

The 2021 Charlotte TTC Open Tournament Series

Stage Two

USATT sanctioned 3-Star Tournament

Saturday, March 27th 2021

CHARLOTTE F.U.M.C. Gymnasium, 501 N. Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

Tournament Director: Simon Brain

Tournament Referee: Bill Englebreth RR

COMPETITION

This is a Six Stage Tournament Series with each 'Stage' offered as its own distinct, stand-alone Tournament. These Six Stage's, all of similar format, will be offered approximately two months apart through 2021. Entry to the Series is automatic and **free** based on entry to any one of the six Tournaments. For details on the Series rules and prizes please see separate sheet

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all members of the USATT. Non-members may join the USATT by including the membership fee with their entry fee. Players who are not current USATT members may buy a tournament pass for \$20. Any unrated players entering will be placed as the bottom seeds of Group E, but will be unable to win the \$60 prize.

TOURNAMENT VENUE & HEALTH DETAILS

Playing venue is a 66' x 60' x 24' high, brightly lit gymnasium (600 Lumens on 'Featured' Table); arranged with six, equally sized, fully barriered courts of 32' x 16' (20' x 40' on 'Featured' Table). The floor is a white tiled gym floor over wood. Tournament balls will be **ORANGE**, 3-star Nittaku Premium 40+ plastic balls. Butterfly Centerfold 25 tables, and Butterfly Europa nets will be used. Clothing must be mainly non-orange

Covid-19 requirements. Only participants along with 1 coach or parent will be allowed inside the Playing Hall. Players should not come if feeling sick or having a cough. Players will be temperature checked before entering the Main Hall and should frequently wash their hands/use the hand sanitizer available on site. We ask all people to maintain a 6-foot social distance in the Playing Hall. Finally, players should not change ends between games nor shake hands at the end of matches

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

There will be six groups of maximum eight players. Players will be placed into the appropriate group based on their USATT ranking on Thursday, March 25th 2021. The six groups will be P (premier), A, B, C, D & E. The top USATT rated player will be placed as 1st seed in the 'P' group. All other players will be placed in descending order below the 1st seed, based strictly on USATT rating, until the lowest rated player is placed as the lowest seed in the 'E' group. This is a 48-player maximum Tournament. If less than 48 players enter, players will be removed evenly from each group starting with Group E (e.g. this would leave 7 players in each group if only 40 players enter). The competition will proceed as a round robin event within each group. As stated above, any unrated players entering will be placed as the bottom seeds of the 'E' group, but will be unable to win the \$60 prize

ENTRY FEES

Tournament Fee: \$60/Player, plus all fees.

Series Fee: **FREE**

TOURNAMENT AWARDS:

P group:	1 ST place; \$240	2 ND place; \$180	3 RD place; \$120
A group:	1 ST place; \$180	2 ND place; \$120	3 rd place; \$60
B group:	1 ST place; \$120	2 ND place; \$60	
C, D, & E group:	1 ST place; \$60		

START TIMES

For C, D & E groups start time will be 9.00am. Hall will open for Check-in/Practice at 8.00am. Every player in these three groups must report to the control desk by 8.45am latest. For P, A & B groups, start time will be 2.00pm. Every player in these three groups must report to the control desk by 1.45pm latest. Starting at 1.30pm the preceding competition groups will be transitioned to single tables leaving three tables available for short warm ups. Additionally, four extra tables will be available for groups A, B, & C for warm up play - from Noon until 1.45pm - in a separate room. **Please note the two separate Group start times (to help reduce numbers in the playing Hall!)... seedings and Group compositions will be posted on the CTTC web-site - AND - e-mailed to all participants who detail an e-mail address on their entry form, on Thursday, March 25th 2021**

DEADLINE

Entries must be must be postmarked by Thursday, March 18th 2021 or entered online at www.omnipong.com by Wednesday, March 24th 2021. **Cancellations...** due to the seeding process and communication of Groups... **there will be no entry refunds for cancellations after Wednesday, March 24th 2021.** For confirmation of entry prior to Wednesday, March 24th 2021, please go to www.omnipong.com for a list of confirmed entries

ENTRY SUBMISSION

You can enter online at www.omnipong.com or send this form to Bill Englebreth, 623 Wilora Landing Rd. Charlotte, NC 28212. Checks should be made payable to CTTC

