



Rhode Island State Junior Championships and High School Team Championships

Saturday, May 20, 2023



Where: Rhode Island Table Tennis Association Club at the Manville Community Center, 30 Railroad Street, Manville, RI 02838 (above the Manville Post Office)

Sponsored By: Rhode Island Table Tennis Association (RITTA)

Tournament Committee: Murali Mani, John Shunney, Liam Cannon

Referee: Charles Cavicchio **Tournament Director:** Steve Hopkins

Cancellation: The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel any event or combine events if there are insufficient entries. Fees refunded for any cancelled event.

Events:

High School 3-Person Team Event	\$15 per team	11:00 am
18 and Under Boys' Singles	\$5 per player	10:00 am
18 and Under Girls' Singles	\$5 per player	10:00 am
12 and Under Singles	\$5 per player	9:00 am

Eligibility: The High School Team Championships are reserved for secondary schools located in the State of Rhode Island (and the teams must be made up of current students of those schools – though those students do not have to reside in Rhode Island). Individual entrants in the Age Events must reside in the State of Rhode Island, or be full-time students at RI schools, or be a member of a RI table tennis club. This event is not sanctioned by the USATT, so no membership fees or sanctioning fees are required to participate.

Event Seeding: Where applicable, USATT rating will be applied to seed players. Some effort will be made to appropriately seed players based upon information available on the tournament day. It is possible that unrated players will be seeded by random draw.

When will the doors be opened? The Manville Community Center will open by 8:30 am.

Event Format and criteria:

SINGLES EVENTS: All singles events will begin with round robin groups. Depending upon the number of entries, round robin winners may advance to a single elimination knock-out round. All matches will be best 3 out of 5 (11 point) games.

3-PERSON TEAM EVENT: The High School Championship will be a “3-Man” Team event in which three players “A, B, and C” will play against three players “X, Y, and Z” in singles competition (“Team Match”). The winning team will be the first team to win twice. The top player on each team will play first (ie “A” versus “Z”), then the second player on each team (ie “B” versus “Y”), and then the final match if needed (ie “C” versus “Z”). Players may only compete in one set of games per Team Match. *All three team players must currently attend the same school. Middle schools and elementary schools are eligible to enter at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Rules: The Laws of Table Tennis as published by the ITTF and all USATT regulations apply. The Point Penalty System will be used in umpired matches. Any questions/disputes will be resolved by the tournament referee. **For events with young and beginning players, and where the result will not be drastically changed, we reserve the right to relax service rules (at the discretion of the Umpire presiding).**

Equipment: Tables: Butterfly (6); **Nets:** Butterfly; **Balls:** Butterfly 3-star poly ball 40+ white; **Floors:** Hard wood. Players must supply their own **rackets (some rackets will be available in the club on loan if necessary).**

***Note: Rackets** - One side of the racket must be black, the other side must be red (or other bright ITTF approved color), whether or not both sides are used for striking the ball. The racket may not be changed in a match unless it is (accidentally) broken.

Clothing: The USATT Dress Code applies. Shorts or skirts and the main body of the shirt or blouse must be significantly different from the color of the ball (white). Rubber-soled shoes must be worn. **For events with young and beginning players, and where the result will not be drastically changed, we reserve the right to relax rules (at the discretion of the Umpire presiding).**

Registration: Players can register online at OMNIPONG.com or in person at the club or via phone at 401-952-8598 (Steve Hopkins). Entries are “on time” through the Thursday before the event at 5pm. Please confirm late entries by phone. No mail entries accepted.

Payment accepted via PayPal (or Cash/Check in person at the club).

***PayPal payments to: ritta@ritta.org *Please include heading: “Juniors Tournament”**

Practice: Pre-match warm up will be limited to 2 minutes.

Awards: Trophies and/or Medals will be awarded to champions.

Name: _____ DOB: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email: _____
Ph: _____

For Team Event Only: School Name: _____

Team Members: _____

If APPLICABLE: USATT ID: _____ USATT Rating: _____

Reporting and Starting Times: Players must check in at the desk not later than 30 minutes prior to the starting time for their earliest event.

***Note on Junior Membership** – Juniors who are members of a Rhode Island table tennis club are eligible to compete. The intent of this rule is to allow participation by those who would be qualified to participate in a Rhode Island Closed tournament per established RI Association rules. Junior membership would include either qualifying as a member per RITTA rules or being the child of an adult is a qualifying member.