



USATT
Georgia State Championship
 August 19th & 20th, 2023
 Lucky Shoals Recreation Center
 4651 Britt Rd. Norcross, GA 30071



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the Atlanta Georgia Table Tennis Association (AGTTA)

SANCTIONED BY USA Table Tennis as a **Four-Star** Tournament ****

Tournament Director and Referee: Sean O’Connell (CR/CU)

Tournament Committee: Sean O’Connell & Brian Crisp

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all members of the USATT that are residents of the state of Georgia. 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 basic USATT Membership pass for \$25.

DEADLINE: Saturday August 12th, 2023. Entry fees must accompany entry form (unpaid entries removed 7 days after reminder email). No entries allowed after August 12th, 2023. No refunds after entry deadline August 12th, 2023.

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REGISTRATION: Register online @ omnipong.com. **Do not enter without paying for events that are selected.** Unpaid entries will be removed 7 days after notice by email. No mail-in, in-person, or phone registration is available for this event without speaking to the tournament director for instructions.

	Events	Time	Fee	1st	2nd	Other Prize Money
1	U-13 RR	10:00AM 8/19	\$40	\$50gc		
2	U-17 RR	10:00AM 8/19	\$40	\$50gc		
3	U-21 RR	10:00AM 8/19	\$40	\$50gc		
4	Over 40	9:00 AM 8/19	\$40	\$100	\$50	
5	Over 60	9:00 AM 8/19	\$40	\$100	\$50	
6	Hardbat Singles	11:30 AM 8/19	\$40	\$50	\$25	
7	Open Men Singles	2:00 PM 8/19	\$50	\$1000	\$600	3 rd and 4 th - \$100 each
8	Open Women Singles	2:00 PM 8/19	\$50	\$1000	\$600	3 rd and 4 th - \$100 each
9	Under 3400 Doubles	5:30 PM 8/19	\$25	\$100	\$50	
10	Under 4200 Doubles	5:30 PM 8/19	\$25	\$100	\$50	
11	21-pt Handicap Event	7:00 PM 8/19	\$30	\$50	\$25	
12	Hardbat Doubles	7:00 PM 8/19	\$20	\$50	\$25	
13	Sunday GRR	10:00 AM 8/20	\$50	\$1000	\$600	\$100 A-3 rd / \$100 B-1 st

Format: All events will start with round robin groups except for the Handicap Event. 1st and 2nd place finishers will advance to single elimination playoffs for the Open Men's, Women's Singles, GRR and U4200 Doubles' events. Group winners will advance to single-elimination playoffs. Unrated players cannot advance from the round robin in the Doubles event.

-Sunday GRR: Round Robin groups of 4 in the preliminary stage. Based on results from the preliminary stage, players will move on to Division A, B, C, or D with round robin groups of 7. There will be two groups of 7 for each division. Top 2 finishers from each group move on to single-elimination playoffs. Player Limit: 56

-Hardbat Event: Games will be to 21 points; all matches are best of 3 games, including playoffs; switch server every 5 points. Participants must use rackets with USATT approved hardbat racket coverings to participate in this event.

-21-point Handicap Single Elimination Event: Must have USATT rating or AGTTA league rating to participate. One-game match to 21 points; starting score based on USATT rating differential of players. (See Handicap Chart) Switch serve every 2 points.

Ratings: Unrated players should submit an estimated rating and the source of the rating upon entering an event.

Matches: All games will be to 11 points; Men's and Women's Open Finals match will be best of 7, all other matches are best of 5 games. Exception: 21-point Handicap Event is a single game to 21 points.

RULES: The Laws of Table Tennis as published by the ITTF and all USATT regulations will be enforced.

EQUIPMENT: Only USATT approved equipment will be used: 16 Donic tables and nets; white Nittaku★★★ Premium 40+ (plastic) balls; Wooden floor. **NOTE: RACKETS:** one side of the racket must be an ITTF approved racket covering that is not black, the other side must be black.

CLOTHING: The USATT Dress Code applies. The main color of the body of the shirt or shorts may not be white. Please dress in appropriate athletic attire. Designs or lettering that are distracting to an opponent or are offensive will not be permitted. Socks and rubber-soled, non-marking, shoes must be worn.

REPORTING AND STARTING TIMES: Players must register at the desk at least 15 minutes before their events. Players not on time may be defaulted for the entire event (and replaced by an alternate) at the discretion of the referee.

AWARDS: See event chart above for cash prizes. Medals for winners and runners-up in all events.

PRACTICE: The gym will be open for practice at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

UMPIRES: Umpires will be provided on request if available.

CANCELLATION: The committee reserves the right to cancel the tournament or modify the format based on entries received. All entrants will be refunded if the tournament be cancelled.

Directions: Lucky Shoals Park – Off I-85, 4.8 miles North of I-285, turn South onto Jimmy Carter Blvd and drive 2.1 miles to Britt Road; Turn right on Britt Road 0.4 miles to Lucky Shoals Park on the Left. (Identified by a large aqua colored sign).

