



April 10, 2021

2-STAR GIANT ROUND ROBIN

\$2300 purse / 8 recipients / 40 participant limit

USATT Sanctioned

Carter Fitness Center // Amarillo College Campus // Amarillo, TX

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LIMIT	FEE				
GIANT SINGLES RR  RD1: 8 groups of (5) players  RD2: 5 divisions of (8) grouped by Round 1 performance	4/10	12:00P	40	\$50 (+\$25 BASIC MEMBERSHIP FEE IF NOT A USATT MEMBER)**  **\$25 MEMBERSHIP FEE MAKES PLAYER ELIGIBLE FOR ALL 0-4 STAR USATT EVENTS FOR THE YEAR				
DIVISION A PLAYOFF	4/10	6:30P	(4) FROM DIV A		1 <sup>st</sup> \$1000 + TRPHY	2 <sup>nd</sup> \$500 + TRPHY	3 <sup>rd</sup> \$250	4 <sup>th</sup> \$200
DIVISIONS B-E PLAYOFF	4/10	6:00P	(8) FROM DIV B-E		1 <sup>st</sup> -B \$175	1 <sup>st</sup> -C \$100	1 <sup>st</sup> -D \$75	1 <sup>st</sup> -E \$50

OPTIONAL DONATION FOR THE US NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TEAM: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COVID-19: Due to the current pandemic, Covid-19 Protocols will be observed. Everyone must have their temperature taken at the entrance. ANYONE with a high temperature of 100f or above will not be allowed to enter or participate. Masks must be worn when not in the play area. Social distancing will be observed as much as possible. Minimal spectators allowed except for players, coaches/parents and club staff/appointed/volunteers.

REGISTER ONLINE AT OMNIPONG.COM

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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USATT #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RATING: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be received no later than midnight on April 3, 2021. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

**SPONSORS:** TopSpin Table Tennis Club, Shakehands Pong, Caviness Beef, Playa Design, Wieck Realty, Still Austin, Oliver Saddle Shop, Pete's Greenhouse, Samuel Adams.

**REFEREES:** Britt Salter, Scott Ryan

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** Director: Patrick Pitre (TopSpin Table Tennis, Amarillo), Britt Salter (OKC Table Tennis)

**USATT SANCTION:** This tournament has a USATT 2-Star Sanction Level. A USATT membership or Single Tournament Pass is required for entry into events, and results from those events will be sent to the USATT for inclusion in USATT player ratings calculations.

#### General Tournament Information

This is a one-day tournament and will be held on the campus of Amarillo College at the Carter Fitness Center. It will be available for warm-up the morning of the tournament from 10:00am to 11:50am. At the point the Giant Round Robin begins at 12:00PM sharp, all tables will be used for tournament play.

**Event Limitations:** Complete entries with payment are processed in the order received. Once the event is full (based on a target number set at the discretion of the Tournament Director), it will be closed and no further entries accepted. Entering early will give you a better chance of getting into the Pong City Open before it is full.

**Waitlists:** If an event is full and you would like to be put on a waitlist, you need to email the tournament director (Patrick Pitre: [topspinamarillo@gmail.com](mailto:topspinamarillo@gmail.com)) and he will put you on the waitlist for the event. If a position opens up, he will contact you by phone or email and you will have 24 hours to pay your entry fee(s). If payment is not received within 24 hours upon notification, your waitlist spot will be forfeited and the next player on the waiting list will be notified.

**Refund Policy:** ALL entry fees paid are NON-REFUNDABLE as of March 27, 2021. The Pong City Open may be cancelled for insufficient entries, or other reasons related to COVID-19, at the discretion of the Tournament Director or local health authorities. If the PCO is cancelled for any reason, then entry fees will be refunded. Refunds may take up to two weeks. Entry fees which are refundable will be refunded back to the original credit/debit card. In order to claim a refund, a written withdrawal request must be submitted by the player for the tournament director to consider a refund. Please include your name and phone number. An administrative fee of \$10 will be deducted from all refunds.

