

# History of Table Tennis

Table tennis began in England in the 1880's under many names but two names rose to the top Ping-Pong and Table Tennis.



The game became recognizable to us in 1901 when James W. Gibb introduced celluloid balls and E.C. Goode added pimped rubber to the racket. Also in 1901 J. Jaques & Son Ltd trademarked the name Ping-Pong and sold the US rights to Parker Brothers.



In 1926 the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was founded and the first set of standardized rules was introduced. Today the ITTF is still the governing body of the game. In 1933 the United States Table Tennis Association was formed, now named USA Table Tennis.

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In the 1950's the addition of sponge to paddles ushered in the modern game.



In 1988 table tennis was added to the Olympic Games.