There are numerous restaurants a short driving distance from Lucky Shoals.

Tournament Hotel
Hampton Inn
5655 Jimmy Carter Blvd
(770) 446-3210

Racket Control.

1. No complete re-gluing will be permitted unless it is with a new sheet of rubber.
2. Partial re-gluing may be done with the permission and under the supervision of the referee.



Handicap Chart
21 Point Game

Point				
Differential				
0	- 12	Handicap		0
13	- 31	Handicap		1
32	- 56	Handicap		2
57	- 87	Handicap		3
88	- 124	Handicap		4
125	- 161	Handicap		5
162	- 198	Handicap		6
199	- 249	Handicap		7
250	- 300	Handicap		8
301	- 351	Handicap		9
352	- 412	Handicap		10
413	- 524	Handicap		11
525	- 624	Handicap		12
625	- 724	Handicap		13
725	- 824	Handicap		14
825	- 924	Handicap		15
925	- 999	Handicap		16
1000	up	Handicap		17

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Street _____

City, State, ZIP _____ USATT# _____; expires _____

Email address _____ Gender: M / F Club _____

USATT membership Pro \$75 1 yr ; Basic \$25 1 yr ;

Date of birth (required for all memberships) _____ USATT fees: \$ _____

--check box and enclose entry fees for each event you want to enter.

Event	U13	U17	U21	O40	O60	HBAT	M	W	3400D	4200D	21PT	HB-D	GRR
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Total entry fees: \$ _____

Please include your club to help us separate you from other club members

Please enter me in the above event(s). My fees in the amount of \$ _____ are enclosed.

I agree to comply with all USATT regulations. I accept full responsibility for my participation. I have signed or will sign the USATT form, Release and Waiver of Liability.

signature



USATT SAFE SPORT PROTOCOL
ENTRY BLANK TEMPLATE FOR USATT SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

I understand USATT's Safe Sport Policy including the organization's Coaching Policy, which requires that all persons who are engaged in coaching activities at USATT Affiliated Member Clubs and/or USATT Sanctioned Tournaments, except parents or legal guardians coaching their own children, must be fully Safe Sport Compliant, which includes completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years.

I understand that, pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, all participants at USATT Sanctioned Tournaments who are over the age of 18 and have **regular contact with or authority over** minor athletes must complete annual SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport.

More information on USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.



USATT Safe Sport Protocol

Communication of Safe Sport Policy to Tournament Participants

Full Information for USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available on the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT website:
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

This page includes links for:

1. The USATT Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ["MAAPP"];
2. The SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements;
3. The US Center for SafeSport's Toolkit for Parents;
4. USATT Safe Sport Compliance Protocol (**Who Must Be Safe Sport Compliant and How a Person Becomes Safe Sport Compliant**); and
5. Frequently asked Questions Regarding Safe Sport Compliance.

PERSONS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT

Under USATT Safe Sport Policy, persons holding certain **Positions of Authority** must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for Safe Sport (once per year) and undergo a criminal background screen (every two years). The list of Positions of Authority requiring **Full Safe Sport Compliance** is set out in USATT's Safe Sport Policy and the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT Website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

USATT COACHING POLICY

All persons who are engaged in **coaching activities** at USATT Affiliated Member Clubs and/or USATT Sanctioned Tournaments, **except parents or legal guardians coaching their own children**, must be **Fully Safe Sport Compliant**, which requires completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years.

ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFESPORT TRAINING

Pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, **ALL Adult Participants** (participants over the age of 18) **who have regular contact with or authority over minor aged athletes** must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year ("SafeSport Trained").

CONTACT USATT TO BECOME SAFESPORT TRAINED AND/OR FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT

USATT is pleased to assist USATT Members in the process of becoming SafeSport Trained and/or Fully Safe Sport Compliant. Please contact USATT at Admin@usatt.org for more information and guidance in this process.

MANDATORY REPORTING

There are certain circumstances where **reporting a potential Safe Sport violation is mandatory**. These circumstances include: (i) child abuse; (ii) sexual misconduct; (iii) emotional and physical misconduct; (iv) criminal charges and/or dispositions involving sexual misconduct or misconduct involving minors; (v) any abuse of the Safe Sport process. **Child abuse must be immediately reported to local law enforcement**. To learn more about the appropriate agency where you can submit a report of child abuse, log onto: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting>.

HOW TO REPORT SAFE SPORT VIOLATION

Persons can report a suspected violation of USATT's Safe Sport Policy to:

1. The US Center for SafeSport at www.SafeSport.org (or by phone during regular business hours at: 720-531-0340); and/or
2. The USATT Athlete Protection Officer Mark Thompson (mark.thompson@usatt.org) (719-329-4200).



USATT TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT WAIVER

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

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

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

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.

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 this table tennis tournament, 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 this table tennis tournament 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 as a result of my participation in this table tennis tournament. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during this table tennis tournament, 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: _____

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
(For Athlete of minor age 17 and under).