**No-Show Policy:** Players who are not present at match start time for any round of the PCO forfeit their position and any entry fees.

**Dress Code:** USATT Dress Code will be enforced in all cases as determined the Tournament Referee. No white shirts or shorts will be allowed. Non-marking athletic shoes must be worn.

**Rules:** All USATT regulations apply and all participants must abide by the decisions of the tournament staff and officials. If ejected due to violations of any USATT or Carter Fitness Center rules, the player will be defaulted automatically and no fee refunds will be issued. Players that default a match or matches for non-health related reasons may not be eligible for prizes.

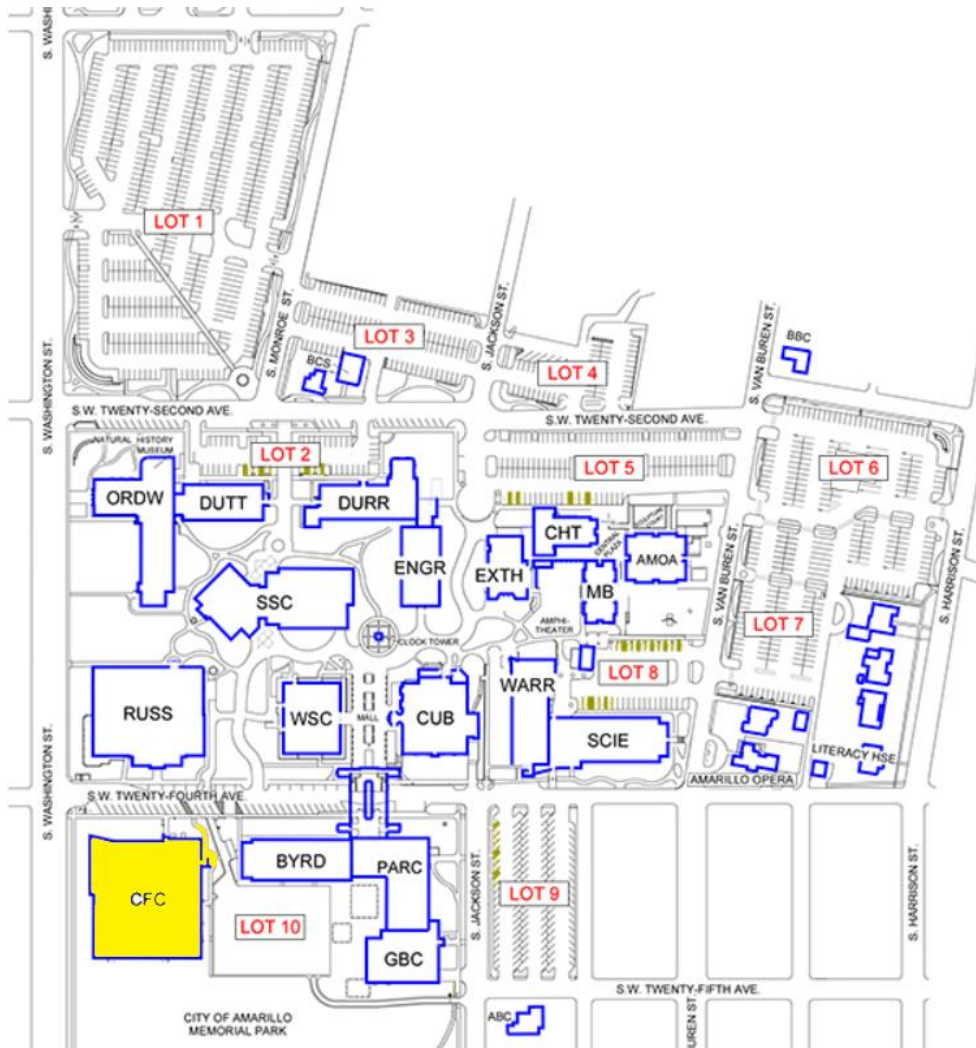
**Equipment:** All USATT regulations apply. Only USATT/ITTF approved equipment will be used. There will be (10) barriered 18.5-19.5' x 39' courts. The Carter Fitness Center has a wood basketball court and high ceilings. Balls will be white Nittaku Premium R40+ competition balls. The tables are Stag Americas 16.

