

Beer Pong Rules

The objective of the game is to shoot and make your ping pong balls into the cups of the opposing team. When a ball is made in a cup, the cup must be drunk and removed from the table. The first team to knock out all of the other team's cups wins.

Teams

Games can be played one-on-one or with teams of 2.

Setup

Start by placing 10 cups in a triangle formation across from each other on an 8 foot table. Fill each cup with an inch of your beverage of choice (preferably beer). Also, have 2 water cups, 1 for each team, in which you can rinse off dirty ping pong balls from errant shots.

Playing the game

Figure out which team will shoot first (coin toss, shoot off, arm wrestle, etc). The winning team will shoot first. Each player on the first team will shoot 1 ball at the opposing team's cups (2 balls total), or in one-to-one play, each player will shoot twice.

Any ball that lands and stays in the opponent's cup counts as a score and the opponent must remove and drink the cup that was made. Shots that are not bounced cannot be interfered with. If both players on a team make their shots on the same turn, both cups must be drunk and the balls get returned to the offensive team. If one or none of the balls land in cups, then the balls are given to the other team so that they have a turn shooting.

The first team to eliminate all the opposing team's cups is the winner. Once the final cup is made, the other team is allowed 1 rebuttal shot per person. Each player continues to shoot until they miss. If a team makes all the other team's cups during a rebuttal, there is a 4 cup playoff. The losing team must drink the winning team's remaining cups.

As with any game there are many variations to the rules, here are a few of our favorites:

- **The Bounce:** A player may choose to bounce the ball off the table into the cups. If the ball is bounced and made, the other team must drink 2 cups. The catch is that shots that are bounced can be swatted away by the defensive team.
- **Death Cup:** If both players make their balls into the same cup, the game is over. This can also be applied for when a ball is made into a cup that has been removed from the rack but has not been drunk.
- **On Fire:** If a single player makes their shot in 3 consecutive turns, then they are "on fire". When this happens, the player is allowed to shoot at will until they miss.