

2024 EGL Symposium Competition Rules

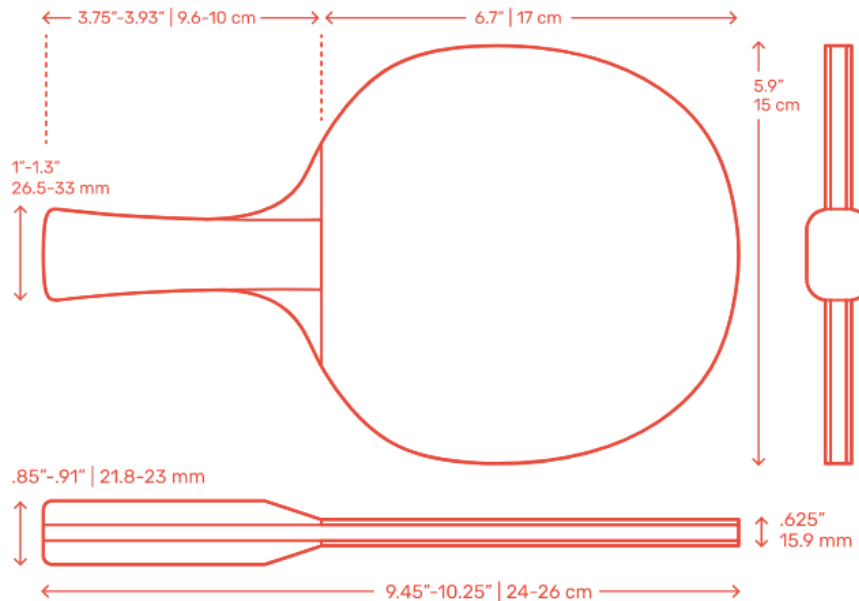
The University of Akron is excited to host the regional Concrete Novelty competition at the 2024 EGL Symposium. This competition is intended to be fun and unique for teams. Concrete Novelty teams will be judged on their ability to create an aesthetically pleasing and creative concrete ping pong paddle. Teams will create two paddles that will be used to play other teams in a ping pong tournament. Each game will be played using a regular table and ball.

Theme:

- Concrete Ping Pong Paddle

Dimensions:

- Per the International Table Tennis Federation, **a paddle can measure in any size and shape.** However, for best performance, it is recommended to have an average blade length of 6.7", a blade width of 5.9", an overall length between 9.45" and 10.25", and an overall paddle thickness ranging between 0.6"-0.7". An example schematic can be seen below:



For more sizing information we highly recommend this [LINK](#)

Materials:

- The paddle must be made from concrete.
- Tape will be allowed for the handle of the paddle.
- Reinforcement of any type is permitted but cannot be exposed.
- Ping pong paddles may be painted, stained, sealed, and/or decorated with any commercially available materials.

Deliverables (All due on competition day: 4/6/2024)

- Two (2) ping pong paddles
- Two-page maximum summary including:
 - Short description/summary of design and team name
 - Concrete materials list
 - Estimated cost for two paddles.
- Schools must have two students to participate if they wish to play in the ping pong tournament.

Judging:

- Concrete ping pong paddles will be judged by a professional panel prior to the tournament. (See attached rubric)
- Tournament winner.

JUDGE NAME: _____

SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY NAME: _____

Display <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the paddle creative/aesthetically pleasing?• Has the paddle been decorated tastefully?• Any visible damage or cracks prior to playing?	Judge Notes:	Score: /10
Weight/Handling: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the paddle easy to carry and hold?• How does it compare to a traditional paddle?	Judge Notes:	Score: /10
Cost: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the cost appropriate compared to a commercially available ping pong paddle?	Judge Notes:	Score: /10
TOTAL SCORE:		/30