



39th Annual Bernard Hock Open**

Saturday, October 10, 2026

1721 Ekin Ave New
Albany, IN 47150

Sanctioned by USA Table Tennis



A Two Star Event THANKS
to our tournament sponsors!

Enter online at: OmniPong.com

Saturday events: Two Stage Round Robin

Under 1600 - Two Stage RR, 9:30a

Over 1600 – Two Stage RR, 3:00p

24 player limit for each event

Format for both Under 1600 & Over 1600:

First Stage: 4 groups of 6 players compete in Round Robin.

Second Stage: A, B & C divisions. Top 2 finishers in 1st stage group advance to A division, 3rd & 4th place finishers advance to B division, 5th & 6th place finishers advance to C division. Each division has 2 groups of 4 players.

Top two from each group in the Second Stage move to Semi-Finals and Finals.

All singles events will be modified RR best of 3 out of 5.

Format and eligibility change can occur at tournament committee discretion.

Start Time: U-1600 event play begins at 9:30 a.m. EDT. Gym opens at 8:00a and all players should be checked in by 9:00a.

Rules: All USATT rules and regulation and dress code will be enforced.

Tournament Committee: Carl Duvall, Certified Umpire, Referee;
John Allen. **T.D.:** J. Allen (502) 296-5383

Entry Fee: \$45 per player plus \$3 USATT rating fee and \$7 administration fee.

Deadline: All entries must be **received by Weds., October 7th**.

All entries must be paid in full. Make checks payable to SITTA

Refund Policy: No refunds will be given after entry deadline.

Umpire: Carl Duvall

Eligibility: Open to all USATT members in good standing.

Membership should be valid until Oct. Membership can also be purchased at the tournament venue.

Unrated players: Unrated players may be given estimated ratings determined by the tournament committee. Unrated players may only advance out of Division A, if placed there by tournament committee.

Rating: Seeding is based on ratings Oct 3rd.

Equipment: Only ITTF and USATT approved equipment will be used,
Donic 900 and Butterfly-Centerfold 25 and Europa tables
WHITE Butterfly R40 balls

Venue info: Hardwood flooring, Air Conditioned, fluorescent lighting, improved spectator seating.

Registration: Players must register and check in at least 30 minutes before each event starts.

Award: Division 1st Place & 2nd Place

U-1600:

A 1st: \$300, 2nd: \$150
B 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$50
C 1st: Plaque, 2nd: Plaque

O-1600:

A 1st: \$600, 2nd: \$300
B 1st: \$250, 2nd: \$125
C 1st: \$150, 2nd: \$75

USATT Membership Fees: Silver \$50/Yr, Gold-\$100/Yr, Lifetime-\$1300, Tournament pass-\$20
(see USATT.org for details)

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express: 812-945-2771 **OR** Hampton Inn: 812-944-4600

Online registration at www.omnipong.com

MAIL ENTRY FORM to: John Allen, 2314 Wetstein Av., Louisville, KY 40205

I understand USATT's Safe Sport Policy including the organization's Coaching Policy, which requires that all persons who are engaged in coaching activities at USATT

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I understand that, pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, all participants at USATT Sanctioned Tournaments who are over the age of 18 and have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes must complete annual SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport.

More information on USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>

USATT TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT WAIVER IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, I: ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or minor-aged child understand the nature of Table Tennis Activities, including but not limited to risks involved in the sport itself together with all risks, known and unknown, associated with gatherings of people ("Activities"), including the exposure to COVID-19, coronavirus, or other infectious organisms or diseases; and that I and/or minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activities. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I and/or minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activities. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, DISMEMBERMENT, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or minor child's own actions, or inaction, or the actions or inaction of others participating in the Activities, the condition in which the Activities takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SEVERE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I and/or minor child incur as a result of my participation in such Activities. HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES, COSTS, AND/OR DAMAGES FOLLOWING SUCH INJURY, DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE USA TABLE TENNIS, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, officials, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activities takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I and/or my minor child, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. By registering for this table tennis tournament, all participants are subject to possible selection for drug testing as conducted by the US Anti-Doping Agency. MEDICAL AND TRANSPORTATION RELEASE – I hereby give consent for the organizers of this table tennis tournament to provide

me and/or my minor aged child with athletic trainer and emergency medical treatment. I swear and affirm that I am in good physical condition, and I am not aware of any previous or existing diseases or injury that would result in my being injured. I further acknowledge that I have procured on my own and currently hold valid and adequate insurance for such loss, damage, or injury and if I do not have valid and adequate insurance, I accept full responsibility for the cost of the loss, damage, or injury that might occur as a result of my participation in this table tennis tournament. I give my consent to participate in all emergency transportation associated with activities during this table tennis tournament, in the event I become incapacitated or otherwise not conscious to give direct consent and I accept full responsibility for all costs associated with all emergency transportation as deemed necessary. Further, as the parent/guardian of a participating minor athlete, I hereby give my consent for complete medical treatment and emergency transportation services as deemed necessary beyond the on-site athletic trainer or emergency medical treatment provided. MEDIA AND PHOTO RELEASE – Any image, photographic, or otherwise, taken of tournament play or within the official venue is essentially the property of USA Table Tennis and CITTA regardless of the Approved status of the recording instrument or photographer. Entrants agree to allow their voice, video, pictures and likeness in such images/video to be reproduced in connection with USA Table Tennis by way of any medium. USA Table Tennis is not responsible for, nor can they control, the use of camera phones inside the venue. Participants are hereby notified of this policy. SafeSport Compliance: I understand USATT's Safe Sport Policy including the organization's Coaching Policy, which requires that all persons who are engaged in coaching activities at USATT Affiliated Member Clubs and/or USATT Sanctioned Tournaments, except parents or legal guardians coaching their own children, must be fully Safe Sport Compliant, which includes completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years. I understand that, pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, all participants at USATT Sanctioned Tournaments who are over the age of 18 and have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes must complete annual SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport. More information on USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-tabletennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>. USATT Safe Sport Protocol Communication of Safe Sport Policy to Tournament Participants Full Information for USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available on the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>. This page includes links for: 1. The USATT Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ["MAAPP"]; 2. The SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements; 3. The US Center for SafeSport's Toolkit for Parents; 4. USATT Safe Sport Compliance Protocol (Who Must Be Safe Sport Compliant and How a Person Becomes Safe Sport Compliant); and 5. Frequently asked Questions Regarding Safe Sport Compliance. PERSONS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT Under USATT Safe Sport Policy, persons holding certain Positions of Authority must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for Safe Sport (once per year) and undergo a criminal background screen (every two years). The list of Positions of Authority requiring Full Safe Sport Compliance is set out in USATT's Safe Sport Policy and the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT Website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>. USATT COACHING POLICY All persons who are engaged in coaching activities at USATT Affiliated Member Clubs and/or USATT Sanctioned Tournaments, except parents or legal guardians coaching their own children, must be Fully Safe Sport Compliant, which requires completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years. ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFESPORT TRAINING Pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, ALL Adult Participants (participants over the age of 18) who have regular contact with or authority over minor aged athletes must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year ("SafeSport Trained"). CONTACT USATT TO BECOME SAFESPORT TRAINED AND/OR FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT USATT is pleased to assist USATT Members in the process of becoming SafeSport Trained and/or Fully Safe Sport Compliant. Please contact USATT at Admin@usatt.org for more info and guidance in this process. MANDATORY REPORTING There are certain circumstances where reporting a potential Safe Sport violation is mandatory. These circumstances include: (i) child abuse; (ii) sexual misconduct; (iii) emotional and physical misconduct; (iv) criminal charges and/or dispositions involving sexual misconduct or misconduct involving minors; (v) any abuse of the Safe Sport process. Child abuse must be immediately reported to local law enforcement. To learn more about the appropriate agency where you can submit a report of child abuse, log onto: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting>. HOW TO REPORT SAFE SPORT VIOLATION Persons can report a suspected violation of USATT's Safe Sport Policy to: 1. The US Center for SafeSport at www.SafeSport.org (or by phone during regular business hours at: 720531-0340); and/or 2. The USATT Athlete Protection Officer Mark Thompson (mark.thompson@usatt.org) (719-329-4200).

Signature of Participant _____

Print Name Date _____ -

ENTRY FORM:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____, Zip: _____
Phone: _____, e-mail: _____ M or F (Please Circle)
D.O.B _____ Rating: _____ Club: _____, USATT # _____

Event Fee: _____ \$70 _____

Membership fees: _____

USATT Team donation: _____

Rating fee: _____ \$3 _____

Total Fees: _____ (make checks payable to SITTA)

I hereby assume all risk and responsibility for my participation in this tournament. I release any and all sponsors, SITTA and USATT from any claims, or demands for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by my person or property. I will abide by all USATT rules and regulations and the decisions of the referee and tournament directors. Any image, photographic or otherwise, taken of tournament play or within the official venue are jointly owned by USATT and SITTA. Entrants agree to allow their voice and likeness in such images to be reproduced in connection with USATT and/or SITTA by way of any medium.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent must sign for minor under age 18