

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

### CONNECT.

There are many games and sports that involve balls: table tennis, basketball, and soccer are some examples. How many more can you think of?

### INVESTIGATE.

- Each of the games and sports from above come with their own set of rules. Grab your Mini Table Tennis and a friend or family member and spend a little time playing together according to the rules.
- As you play, think about the parts you find fun *and* not-so-fun. Note your ideas below. Ask your opponent to share too!

Mini Table Tennis	
Favorite Parts	Least Favorite Parts

### INNOVATE.

#### You'll need:

- Your Mini Table Tennis Game
- Small wood board
- Notepad
- Painters' tape
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Chalkboard paint or dry erase kit
- Paint brush

- Find an area in your home where your Mini Table Tennis can stay for an extended period of time. Choose a spot where it is also okay to put painter's tape on the floor.
- Review your favorite and least favorite parts of this game. If you forgot about all the rules and started from scratch, what kind of game could you play with a mini net, a ball that bounces, and two paddles? It may be helpful to talk your ideas through with someone else!

- Write your ideas on your notepad as you brainstorm. As your new game begins to take shape, be sure to consider:
  - What is the goal of your new game? How will players accomplish this?
  - What should the court look like?
  - What will the paddles be used for?
  - What will *not* be allowed?
  - How will you keep score?
  - How will a winner be determined?
- Once you have a good idea of what your Mini Table Tennis, *Version 2* will look like, record the new rules on your notepad.
- Use the painters' tape to create your new court. Remember to think about whether you'll need your ball to bounce and choose a space accordingly! Create lines around the edge of your court so it is clear where the out-of-bounds area begins. Then review your rules, consider where additional lines may be helpful, and mark these too!
- Create a scoreboard with the wooden board and the chalkboard paint or dry erase kit. Think about how many teams there will be and what kinds of numbers the scoreboard will need to hold. Then use a pencil to lightly sketch the scoreboard's design. Once you're satisfied, follow the instructions on the paint or dry erase kit to finalize your new scoreboard!
- Now that your court is complete, your scoreboard is ready, and your new rules have been written, it's time to play! Grab your original partner, explain your new rules, and give your Mini Table Tennis, *Version 2* a try!

