

Table Tennis – USATT 2-Star Sanctioned Tournament

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PARTICIPANTS:

[View Participants – Huntsman World Senior Games Database](#)

Anyone can also review the registered players and events by visiting www.omnipong.com, selecting the “Tournaments” tab, then selecting the Huntsman World Senior Games in the Mountain Region or in the State of Utah. Select the “Players” tab to see all of the registered players and their respective events. No USER ID or passwords are required for this access.

OFFICIALS:

Rich Giroux, Tournament Referee (CR/RU)

Marina Cravens, Chief Umpire (NU)

VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS:

Willie Escobar, Hiro Moriyasu, Medori Pesyna, Helen Prusakov, Jon Redman, Jay Turberville

EVENTS:

Age-Singles, Rated-Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Random Draw Doubles, Hardbat Rated Singles and Doubles and a Super Tiered Round Robin Doubles

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Oct. 3 – 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (practice)

Monday, Oct. 4 – 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 5 – 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 6 - 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 7 - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

SPORT SOCIAL: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all social events have been cancelled for 2021.

VENUE:

Greater Zion Convention Center - Exhibit Hall, [1835 Convention Center Dr, St. George](#)

DIVISIONS:

Age-Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles: 5-Year Age Brackets
Rated-Singles: 2000+, 1800-1999, 1600-1799, 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199,
800-999, Under 800

Men's Random Draw Doubles: No Divisions

Hardbat Doubles: Open Doubles Only

Hardbat Singles: Under 1300 and Open (Limit of one Hardbat singles event)

Super Tiered Round Robin Doubles (limited to the first 72 players or 36 teams that register)

AGE DIVISIONS:

Individuals / Partners: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94,
95-99, 100+.

Games officials reserve the right to cancel any event or combine age divisions due to insufficient entries.

SPORT FEE:

\$7 Per Event

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Early Bird Deadline (Save \$20) – August 1

Final Registration Deadline – September 1

REGISTRATION RULES:

- Participation is limited to 225 Table Tennis players.
- Participants must play in their own age bracket in Age-Singles.
- Age bracket for Doubles events will be determined by the age of the younger partner.
- If you need a doubles partner in any doubles event, check Partner-Finder on our website for a listing, by sport, of individuals looking for partners.
- Participants may enter only one age category in age events.
- Ratings will be obtained from USATT as of September 1 of the current calendar year.
- In Rated-Singles, rated players may enter up to two rated divisions. See Format/Rules for restrictions pertaining to entry into rated divisions for rated and unrated players.
- **Men must choose between Mixed Doubles and Men's Random Draw Doubles – they cannot enter both**
- Mixed Doubles and Men's Random Draw Doubles participants cannot also participate in the Open Hardbat Doubles.

FORMAT/RULES:

- Tournament is ITTF approved and USATT-sanctioned – USATT rules apply.
- All USA participants must be USATT members. International Federation memberships will be honored.
- USATT memberships must be purchased by September 1 and verified with the Games. The cost is \$25 for a one-year Basic membership. Effective 1/1/2021, the USATT changed their membership structure. Other membership options are available from the USATT website (www.usatt.org).
- Each player will be required to sign a Huntsman World Senior Games and a USATT waiver.
- Hardbat events require all participants to use all wood paddles with short pips out rubber and no sponge on both sides. Seeding will be done using www.hardbat.com ratings. If a player does not have a Hardbat rating, their USATT rating will be used for seeding purposes. All games will be played to 21 points with the best of three games to a match. Player Hardbat ratings will be affected by Singles play. However, there is no effect on USATT ratings in the Hardbat events.
- Nittaku 3* Premium white balls (40+mm plastic) will be used.
- Interlocking, nonslip plastic tile flooring will be used to reduce knee and ankle stress.
- Butterfly Centrefold 25 tables and Butterfly net/bracket sets will be used.
- Shoes must be rubber-soled.
- Playing shorts, dress slacks, track-suit pants are allowed - no sweatpants!
- The USATT dress code will be enforced. Players will **NOT** be allowed to wear white clothing. Rubber on paddles must be red on one side, black on the other and must be ITTF approved.
- All events will start out with a round-robin format. Matches will be 3-out-of-5 games (11 points). Hardbat events are an exception and will be played 2-out of -3 games to 21 points.
- In the Age-Singles events and all Doubles events, the top 2 players in each round robin will advance to a single elimination competition. In the Rated events, only one will advance to single elimination. The Super Tiered Round Robin Doubles (STRRD) will feature six Round Robins in the first round. Then teams will be placed into one of six Divisions based on their performance in the initial round robin. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded in each Division after the second-round robins. Participating doubles teams in the STRRD can be of any gender or age.
- When a point ends, the coach is permitted to give advice, but the advice can **ONLY** be given during a natural break between rallies. Play must be continuous between one point and the next. A player who stalls in order to receive advice will be penalized. A coach whose advice causes the match to be delayed will be penalized. Finally, disparaging advice is not permitted.
- Hardbats can be used in normal USATT sponge events. However, a recent USATT ruling mandates that Hardbats used in these events **MUST** have black rubber on one side and red rubber on the other side.
- Rated-Singles: Rated players may enter a maximum of two consecutive rated events; their own and one above; or the two above their rated level. Unrated players may enter the rated division they feel is their proper playing level and also the next higher

