



WORLD PBL FORMAT

A WORLD PBL match between two teams consists of five games: one game each of men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Each game won is a point in a team's total score. A game is won by the first singles player/doubles pair to win 17 points. Each singles player/doubles pair will take turns serving four points, beginning with the right service court and alternating with the left service court. In doubles, the players on the receiving team may use any combination to return serve, as long as each player receives serve twice during the four-point service sequence (i.e. Player A may receive the first and second points, the first and third points, or the first and fourth points). If a game reaches 16-16, the singles player/doubles team that served first will serve the final point. At 16-16 in a singles game, the receiver has choice of service courts. At 16-16 in a doubles game, either player on the receiving team may receive the serve and will have choice of service courts. Either player on the serving team may serve the final point.

DOUBLE-HEADER FORMAT

For all regular season matches, two five-game matches are played. In the first match, the HOME team will determine the order of games and serves first in all games and the AWAY team will have choice of sides. After a twenty minute intermission, the second team match will begin. Teams will switch sides, the AWAY team will determine the order of events and will serve first in all games. Either team may, at any point, substitute a player (same gender) into a game for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that game.

OVERTIME FORMAT

The Overtime Format will be used in the WORLD PBL Finals. The higher-seeded team will determine the order of events and will serve first in all games. Each of the first four games is worth one point in a team's total score, and **the fifth game is worth two points**. If the score is tied at 3-3 at the end of the fifth game, the match will enter Overtime. The higher-seeded team will choose any event from the first four games to be played as the Overtime game, but may not choose the event that was played for the fifth game. The team that wins the Overtime game wins the match, 4-3. Either team may, at any point, substitute a player (same gender) into a game for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that game.