies civilized and gracious behavior to players, coaches, and fans.

**RESPONSIBILITY**—Student-athletes must show responsibility by making academic progress toward graduation as their highest priority. They solve problems rather than make excuses and are reliable to other team players. Student-athletes should be accountable for their actions and decisions.

**INTEGRITY**—For student-athletes, integrity means keeping commitments and conducting honest behavior.

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP**—Student-athletes must put the Team first and be responsible for personal and team roles while performing at their best ability. Student-athletes demonstrating servant leadership have a primary purpose of serving others while striving to become a personal and team leader. The servant-leader provides a critical service to society and the great gift of good example.



**SPORTSMANSHIP**—Student-athletes conducting themselves according to the highest standards is our expectation for sportsmanship.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Student-athletes are required to maintain the academic standards established here (i.e., a minimum half time enrollment and making progress toward a degree). Every semester, student-athletes' academic records will be reviewed by the Head Coach to confirm compliance with eligibility requirements.

**Academic Enrollment:** Student-athletes must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester for graduate students or a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester for undergraduate students or be in good standing determined by the academic authorities. Students who are graduating at the end of semester are exempted from this requirement.

**GPA:** Student-athletes must maintain a minimal cumulative grade point average at 3.0 for graduate students or at 2.0 for undergraduate students except in their first semester.

**Length:** The maximum number of terms that a student-athlete may be on the team is up to five academic years.

**Student-Athletes' Code of Conduct:** Student-athletes are expected to conform to the GSU Student Conduct Code.

**Grievances/Violations:** Student-athletes are expected to follow the GSU Grievance Policies and Procedures if they have problems and/or issues with any decision of the Head Coach, the GSU Athletics Director, and the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students.

**Team Travel:** Student-athletes are expected to abide by the following rules when on a university sponsored event:

1. Faculty must be contacted in advance of the excused absence and a plan for completing any missed assignments/exams must be established.
2. Student-athletes are expected to be on time for departure.
3. Student-athletes must travel to and from competitions in the school authorized transportation.
4. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves appropriately as a representative of GSU. This includes proper attire as well as conduct.
5. Student-athletes are responsible for any hotel damages due to their actions.
6. Student-athletes must adhere to university policy when traveling. Alcohol is not allowed at any juncture during the university sponsored travel.