

# 2026 Hometown – Birmingham Table Tennis Spring Open

## USATT Sanctioned Two Star Tournament



**Saturday and Sunday, February 21-22, 2026, 10:45am-7:00pm+ (CST)**

**Playing Venue:** Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis - 808 Green Springs Hwy, Ste 140, Homewood AL 35209. Inside Hometown Supermarket, on the left at the very back of the

store.

**Director:** Harry He

**Tournament Committee:** Keith Evans, Harry He (Referee - CR/CU)

**Registration:** Register online and pay online via Omnipong.com. No mail-in/in-person or phone registration is available without speaking to the Tournament staff for instructions. Event fees plus administration fee of \$5. Unpaid/uncompleted entries will be removed.

Please email [BHTTClub22@gmail.com](mailto:BHTTClub22@gmail.com) for any questions related to the tournament. Online payment through OmniPong.com via (1 ) PayPal to BHTTClub22@gmail.com, (2) Zelle to 205-223-7783, or (3) Venmo to BHTTClub22@gmail.com

Free bottled water for players, first come and first served.

#	Events <sup>(1)</sup>	Time <sup>(2)</sup> (CST)	Limit Players <sup>(3)</sup>	Entry Fee <sup>(4)</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
1	Championship	10:45 am, Sun.	24	\$55	\$300	\$150	\$80	\$80
2	U2000	3:00 pm, Sun.	24	\$45	\$140	\$70	None	None
3	U1800	1:00 pm, Sun.	20	\$40	\$100	\$50	None	None
4	U1600	2:30 pm, Sat.	20	\$35	\$80	\$40	None	None
5	U1400	1:00 pm, Sat.	16	\$30	\$60	\$30	None	None
6	U1200	10:45 am, Sat.	16	\$28	\$40	Medal	None	None

**Note (1):** Event with less than 8 players may be reclassified to next closest higher up rating event if possible. For these events with fewer than 12 players, prize money is reduced to 70 percent. The latest USATT rating will be used to qualify players for events Under 2000 (U2000) to U1200. Un-rated players in U1200 to U2000 cannot claim the cash awards. Medals for all cash winners.

**(2):** Events starting time may be later or changed due to the event progress or entries.

**(3):** Limit players # will be increased/decreased due to registration status/progress.

**(4):** Participants with declined payment or without payment will be removed from the tournament.

**Have fun!**

**Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026. \$5 additional fee for all late entries.

**Eligibility:** Open to all members of USA Table Tennis (USATT). Non-members may join the USATT by including the membership fee with their entry fee. Expired USATT membership can be renewed also.

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

**Rackets-** One side of the racket must be bright red or another color recently approved by ITTF, the other side black. No complete regluing unless it is a new sheet of rubber. Partial re-gluing may be done with the permission of and under supervision of the referee.

**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. Rubber-soled, non-marking, shoes must be worn.

**Equipment:** Butterfly Centrefold 25 tables/nets, Joola 3000sc tables/nets, & DHS 3-star 40+mm white plastic balls. Red rubber floor. ITTF/USATT approved equipment only.

**Format:** Play will be in two stages in each event, Round Robin and single elimination playoff. All events will start with round robin (4 +- players a group). Top 2 winners from each group will advance to single elimination playoffs. All matches are best of 5 games.

Players must check-in at the control desk 15 minutes before event start time. Players arriving late may be defaulted for the event and replaced by an alternate. The court will open for participants' practices 4:00pm-8:45pm on Friday and 10:00am-10:40am on Saturday and Sunday.

**Cancellation:** Director reserves the right to modify any event, format, and prize if fewer entries received or cancel/postpone the event/tournament. All entry fees will be refunded if the event is cancelled by organizer. The events fees will be refunded upon player's written request for cancellation prior to deadline (\$5 non-refundable administration fee). NO REFUNDS AFTER February 18, 2026. THANK YOU!