division. However, unless they are playing in the 2000+ division, they cannot advance out of round-robin play and cannot win a medal.

- In all Doubles events, substitutions will not be made for “no show” partners unless Huntsman World Senior Games is notified by October 1.
- Men’s Random Draw Doubles will have no age groups and will be open to all men not playing in Mixed Doubles. Requests for specific partners will not be considered.
- **Participants must present their Huntsman World Senior Games ID Badge and USATT, CANTT or ITTF membership cards at the venue check-in desk at least 30 minutes before their first event. Daily check-in is required** - venue desk opens at 8:00 am.

Player Options:

Each Player will have the option of wearing either their player number on the back of their shirt or a shirt with their name clearly printed on it. Player numbers will be assigned based on their USATT ratings with the highest rated player assigned number 1. Listings of the players by name and by player number will be posted for all to see. For each event, the players will play quarter-final and semi-final matches on the same day as the original event. The players will be given the option of playing the final match on the same day as well, but the final may be deferred to the next day if BOTH players/teams agree.

The 2000+ rated event players will not have the option to change the scheduling of their Bronze medal or Gold medal matches.

Players new to USATT Sanctioned Tournaments:

Players who have not participated in USATT sanctioned tournaments should attend the new player USATT rules orientation held on Monday October 4th at 8:30am. After the initial round robin is concluded in all each event, players should check in with the Control Desk **BEFORE** leaving the venue to determine if and when they will continue in the event.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Open Practice: Sunday - 3:00pm to 6:00pm; Monday & Tuesday - 8:00 am to 9:00 am; Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 am to 8:00 am

Monday, Oct. 4

8:00 am, Check-in and Open Practice
8:30 am, USATT Rules for Sanctioned Tournaments Orientation
9:00 am, Men’s Age-Singles - Ages 50 through 69
11:00 am, Men’s Age-Singles - Ages 70 and above
1:00 pm, Women’s Age-Singles – All Age Groups

Tuesday, Oct. 5

8:00 am, Open Practice
9:00 am, Men’s Doubles – All Age Groups

11:00 am, Women's Doubles – All Age Groups
1:00 pm, Men's Random Draw Doubles
1:30pm, Mixed Doubles - All Age Groups
3:00 pm, Hardbat Doubles

Wednesday, Oct. 6

7:00 am, Open Practice
8:00 am, Rated Singles: 800-999, 1200-1399, Open Hardbat
10:00 am, Rated Singles: 1600-1799, Hardbat U-1300
Noon, Rated Singles: 2000+, 1000-1199, U-800
2:00 pm, Rated Singles: 1400-1599
4:00 pm, Rated Singles: 1800-1999

Thursday, Oct. 7

7:00 am, Open Practice
8:00 am, Rated Singles: Bronze Medal Match - 2000+
8:30 am, Rated Singles: Gold Medal Match 2000+
9:00 am, Super Tiered Round Robin Doubles
9:00 am, Any unfinished event matches

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you are interested in being a volunteer scorekeeper or ball picker for a disabled player, please so indicate on your registration form. Also, if you DO NOT have any events on a particular morning or afternoon, please let the Control Desk know of your willingness and availability to be a volunteer score keeper or ball picker.

MEDALS:

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in each event for each division. Medals will be awarded daily.