



2023 Junior National Team Trials – Part 1

PROSPECTUS

DATE: February 25th – February 28, 2023

VENUE: Belk Gym
8911 University Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

ORGANIZER: USA TABLE TENNIS
One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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EVENTS:

- U19 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U17 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U15 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U13 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U11 Boys' and Girls' Singles

SCHEDULE:

- February 25-26 U19 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- February 25-26 U13 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- February 27-28 U11 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- February 27-28 U15 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- February 26-28 U17 Boys' and Girls' Singles

SELECTION PROCESS:

For Age Events: U-11, U-13, U-15, and U-19:

The **2023 US National Champion** for each age category will be awarded the **First Position** on the **2023 US National Team for that respective age category**. Positions 2 through 8 will be determined by a **point system**. Points towards U.S. National Team will be awarded if athletes place in top 8 at the 2023 Junior National Team Trials (February 25-28, Charlotte, NC) and at the 2023 U.S. Nationals (Forth Worth, Texas, July). At the U.S. Nationals, competition format will be Round Robin (RR) leading to Single Elimination (SE), where losers of semifinals will play 3rd place match, while losers of QF will play placement matches to determine 5th through 8th position to determine the number of points each athlete gets. Based on the number of points each athlete accumulates, there will be a ranking system which will determine positions 2 through 8 of US Junior National Teams.

Charlotte Result	Points	National Result	Points
1	16	1	Directly #1 on team
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	4	5	4
6	3	6	3
7	2	7	2
8	1	8	1

If two players or more players have the same number of points after both events, the final order will be based on the tie-breaking policy.

TIE BREAKING POLICIES:

1. If 2 players have the same number of points, all head-to-head results will be used to break the tie. (Match, sets and points, just like ITTF Regulations). If 3 players have the same number of points, the standard 3-way tie-break rules will apply with the last result from the respective event to be taken into consideration for tie-break
2. If head-to-head matches are tied, results against common opponents in that respective tie will be used.
3. If after the second tie-breaking method, two players are still tied, “Flip a coin” method will be used.

For Age Event: U-17:

The top seven (7) finishers at the 2023 Junior Team Trials (Charlotte, NC) will qualify for the 2023 National Team. **The competition format for U17 will be Round Robin (RR) leading to Single Elimination (SE)**. The champion for the U17 event at the U.S. Nationals will be directly qualified as #1 in the U17 US National Team

SYSTEM OF PLAY FOR U-11, U-13, U-15, and U-19 at 2023 Junior National Team Trials:

- **Stage 1:** Qualification Round Robin Groups (No players will be seeded directly to Stage 2);

- **Stage 2:** Round Robin of Twelve (12) players, divided into two (2) groups. Draw is created based on snake by rating (using February 10, 2022, USATT published ratings); and
- **Final Stage:** Four (4) players from each group will advance from Stage 2 and then play crossover with the other group (with result carry over).
- In the case where there are less than 12 entries, there will be no Qualification Stage.
- All matches will be Best-of-Five

Geographical separation will be used to prevent players from the same Region from competing against each other in the qualification round robin. USATT reserves the right to change the RR format based on the total number of players.

DRAW: The draw will be made at least one (1) day before each competition.

RATINGS: For seeding and draw purpose USATT ratings as of February 10th, 2023, will be used.

RULES: The tournament will be conducted in accordance with USATT Rules and Regulations.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: Athletes agree to follow all USATT and Facility COVID-19 Protocols and Regulations to participate in the Trials. USATT will follow all Federal, State and Local Rules and Policies in place at the time of the Competition

RACKET CONTROL: The detailed inspection of the racket remains the duty of the umpires, who may ask the referee for a racket control, before the match starts, if they consider a racket may be illegal. The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make sure that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

EQUIPMENT:

Tables: **Butterfly**
 Balls: **Nittaku 3-Star Premium 40+ White Balls**
 Floor: **Wooden floor**

ELIGIBILITY:

For Age Categories - All athletes must be eligible to represent the United States at world and continental championships. Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the ITTF rules to represent USA at 2023 Pan Am Championships.

U11 – born on or after January 1, 2012

U13 – born on or after January 1, 2010

U15 – born on or after January 1, 2008

U17 - born on or after January 1, 2006 (U17 won't take place at 2023 Pan Am Championships)

U19 – born on or after January 1, 2004

Only USATT members in good standing may participate. Players need to be **current USATT Pro Members**. Signed USATT National Team Code of Conduct forms and Waiver will be required by all participants. Players will be required to provide a copy of their current passport or birth certificate to prove eligibility.

Please note: If a player has already registered with the ITTF or played trials for another country, such player is not eligible to enter this tournament.

All EVENTS that don't have specific trials will be chosen from national team members already qualified matching the requirements for the event in rank order.

FEES:

Junior Events \$180/athlete per event

Entries will be accepted only if they include entry fee, signed waiver, and proof of citizenship.

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Entries must be received no later than February 10th, 2023.**

Mail or E-mail proof of citizenship and signed waiver to:

USA Table Tennis

One Olympic Plaza

Colorado Springs CO 80909

EMAIL: Tina.Ren@usatt.org

CANCELLATION: There will be no refunds after February 1, 2023.

AIRPORTS: CLT

HOTELS NEARBY:

1. UNC Charlotte Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
2. Hampton Inn Charlotte-University Place
3. Holiday Inn Charlotte University, an IHG Hotel

USATT SAFESPORT POLICY: All Coaches at USATT Events must be fully SafeSport Compliant to engage in any coaching activities at such Events. Full SafeSport Compliance requires a valid SafeSport Training Certificate and current criminal background check. Please check your USATT Membership Portal to determine if you are up-to-date and current in these two areas.

DEFAULTS: An Athlete who defaults in an event at the 2023 US National Team Trials is considered to have defaulted from that event completely, fully, and finally.

VIDEOS & IMAGES: 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, 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 webcasting 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.

ACCREDITATIONS: All coaches will be required to have an accreditation to access the Field of Play. To be eligible for accreditation all coaches need to be fully Safe Sport Compliant and have a current criminal background check. All coaches will be required to request accreditation for 2023 US Junior National Team Trials. For accreditation contact: admin@usatt.org. Parents are eligible to coach their own children without being SafeSport compliant. Only one parent will be allowed access to field of play and will need to be designated in advance as by the minor athlete (child) as his/her coach. Parents will still be required accreditation to access field of play. Only one person is allowed to be on field of play as coach for an athlete, this can be either his/her parent **or** coach (one person total).

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
2023 US National Team Trials, February 25- February 28, 2023

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or my minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my 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 my 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 my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activities.

2. 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 my 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 my minor child incur as a result of my participation in such Activities.

3. 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.

4. 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 the 2023 US National Team Trials, 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 the 2023 US National Team Trials 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 because of my participation in the 2023 US National Team Trials. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2023 US National Team Trials, 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 regardless of the Approved status of the recording instrument or photographer. Entrants agree to allow their voice and likeness in such images 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.

Signature of Participant: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please print, fill-out and forward to: Tina.Ren@usatt.org