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ DOB: _____ USATT ID: _____ Rating: _____

Club: _____

Event Fee: **\$ 60**

USATT Membership or Tournament Pass: \$ _____

Donation to Team USA Program: \$ _____

Processing Fee: **\$ 10**

Total Event Fees: \$ _____

I accept full responsibility for my participation and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the tournament director, Tournament Referee, Charlotte TTC, staff, sponsors, and all persons and organizations associated with this recreation event, from and against all liability for any injury, death, COVID-related consequences, or loss which may be suffered by participating and I will sign a USATT waiver at the Tournament entry to such effect. I will abide by all USATT regulations and decisions of the tournament officials

Signature (Parent or Guardian if Under 18): _____ Date: _____

Questions?... contact Simon Brain at (980) 233-1968 or email to shortpips@hotmail.com

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Saturday, January 30th 2021

Saturday, March 27th 2021

Saturday, May 29th 2021

Saturday, July 24th 2021

Saturday, September 25th 2021

Saturday, November 20th 2021

The goal of the 'Series' awards are to reward both the most competitive and/or improved players during the year regardless of playing level. Important: missing the first stage does not stop anyone from entering into any of the other five stages, so early entry is suggested for players wishing to compete in - and win - the Series

ELIGIBILITY

Entry into any one of the six Stages gains a player free entry into the Series and makes them eligible to win the Series prize based on the format detailed below

TOURNAMENT FORMAT FOR ALL SERIES STAGES

There will be six groups of maximum eight players. Players will be placed into the appropriate group based on their USATT ranking on the Thursday prior to each Stage event. The six groups will be P (premier), A, B, C, D, & E. The top USATT rated player will be placed as 1st seed in the Premier Group. All other players will be placed in descending order below the 1st seed, until the lowest rated player is placed as the lowest seed in group E. For the first Stage of the Series only, both League & Tournament ratings will be used for seeding, the higher rating of the two being used. However, the players Tournament rating will be the one reported and effected with the USATT, and League rating players will thus gain a Tournament rating. In future stages, only USATT Tournament ratings will be used. This is to allow previously non-tournament players the opportunity to compete equally in the first stage. Any completely unrated player entering at any Stage will be placed as the bottom seed of Group E, but will be unable to win the \$60 prize. They will be eligible for the Series prizes, but starting only from their entry into the next Series event after their first.

SERIES FORMAT

Points awarded for performance in each Stage

It is only necessary to participate in one of the six stage events to qualify for the Series, but Series points will be awarded and accumulated after each and every event on the following basis...

P – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	40, 38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26
A – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24
B – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22
C – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20
D – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18
E – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16

If less than 48 players are entered, players will be removed evenly from each group starting with Group E, but points will NOT be adjusted in any way from the schedule shown above. E.g.: If only 7 players are in both D & E groups, the player coming first in group E will still receive 30 points and the player coming seventh in group D will still receive 20 points

Points awarded for performance over all of the Stages in the Series

Additional bonus points will be awarded at the end of the series as follows...

Seven points for each one of the six events participated in (minimum 7 points, maximum 42 points)

Sixty points for the player who accumulates the most top three finishes in any and all groups across all 6 events

Eighty points for the player with the largest improvement from their start position in Stage 1 of the Series to their start position in any of the following five Stages (positions being 1 – 48)

One Hundred points for the player with the largest ‘underdog’ over-turn win, based solely from their seeded rating when participating in Stage 1. E.g.: Player A’s USATT starting rating (Tournament or League, whichever is higher) while playing in Stage 1 is 1320. This player, while participating in Stage 4, beats a player who at the start of Stage 4 has a USATT Tournament rating of 1470. This difference of 150 points is the largest rating disparity win (compared to their Stage 1 rating) of any player. This winning player gains the 100 category points

In the event of a tie in any of these overall Series categories (except participation), points will be split evenly between the players involved

It should be noted that not participating in Stage 1 of the Series does not preclude a player from winning a Series award, but does confer on them a significant disadvantage because most of the overall Series point awards use a comparison from the first Stage.

SERIES AWARDS

As determined by the accumulation of points awarded over all six of the Stages in the Series, corresponding to the point award schedule described above; and to be awarded at the end of Tournament play in Stage 6...

1ST place; \$400 plus Trophy

2ND place; \$200

3RD place; \$100