### **USATT SAFE SPORT POLICY TEMPLATE**

### **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.usatt.org/athlete-resources/safesport>.

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Entry Form (Texting the following info or A photo copy of the entry form is acceptable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing list address: \_\_\_\_\_  
USATT membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_ Club or City/State \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 Administration fee: \_\$5\_\_

Entry fees (Check events: Champ-\$55, U2000-\$45, U1800-\$40, U1600-\$35, U1400-\$30, U1200-\$28): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual USATT Membership fee for renew or a non USATT member- Gold (\$100) or Silver (\$50): \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee (\$5 after Feb. 18, 2025) if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Any amount of contributions to USATT. Thank you for continued support USATT: \_\_\_\_\_

My total fees in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter me in the above events. My fees in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are enclosed via online at  
OmniPong.com or directly to (1) Zelle to 205-223-7783, or (2) Venmo or PayPal to BHTTClub22@gmail.com

I have read this entry form, agree the BHTT's Court rules, and will abide by all USATT regulations and tournament requirements. I am in generally good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in table tennis activity. I accept full responsibility for my participation and relieve the sponsors, hosts, and players of any liability for injury to myself or damage to my property. I have signed (or will sign at the tournament) the comprehensive waiver of liability.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent or Guardian must sign for a minor) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name in Print \_\_\_\_\_



## **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mark.thompson@usatt.org)) (719-329-4200).

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### 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.

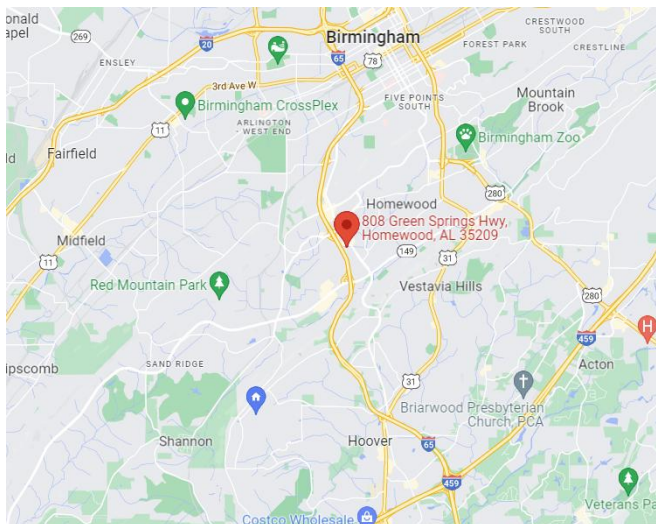
MEDIA AND PHOTO RELEASE – Any image, photographic, or otherwise, taken of tournament play or within the official venue is essentially the property of USA Table Tennis regardless of the Approved status of the recording instrument or photographer. Entrants agree to allow their voice and likeness in such 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).

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**7:00PM+,**

**Inside Hometown Supermarket**  
**808 Green Springs Hwy, Ste 140, Homewood AL 35209**

**Directions: GPS coords: 33.46067,-86.81938**

The table tennis court is inside of Hometown Supermarket on the left at the very back of the store. Please parking at the back of store to access the court from the back door for

these players in the morning events.

**From North/Nashville or East:** Take I-65 south to Exit

256B to Oxmoor Rd in Homewood, make right turn in next intersection to Green Springs Highway/AL-149, drive 0.3 mile to the strip mall at the right-hand side. Look for Hometown Supermarket and parking in back of Hometown Supermarket.

**From South/Montgomery or West:** Take I-65 North to Exit 256A for Oxmoor Rd toward Homewood, make right turn in next intersection to Green Springs Highway/AL-149, drive 0.3 mile to the strip mall at the right-hand side. Look for Hometown Supermarket and parking in back of Hometown Supermarket.

### **Hotel Information:**

**La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Birmingham Homewood**  
**60 State Farm Pkwy, Homewood, Alabama, USA 35209**  
**Tel: (205)-290-0150**

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