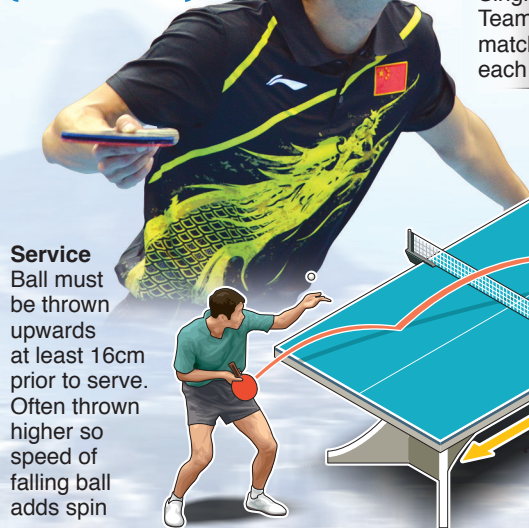


*London
Olympics
men's singles
gold medallist
Zhang Jike
(CHN)*



Scoring
 Games played to 11 points.
 Two-point winning margin
 required if scores are tied 10-10

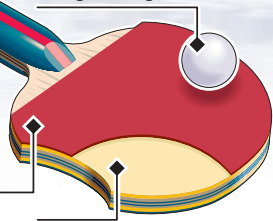
Matches
 Singles – best of seven games.
 Team competition – four singles
 matches and one doubles,
 each one best of five games

Service
 Ball must
 be thrown
 upwards
 at least 16cm
 prior to serve.
 Often thrown
 higher so
 speed of
 falling ball
 adds spin

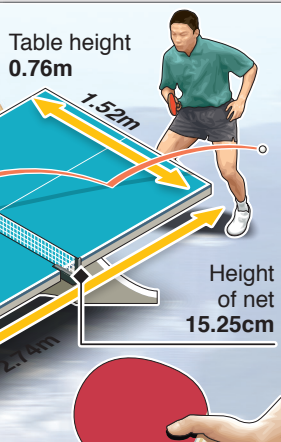
PADDLE
Rubber
 2mm thick.
 Different rubber
 can be used for
 forehand and
 backhand side –
 distinguished by
 red / black colours

*Most players use
smooth (inverted)
rubber for fast,
attacking topspin play*

Ball: Diameter 40mm.
 Weight 2.7g



Sponge: Optional layer
 2mm thick adds speed
 or control to rubber



GRIP

Shakehand (European)
 Enables ease of
 movement on
 forehand and
 backhand
 shots

Penhold
 Traditional
 Asian style allows for
 more wrist movement and
 therefore more spin