



2023 Adult National Team Trials

PROSPECTUS

DATE: April 7th – April 9th, 2023

VENUE: 888 Table Tennis Center
888 Hinckley Rd, Burlingame, CA 94010

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

REGISTRATION: www.omnipong.com

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vlad Farcas (vlad.farcas@usatt.org)

TOURNAMENT REFEREE: Bill Englebreth

EVENTS:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles

SCHEDULE:

- April 7th – 9th Men's and Women's Singles

SELECTION PROCESS:

While it is not known at this time, should the 2023 Pan American Games be an opportunity to earn quota slots for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, athletes who may earn those quotas will not qualify by name for the 2024 Olympic Games. Those quota slots will be for the United States and qualification for those slots and for the 2024 Olympic Games will be determined by USATT according to a TBD Olympic Games selection process.

Athletes will be named to Pan Am Games North American Region Qualification event (if required), the Pan Am Special Qualification event (if required), and the Pan American Games according to the below in priority order. Athletes will be named to the Pan American Games team in the below priority order according to the number of quotas earned:

- One male and one female athlete in the Top 50 ITTF World Ranking as of the cutoff date for the 2023 Pan American Games Team Trials (March 15, 2023). In the case of more than one player in the top 50 World Ranking, the highest ranked player will be selected to the Team. In the case two players have the same World Ranking, the previous World Ranking will be used.
- The top two male and top two female finishers at the 2023 Pan American Games Team Trials not already named to the team.
- If no athlete is ranked in the top 50, the top 3 male and top 3 female finishers at the 2023 Pan American Games Team Trials.

Based on the number of quotas earned, athletes will be entered into the Pan American Games singles events according to the below in priority order:

- Athlete who qualified with a Top 50 ITTF Ranking.
- The winner of the 2023 Pan American Games Team Trials.
- If no athlete qualified through a Top 50 ITTF ranking and singles slots remain, players will be entered into the singles events based on rank order finish from 2023 Pan American Games Team Trials.

From the athletes qualifying to represent the United States at the North American Games Regional Qualifying Event, the Pan Am Special Qualification event and the 2023 Pan American Games, the US Team Coaches for the 2023 Pan American Games will determine the participants in the Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles based on the past performance and/or style of play of the qualifiers.

Entire Selection procedure can be found on the USATT website under tab National Teams -> USATT National Team -> Selection Procedures

SYSTEM OF PLAY FOR 2023 ADULT NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS:

- **Stage 1:** Qualification Round Robin Groups (No players will be seeded directly to Stage 2); might be followed by a round of single elimination based on number of entries.
- **Stage 2:** Round Robin of Twelve (12) players, divided into two (2) groups. Draw is created based on snake by rating (using March 20, 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-Seven

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 the competition.

RATINGS: For seeding and draw purpose USATT ratings as of March 20th, 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. It is strongly recommended all players to make sure that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

EQUIPMENT:

Tables: **Butterfly Centrefold 25**
Balls: **Nittaku 3-Star Premium 40+ White Balls**
Floor: **Rubberized ITTF Approved Floor**

ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the ITTF rules to represent USA to at least one of the following events: 2023 Pan Am Championships and/or 2023 Pan Am Games. Should one player qualify and not be eligible for one of the mentioned events, next ranked player in the final rank order will earn the spot for that specific event.

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 citizenship part of 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.

The National Team trials order will be used for entries in international events for which specific trials were not held.

FEES:

Adult Events \$285/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 March 20th, 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 March 20, 2023.

AIRPORTS: SFO, SJC

HOTELS NEARBY:

1. San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront
2. Vagabond Inn SFO Airport

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 Adult 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, April 7-April 9, 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