

# WEST MICHIGAN TABLE TENNIS

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## 2017 Spring Table Tennis League

January 5 through April 4, 2017

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### Spring League Prospectus

#### 1. Dates:

January 5, 2017 - registration and practice  
January 12, 2017 - registration, practice and team draws  
January 19 -April 4, 2017 - Thursday evening Team Events  
February 18, 2017 - Spring Classic Tournament

#### 2. Event Venue:

Folkert Community Hub  
640 Seminole Rd.  
Norton Shores, MI 49441

**3. Equipment:** Only USATT approved equipment will be used: Joola tables & nets. Nittaku Premium, 40+ Official 3-star white table tennis balls. Uniform lighting, 40' ceilings and concrete floors.

**4. League Officer(s):** League Director: Joe Dault Phone: (213) 740-8426

**5. Rules:** The event rules shall be conducted in accordance with the current ITTF Handbook, which include Laws of Table Tennis, as amended by USATT; and WMiTT for league directives (which may be amended from time to time.) The event director, or if not available, the deputy director, shall enforce the rules. All decisions by the event director shall be final and participants upon entering agree to abide by them. The event director has the responsibility to caution players, coaches and spectators for violation of these rules. No white clothing allowed. The event director reserves the right to modify, combine or cancel events, and limit the number of participants per event. If the event is cancelled your fee will be refunded. All awards earned will be distributed at the awards meeting, scheduled for April 27, 2017.

**6. Eligibility:** The event is open to all players. This league is a non-sanctioned open event. USATT membership is encouraged.

**7. Scheduled Match Starting Time:** The venue will open at 6:30 PM, most evenings. Scheduled Match Starting Time is the time when all tables and barriers have been setup, generally, 6:40 PM, but never before 6:30 PM. Match time is default time. Also, see Defaults below.

**8. Entry Deadlines:** Players wishing to be included on a team roster must register and pay in full, the membership of their choice. Apply online at <https://omnipong.com/t-tourney.asp>. Online payments will be accepted through **April 6, 2017**.

**9. Draws:** The League Director shall select the top seed players, from the list of current participants, to serve as Team Captains for each respective team. Draws (choosing teams) will be completed by the Captains, under the supervision of the Director, and be made available to participants, prior to the first scheduled date of competition.

**10. Method of Play: Four Player Teams – Best of 19 team match points.** A match point is awarded for each match (singles, doubles or playoff) played. A team match may include up to three (3) stages: consisting of sixteen (16) singles matches, WHERE:

A vs. W	B vs. W	C vs. W	D vs. W
A vs. X	B vs. X	C vs. X	D vs. X
A vs. Y	B vs. Y	C vs. Y	D vs. Y
A vs. Z	B vs. Z	C vs. Z	D vs. Z

two (2) doubles matches, WHERE: AB vs. WX and CD vs. YZ and, if necessary, a 31-Point Playoff match.

All individual matches, including doubles, will be the best 3 of 5 games. Any player required to play successive individual matches is entitled to 5 minutes rest between such matches. Results for individual matches should be promptly record in the team match score card. Team captains shall determine the order of play for their players in the individual matches.

**31-Point Playoff match format.** ABCD team vs. WXYZ team. As in any other match, the right to choose the initial order of serving, receiving and ends, shall be decided by lot and the winner may choose to serve, or to receive, or to start at a particular end of the table. Thereafter, a team shall remain on their starting end throughout the playoff match. The next server shall be the winner of the previous point.

**FURTHER DETAIL:** The first rally (always) starts with A vs. W. The other ABCD team players line up in order B, C, D, off the court of play. Likewise, for the WXYZ team. Unless the rally is a let, the winner receives one (1) point and the loser goes to the back of the line for their respective team and the next team player steps up to play.

Here's an example: At the end of the first rally, A vs. W, the score is 1 - 0, then, the order of play for the next rally is: A serves to X. If X wins the point in this second rally, score 1- 1, X will now serve to B. This format continues until the first team has scored 31 points. A team must win by two points, just like any other game, in order to be declared the Playoff and Team Match Winner.

**Defaults.** If a team, or a player, is not present to play at the scheduled starting time, in stage one (singles), matches will be defaulted as follows: If a table is available, after 10 minutes, match 1; after an additional 15 minutes (total 25 minutes), match 2; after an additional 15 minutes, match 3; after an additional 15 minutes, match 4. After a team match has started, if a player is unable to play because of illness, injury, or absence, his/her matches will be defaulted. If a 31-Point Playoff match is necessary, the opposing team shall receive one (1) default point each time the absent player's name occurs in the rotation. Also, see substitution rule.

**11. Substitution:** A team captain has the right to recruit a substitute player of any rating and those matches will count for individual league ratings. If that rating is outside of an acceptable range, according to league rules, then some team matches may not be accepted. The opposing team captain should indicate their acceptance, or rejection, of each substitution, prior to the start of the questionable matches, by initialing the appropriate place on the match slip. If the subbing team captain exercises his or her right to challenge this decision, then the matter will go to the league director, or deputy director, for review and final settlement. The most current League ratings available, prior to any questionable matches, shall be used when applying substitution rules.

**12. Walk-in Player, aka Substitute:** On any given night of regular league competition, when a Member, who is not currently on a team, is present, there are a couple of options available; 1) the player can be added to the roster of a team and compete against the opposing teammates, or 2) a round robin group(s) can be formed where players would compete against other players who would also wish to compete. This might be of particular interest in a season where there would be one team with a bye each week. Whichever way is chosen, your personal results can be included in the League Ratings for WMiTT, although, in the case of option 1, will not count toward the team score. Exception to this team score rule: when a player is drafted to fill a spot of an absent team player. see Substitution above.

**13. Television, Motion Picture and Internet Coverage Conditions:** Any image, photographic or otherwise, taken of the event or within the venue, is essentially the property of WMiTT (West Michigan Table Tennis.)

**14. Documents Attached:** Together with this Prospectus, attached is (are) the following document(s):

14.1 WMiTT Registration Form ver. 160930c

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