

The Charlotte TTC 2021 Open Tournament Series

May

USATT sanctioned 3-Star Tournament

Saturday, May 29th 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 Giant Round Robin Tournament played in 2 stages. The winners of each of the second stage groups will then play cross-over finals for prizes available at each of four levels.

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. Unless an estimated rating is supplied, vouched for by a USATT Coach or Official, any unrated players entering will be placed as the bottom seeds of the original RR Groups. Unrated players will be able to play in both the first and second Round Robin Stages, but - in all but the 'A' group - will be unable to advance to the cross-over Finals; and thus, unable to win those prizes.

TOURNAMENT VENUE & HEALTH DETAILS

Playing venue is a 66' x 60' x 24' high, brightly lit gymnasium (600 Lumens on 'Featured' Tables); arranged with six, equally sized, fully barriered courts of 32' x 16', and a further 2: 32' x 16' courts on an upper floor. The floor is a white tiled gym floor over wood, and wood in the upper area. 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. There will also be a further three warm-up Tables available all day in the upper area. All finals will be played in the Main Hall on one of four 40' x 20' feature Tables

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

Stage 1 will comprise of the 48 players seeded into twelve groups of 4. Each Group will comprise of an 'A', 'B', 'C', & 'D' designated player. Players will be 'snake-seeded' into the appropriate group based on their USATT ranking on Thursday, May 27th 2021. The top USATT rated player will be placed as 1st seed in the 'A' level, all other players being placed in descending order below that 1st seed based on USATT rating, until the lowest rated player is placed as the 12th seed in the 'D' level. With seedings re-assessed solely on the results of Stage 1, Stage 2 will comprise of players being placed in one of 2: 6 player Round Robin groups at each of the four levels. Groups comprised as follows. Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, & 12 in Group 'A1' - and - Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, & 11 in group 'A2'. Seeding for Groups 'B', 'C', & 'D' groups will follow an identical format. Finally, the winners and runners-up of each of the two groups in each of the 4 levels will play cross-over Semi-finals and then a Final to determine group positions for the prizes detailed below. There will be no 3rd place playoff games. In the event of low entry, the Tournament Director and Referee reserve the right to modify the size of the groups in the initial two stages.

ENTRY FEES

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

TOURNAMENT AWARDS:

A group:	1 ST place; \$500	2 ND place; \$250	Semi-finalists; \$60 each
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B group:	1 ST place; \$200	2 ND place; \$100
C group:	1 ST place; \$100	2 ND place; \$60
D group:	1 ST place; \$60	

START TIMES

Start time for all players will be 9.00am. Hall will open for Check-in/Practice at 8.00am with 11 tables being available for Warm up. Every player must report to the control desk by 8.45am latest. Stage 2 start time should be approximately 1.00pm, with approximately 1 hour being allowed for lunch between stages 1 & 2. Crossovers will follow immediately following the conclusion of Stage 2, and should start at approximately 6pm.

DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked by Thursday, May 20th 2021 or entered online at www.omnipong.com by Wednesday, May 26th 2021 and must be accompanied by payment to be considered valid. Cancellations... there will be no entry refunds for cancellations after Wednesday, May 26th 2021. For confirmation of entry prior to Wednesday, May 26th 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