**USATT Membership:** Players must have a currently active USATT membership to play in USATT sanctioned events. Players without a currently active membership at the time of registration must include their USATT registration or renewal fees

along with their tournament event fees when submitting payment. Please see USATT membership page for more details on membership options and rates.

Required USATT Statements: 1. Events with insufficient entries may be cancelled at the discretion of the tournament director or tournament referee. Fees managed as outlined in the refund policy. 2. If a rating event is cancelled, player will automatically be placed in the next highest rating event (only if applicable based on tournament format). Not applicable in teams tournaments. 3. The current USATT rating system will be used for the purposes of conducting all draws with the possible exception of hardbat events, if offered. For players that do not have a USATT rating, an estimated USATT rating will be assigned based upon recommendation by a coach who knows the player or by visual evaluation of the player by a coach, whenever possible.

Directions to the Carter Fitness Center (highlighted in yellow on following map): Easily accessible from Interstate 40. Take the Washington Street Exit and head south for half a mile, approximately. Amarillo College and Memorial Park will be on the east side of Washington Street at the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> and Washington. Parking is available on 24<sup>th</sup> street, just adjacent to the Carter Fitness Center.



Overview for the Saturday Giant Round Robin Main Event and Knockouts:

**ROUND 1:**

- The final number of groups will depend on the number of entries and will be adjusted by the Referee and Tournament Director as needed.
- 40 players are snake seeded (See Note 1) into 8 Round Robin (RR) groups of 5 players. These first round groups will be determined based on each player’s USATT rating or on an estimated rating.
- After the Round 1 RRs have been played, players will be funneled into (5) divisions of eight players. The winners from each RR group will advance into Division A, second into Division B, third into Division C, fourth into Division D, and fifth into Division E.
- Exception: If a player in a Round 1 group is not present or ready to play, then the tournament referee can determine that player is a “no show”.
- Note: Tournament Director and Referee reserve the right to expand (or reduce) the size of the groups based upon actual entries received.

**ROUND 2:**

- Each player will also play Round 2, starting shortly after Round 1 concludes.
- In Round 2 each of the 5 Divisions (A, B, C, D,E) of 8 players will be broken down into two 4-player RR Groups using the snake system. The Tournament Director reserves the right to move players due to Geographical consideration.
- Each Division will end up with two groups of four players (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, D1, D2, E1, and E2).
- Each group of four players play in a Round Robin format.

**KNOCKOUTS FOR CASH AND TROPHIES**

- At the conclusion of the Round 2 RR’s, Division winners will be determined as follows:
  - Division A: The winners of the RR Groups A1 and A2 will play to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The second place finishers in the RR Groups will play to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Divisions B: The winners of RR Groups B1 and B2 will play to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Since there are no prizes for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, they will not be determined.
  - Divisions C, D, and E will be identical to Division B.
- Single elimination matches will not be delayed for late players. Late arrival will result in default.
- **FORMAT FOR ALL EVENTS:** All games to 11 or win by 2 and all matches will be best out of 5 games with the exception of the following: Final matches will be best of 7 to decide first place finishers for each division.
- **UNRATED PLAYERS:** Players without USATT ratings may enter, advance, and win prizes in the Giant Round Robin event. Unrated players may be seeded in the draw at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director, and by the means/mechanism selected by the Tournament Director.

Note 1: Snake seeding is a way to sort players into groups using their USATT or estimated ratings. The top player will be #1, second highest rated player will be #2, etc. The groups will be broken down as follows. The Tournament Director reserves the right to move players for geographical reasons. Snake seeding example - the numbers in each column represent the player ratings.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40