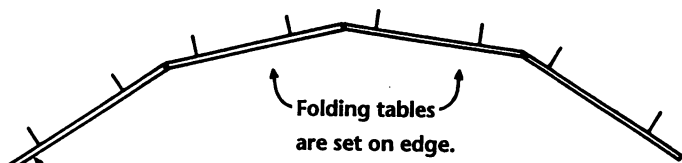


# Ping-Pong Home-Run Derby

You can play this all-or-nothing version of baseball with just a handful of players, a fair-size room, a Ping-Pong ball, and a paddle (the "bat"). Set four or five folding tables on their sides as a playing-field fence (see diagram). Use masking tape to form a home plate and two foul lines.

Now for the rules:

- All players must play on their knees.
- There are no strikes, no balls, no base hits—just home runs or outs. The batting team tries to hit home runs.
- A Ping-Pong ball that clears the fence without touching the floor or the ceiling counts as a home run. If a hit ball touches the floor or the ceiling or is caught or swatted down by a fielder, the batter is out.
- Foul balls are played over.
- The fielding team, which plays along the inside of the fence, tries to swat the Ping-Pong ball down before it flies over the fence.
- Each team gets three outs.
- The number of innings to be played can be decided by the teams.
- Umpires and scorekeepers may be chosen or not.



The distance from home plate to the fence is at the discretion of the group or the leader.

