



## 2024 Junior National Team Trials – Part 1

### PROSPECTUS

**DATE:** March 26<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>

**VENUE:** West Monroe Sports & Events  
875 Constitution Dr West Monroe, LA 71292

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

**REGISTRATION:** [www.omnipong.com](http://www.omnipong.com)

**HOTELS:** Home2Suites – West Monroe – [Booking Link](#)  
Fairfield Inn – West Monroe – [Booking Link](#)

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**REFEREE:** TBD

#### 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:

- March 26-27 U19 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- March 26-27 U13 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- March 27-29 U11 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- March 27-29 U17 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- March 28-30 U15 Boys' and Girls' Singles

## Selection procedure National Boys and Girls teams USATT for the calendar year 2024

The National teams for boys and girls (U-19, U-17, U-15, U-13 and U-11) who will represent the US in international tournaments will be selected as follows:

\* We introduce a point system that will determine the selection and ranking order for both national boys and girls teams

\* There will be 2 tournaments in the calendar year 2024 which count for this ranking

\* The two tournaments are National Youth Team Trials I (March 2024) and National Youth Team Trials II (May 2024)

\* Points will be awarded according to the table below

\* After every tournament the newest points ranking will be published

\* The national team will consist of 8 players in each category

\* The newest points ranking at the entry deadline for an international event where USATT can select players will be used for the nomination for that particular international event up to four players

\* If there is a spot for a fifth player in any event USATT's head coach will make a recommendation about the number 5 player to the HPC, who will make the final decision.

Factors to be considered for selecting the 5th player will be performance, potential for long term development, adequate training conditions and environment, consistency and quality and professional judgements of player potential by USATT Head Coach Gao Jun, with input provided by the USATT National Youth Coaches.

<b>Nr 1</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Nr 2</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Nr 3</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Nr 4</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Nr 5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Nr 6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Nr 7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Nr 8</b>	<b>1</b>

### SYSTEM OF PLAY FOR 2024 Junior National Team Trials:

- **Stage 1:** Qualification Round Robin Groups (No players will be seeded directly to Stage 2); latest available rating list will be used to create the draw using snake system.
- **Stage 2:** Round Robin of Twelve (12) players, divided into two (2) groups. Draw is created based on snake by placement in Stage 1.
- **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 16 entries or less, there will be no Qualification Stage.
- All matches will be Best-of-Five.
- *No Geographical Separation will be used in any stage of the competition.*

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

**RATINGS:** For seeding and draw purpose the latest USATT ratings published at the time of the draw will be used

**RULES:** The tournament will be conducted in accordance with USATT Rules and Regulations. Members of the same family should play each other in the 1st round if there are drawn in the same round robin.

**RACKET CONTROL:** If racket control includes official test for VOC, miniRAE devices will be used according to the USATT decision. In this case, players will be invited to voluntarily test their rackets before the competition starts. The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make certain that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

**EQUIPMENT:**

Tables: **24 Butterfly in Field of Play , 10 Butterfly in Practice Area**

Balls: **Nittaku 3-Star Premium 40+ White Balls**

Floor: **Enlio Super Weaving on top of 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 2024 Pan Am Championships.

U11 – born on or after January 1, 2013

U13 – born on or after January 1, 2011

U15 – born on or after January 1, 2009

U17 - born on or after January 1, 2007

U19 – born on or after January 1, 2005

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.**

**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 March 10, 2024.**

**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](mailto:Tina.Ren@usatt.org)

**CANCELLATION:** There will be no refunds after March 1, 2024.

**AIRPORTS:** The **Monroe Regional Airport** is serviced by Delta Airlines and American Airlines offering direct flights daily to Dallas, TX, and Atlanta, GA. It is located less than 10 miles from West Monroe Sports and Events.

**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 2024 US National Team Trials is considered to have defaulted from that age 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 2024 US Junior National Team Trials. For accreditation contact:

**NATIONAL TEAM** members will be representing TEAM USA in all international events.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** reserves the right to make adjustments based on the size of the field.

### **THINGS TO DO IN WEST MONROE:**

#### **SURGE Entertainment Center- For Brothers and Sisters**

This entertainment center is located across the street from the Ike and includes bowling, golf simulators, karaoke rooms, arcade games, extreme activities, a full kid friendly restaurant, and so much more.

#### **Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife – For entire Family**

Immerse yourself in nature at the Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Walk on a nature trail that meanders through a forested wetland or delight in the beauty of local flora and fauna

#### **Landry Vineyards – For Parents**

Landry Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery located in the rolling hills of West Monroe. Visitors can sample wines while enjoying the picturesque views from the beautiful tasting room. Tours are available by appointment.

**Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement  
2024 US National Team Trials, March 26-30, 2024**

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 UPSUBSTANTIAL 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 US National Team Trials. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2024 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](mailto:Tina.Ren@usatt.org)