



African Table Tennis in Diaspora Open Table Tennis Tournament

September 27th - 28th, 2025
Decatur Recreation Center
231 Sycamore St. Decatur, GA 30030

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the **African Table Tennis in Diaspora (ATTD)**

SANCTIONED BY **USA Table Tennis** as a Two Star Tournament

Tournament Director: Dale Nembhard

Tournament Referee: Anup Gopalakrishnan (CR/NU)

Tournament Committee: Dale Nembhard, Emmanuel Tuglo & Anup Gopalakrishnan

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all members of the USATT. 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. Unrated players may enter any event but may not be allowed to advance from the round robin except in the Championship event.

DEADLINE: Saturday September 20th, 2025. Entry fees must accompany entry form (unpaid entries will be removed after reminder email). \$5 charge for any entries received or paid for after September 20th, 2025. Refunds are available until September 20, 2025, with a \$5 processing fee. No refunds after the entry deadline of September 20th, 2025.

ENTRY PAYMENT: Online payment through omnipong.com via PayPal to africandiasporatt@gmail.com (payment related questions, contact us on 6787935235). Admin Fee of \$8 will be added for each entry (includes \$3 USATT fee)

MAIN CONTACT: Emmanuel Tuglo by e-mail: emmanueltuglo1010@gmail.com or cell: 678-799-5992

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

	Events	Time	Limit Players	Fee	1st	2nd	Semi	Semi
1	Champ RR	Sat Sept 27 th , 11:30 AM	40	\$55	\$1000	\$500	\$200	\$200
2	U2300 RR	Sun Sept 28 th , 9:00 AM	24	\$50	\$300	\$150	\$50	\$50
3	U2100 RR	Sat Sept 27 th , 9:00 AM	24	\$45	\$250	\$125	-	-
4	U1800 RR	Sat Sept 27 th , 2:30 PM	32	\$45	\$200	\$100		
5	U1500 RR	Sun Sept 28 th , 9:00 AM	24	\$45	\$150	\$75		
6	U1200 RR	Sat Sept 27 th , 9:00 AM	24	\$35	\$100	\$50		
7	O45 RR	Sat Sept 27 th , 4:00 PM	20	\$50	\$300	\$150		
8	U4000DBL SE	Sun Sept 28 th , 11:30 AM	20	\$50	\$400	\$200		

Finalists in all the events get a trophy

FORMATS: All events will start with round robin groups. Doubles will be played on a single elimination basis. In the Championship event, 2 players from each group will advance to single elimination playoffs. In all other events, group winners will advance to single elimination playoffs. Unrated players cannot advance from the round robin except in the Championship event.

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; Championship event matches will be best of 7 for finals; all other matches are best of 5 games.

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: Butterfly and 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 acts that are intentionally 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. We hope to finish all the matches by 7pm.

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

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

UMPIRES: Umpires will be provided on request if available.

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

Directions: The Decatur Recreation Center is a right at the downtown Decatur with numerous restaurants within a working distance.



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>.

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Communication of USATT Safe Sport Policy To All Participants at USATT Sanctioned Events

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 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.

ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFESPORT TRAINING

Under the provisions of MAAPP, **all Adult Participants** (over the age of 18) **who have regular contact with or authority over minor aged athletes** must complete the Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport on an annual basis ("Safe Sport Trained"). Anyone over the age of 18 participating in a USATT Sanctioned Tournament must self-identify on the **Tournament Entry Form** as to whether they are required to be SafeSport Trained and, if so, whether they have completed such Training.

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 to submit a report of child abuse, log onto: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting>.

HOW TO REPORT SAFE SPORT VIOLATION

Anyone 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 MINOR-AGE ATHLETE COACHING POLICY

Unless it is a Parent or Legal Guardian coaching his or her own child, **NO ADULT** is permitted to coach a minor-age athlete at USATT Sanctioned Events unless that person is fully Safe Sport Compliant. This Policy will be enforced during all USATT Sanctioned Tournaments.



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).