



- 1. Competition Date** 28 – 31 March 2019
- 2. Organiser** USA Table Tennis (USATT)
4065 Sinton Road
Suite 120
Colorado Springs, CO 80908
Tel: 719-453-6452
E-mail: Joerg.Bitziqeo@usatt.org
- 3a. Tournament Director** TBD
Tel:
E-mail:
- 3b. Media and Press Officer** Matt Hetherington
Tel: 848-391-3148
E-mail: Matt.Hetherington@usatt.org
- 3c. USATT Referee** Yelena Karshstedt
- 4. Venue** ICC TABLE TENNIS CENTER, 1507 N. Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035
- 5. Events** **USATT National Ranking Tournament for Youth Junior Boys + Girls (born after 1.1.2001), Cadet Boys + Girls (born after 1.1.2004), Mini-Cadet Boys + Girls (born after 1.1.2006), Hopes Boys + Girls (born after 1.1.2007)**
Each player, with the exception of the Juniors, may only compete in a maximum of two age categories, which must be consecutive (for example Mini-Cadet and Cadet).
Two guaranteed places on TTTTeam USA will be awarded to the top 2 finishers in Juniors, Cadets & Mini-Cadets. Top 24 finishers per gender in all four age categories will get points for the USATT Annual Points Ranking.
- 6. Eligibility** Only athletes eligible, according to the rules and regulations of the ITTF, to represent the USA at Olympic, World and Continental title events will be eligible for the USATT National Ranking Tournament and TTTTeam USA. Only USATT members in good standing of USATT may participate. For details on eligibility please visit <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Team-USA/New-ITTF-Olympic-and-Pan-Am-Games-Eligibility-Requirements> or the ITTF Handbook at https://d3mjm6zw6cr45s.cloudfront.net/2018/02/2018ITTFHandbook_v2.pdf_0.pdf
- 7. Prizes** Prizes will be given as a value in kind for future TTTTeam USA training camps.
Juniors 1st place \$750 2nd place \$375 3rd place \$200
Cadets 1st place \$500 2nd place \$250 3rd place \$125
Mini-Cadets 1st - 3rd place awards
Hopes 1st - 3rd place awards
- 8. Qualified Players** The top sixteen (16) players of each gender will automatically advance to the main draw. Up to the first eight (8) players will be allocated based on March 2019 ITTF WR for any player in the top 300 of its age category, all others will be allocated based on USATT rating as of March 1, 2019. In the event that less than 8 players are in the top 300, the remaining spots will be allocated based on USATT rating as of March 1, 2019. All others participate in the qualification event.
- 9. Entry Fee** \$250 USD per player for the USATT National Ranking Tournament
- 10. Format of play** The qualification will be played as Single elimination best of 5 games and eight (8) players will advance. Twenty-four (24) players of each gender will play in the main draw best of 5 games. For stage 1 of the main draw players will be divided into 4 groups of six (6). For stage 2 (placement round), the participants play each four matches for the places 1 to 24 in a modified KO system. In total each player in the main draw will play 9 matches. If there will be less than 24 participants in an age category, the format of play may be changed.

Players will be umpires and count games of a different age group.
- 11. General Schedule** 3/28 Hopes / Cadets Qualification + Top 16 + Consolation
3/29 Hopes / Cadets Top 16 + Consolation; Mini-Cadets / Juniors Qualification + Consolation
3/30 Mini-Cadets / Juniors Top 16 + Consolation
3/31 Mini-Cadets / Juniors Top 16
- 12. Seeding** Will be done for the qualification and the main draw based first on ITTF WR, second by USATT rating. Up to the first eight (8) players will be seeded based on March 2019 ITTF WR for any player in the top 300 of its age category, all others will be seeded based on USATT rating as of March 15, 2019. In age categories without ITTF WR, like Mini-Cadets and Hopes, seeding will be based on USATT rating as of March 15, 2019
- 13. Draw** Will be held on March 26, 2019
- 14. Equipment** Tables: Butterfly Centerfold Number: 12 Color: blue
Balls: Nittaku 40+ Premium 3*
- 15. Hospitality** There is no 'official' host hotel for the tournament, but there are many hotels located in the vicinity of ICC.
- 16. Entries** Entries need to be done online no later than **February 28, 2019**.
Late entries will not be accepted.
Players will not be considered entered unless paid in full.
For entries and payments use the link to the USATT National Ranking Tournament under:
<https://www.omnipong.com/Members.asp?ae=13917&h=1232>



17. Refund

There will be no refunds.

18. Defaults:

By defaulting a match after the draw is done, for whatever reason, USATT has to assume that this athlete is no longer able to participate in the remainder of the event and any remaining matches in that event will be forfeited.

It has happened several times that players have given up in the middle of the tournament or simply stopped to compete, meaning, they have not completely finished the tournament. We are referring here rather to situations in which players simply didn't continue or appeared from one day to the other, possibly lost the desire due to not achieving the expected results or seeing no sense in the consolation or placement matches.

In case of defaulting, the athlete must receive permission from the HPD or USATT Referee to compete in any other event in the tournament.

19. Premature Departure:

Participation in our tournaments is only possible if the athletes can guarantee right from the start and plan in advance that they will be able to finish the tournament in terms of the time schedule. Deliberately planned or even booked premature departure will no longer be accepted.

20. Racket Controls:

If racket control includes official test for VOC, miniRAE devices will be used according to the ITTF decision. In this case, players will be invited to voluntarily tests their rackets before competition starts.

The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make certain that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

21. Motion & picture:

By entering the event, players agree to abide by all USATT rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organizing Committee. All individual players agree under the auspices of USATT and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage to be video internet webcasting, motion picture and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition.