



2024 BUTTERFLY TEAMS ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 27th & Sunday, January 28th, 2024

2-Star Tournament Sanctioned by USATT with over **\$6,000** in Total Cash and Prizes

Sponsored by Triangle Badminton & Table Tennis/Butterfly/Bowmar Sports/Four Point by Sheraton

Participant Information (Incomplete information will not be processed)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Male Female Date of Birth: ___/___/___
 Mailing Address _____ Affiliated Club _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____
 Mobile Phone _____ Email _____

USATT Membership # _____ USATT Membership Expiration Date: ___/___/___ Current USATT Rating* _____
*Current USATT General Membership or Tournament Pass REQUIRED (see last page) *Rating as of 1/24/2024 will be used for draw*

Parent/Guardian Information (Required if participant is under age 18)

Parent Last Name _____ Parent First Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone # _____

1st & 2nd Round Start	3rd Round Start	Event (See details on following pages)	1st Prize (per Team)	2nd Prize (per Team)	3rd Prize (per Team)	Entry Fee (per team)	Check ✓ Select ed Events	Enter Fees Due for Selected Events
9:00 am Sat., 1/27/24		Prelims	20-24 Team CAP 7-9 Team Matches Guaranteed!!!			\$449 Early Bird Before 12/16/2023 \$599 Regular		
1:30pm Sat., 1/27/24	9:30am Sun., 1/28/23	Division A (6-8 Teams)	\$3000	\$1500	\$600			
1:30pm Sat., 1/27/23	9:30am Sun., 1/28/23	Division B (7-8 Teams)	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy			
1:30pm Sat., 1/27/23	9:30am Sun., 1/28/23	Division C (7-8 Teams)	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy			
EVENT FEES DUE							\$	
In order to participate in this USATT sanctioned tournament, USATT requires players either to have a current USATT General Membership, or to purchase a USATT Tournament Pass. Please see the last page of this entry form for USATT membership and tournament pass prices, and enter the appropriate amount here							\$	
Donation to USATT National Team Fund. Your Contribution will be forwarded to USATT to support the US National Team								
TOTAL FEES DUE (Payment of all fees required for registration to be processed.)							\$	

TEAM INFORMATION:

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Team Members _____



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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You must COMPLETE ALL of the following waivers, with printed name AND signature, and return with your entry form for your registration to be valid.

WAIVER #1 – TRIANGLE BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS

I, for myself or as parent or guardian for _____, (CLEARLY PRINT name of player, participant, or spectator here)

and for personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, in consideration for being allowed to participate as a spectator, member, event participant, contractor, vendor, or in any way at or with Triangle Badminton Table Tennis LLC, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS IN ENGAGING IN TABLE TENNIS PRACTICE, TRAINING, CONDITIONING, OR COMPETITION (the "ACTIVITIES"), OR IN BEING PRESENT IN A FACILITY WHERE THE ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED. I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to evaluate my (and/or my minor child's) fitness and ability to safely participate in the Activities. I represent that my (or my minor child's) fitness and ability are sufficient to safely participate in the Activities, and I agree to cease participation if I believe it is unsafe for me (and/or my minor child). I further acknowledge my responsibility for safe behavior and conduct while in or around Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis LLC's facility located at 2900 Perimeter Park, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560 (the "Facility"). I REPRESENT THAT I (FOR MYSELF AND/OR FOR MY MINOR CHILD) KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL THE RISKS AND HAZARDS INCIDENTAL TO PARTICIPATING AS A SPECTATOR, MEMBER, EVENT PARTICIPANT, CONTRACTOR, OR VENDOR IN THE ACTIVITIES.

I (FOR MYSELF AND/OR FOR MY MINOR CHILD) HEREBY RELEASE, ABSOLVE, AND INDEMNIFY TRIANGLE BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS LLC, ALONG WITH ITS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE MEMBERS, MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, VENDORS, SPONSORS, PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS, LANDLORD, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES ("RELEASEES") FROM ALL RISKS, HAZARDS, DAMAGES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, COSTS, OR LOSSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE CAUSED BY INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, EVENT CANCELLATION, AND LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY) ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OCCURRING AT THE FACILITY AND/OR INGRESS TO OR FROM THE FACILITY, WHETHER OR NOT RELATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO NEGLIGENCE OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF ANY RELEASEES. I (FOR MYSELF AND/OR FOR MY MINOR CHILD) HEREBY COVENANT NOT TO SUE ANY RELEASEE, AND FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSE OR COST THAT MAY BE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A CLAIM MADE ON MY BEHALF (OR ON BEHALF OF MY MINOR CHILD).

I (and/or my minor child) understand and acknowledge that Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis LLC and USA Table Tennis (USATT) promote this Facility and events using articles, photos, videos, and summaries of event results that may appear on their web sites or newsletters, their sponsors' web sites or newsletters, social media feeds, and other publications and media outlets ("Promotions"). I agree that Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis LLC and USATT have express permission to submit or publish my (and/or my minor child's) name and to submit or use a photograph or likeness of me (and/or my minor child) for their Promotions. I further agree that it is acceptable for video recordings to be taken of me (and/or my minor child) at the Facility for use in Promotions and/or historical records. I also acknowledge and agree that Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis LLC and USATT are the owners of all intellectual property rights associated with any pictures or videos used in their Promotions. I (FOR MYSELF AND/OR FOR MY MINOR CHILD) HEREBY RELEASE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS ALL RELEASEES FOR ANY USE OF MY AND/OR MY MINOR CHILD'S LIKENESS IN TRIANGLE TENNIS LLC'S AND USATT'S PROMOTIONS. I (and/or my minor child) further agree to the following: to abide by all Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis LLC Rules, specific event rules or instructions, verbal instructions from management or staff or contractors or volunteers, and all USATT Regulations; to abide by all decisions of the tournament staff and officials; to be responsible for damage caused by violations of rules, or careless or intentional misuse or mistreatment of equipment or facilities; to be responsible for supervising any minor child brought to the Facility by me at any time he or she is not engaged in an event such as a lesson, in which a coach is actively engaged in supervision for an agreed upon period of time; that any failure to abide by Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis LLC Rules may result in my (and/or my minor child) being removed from the Facility, and that repeated failure entitles Triangle Table Tennis to cancel membership and/or participation in the Activities.

I (FOR MYSELF AND/OR FOR MY MINOR CHILD) HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE, 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 REMAINDER OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. I (FOR MYSELF AND/OR FOR MY MINOR CHILD) FURTHER AGREE THAT THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE SHALL BE BINDING UPON MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, ATTORNEYS, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY CLAIMING THROUGH ME OR ON MY BEHALF.

X _____ SIGNATURE OF PLAYER, PARTICIPANT, OR SPECTATOR _____ DATE

X _____ SIGNATURE of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18) _____ Printed Name of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18) _____ Date

WAIVER #2 - USATT

By signing below, I agree to abide by all USATT regulations.

USA Table Tennis Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement")

- 1. IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or my minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin;
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my minor understand the nature of Table Tennis Activities and that I and/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
- 3. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or my child's own actions, or inaction, or the actions or inaction of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND 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 my minor child incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
- 4. 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;
- 5. 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 Activity 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 RELEASES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.
- 6. 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.
- 7. I will abide by all USATT regulations, and decisions of the tournament staff and officials.

PARTICIPANT MUST Sign here:

X _____ Date _____ Print Name of Minor Child (if participant is under age 18)

_____ Date _____

Specific Tournament Information

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than January 13th, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Sponsors: Triangle Badminton & Table Tennis, Butterfly/Bowmar Sports/Four Points by Sheraton

Tournament Director & Tournament Referee: Amy Karpinski / Christopher Mapley-Brittle

Qualifying Rating & Seeding

The qualifying rating is used to ensure teams are balanced. The qualifying rating will be used to seed teams. For a three-person team, the qualifying rating is determined by taking the average rating of the three players. For a four-person team, the qualifying rating is calculated by taking the average rating of the three lowest rated players. For a five-person team, the qualifying rating is calculated by taking the average rating of the middle three players.

The maximum spread in rating between a team's highest rated player and the team's overall qualifying rating will be capped:

<u>Qualifying Rating</u>	<u>Maximum Spread</u>
0-1200	500 points
1201-1999	400 points
2000-2199	300 points
2200+:	200 points

*Please note that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust these limits where necessary. Ratings from December 28th will be used for qualifying rating calculations and ratings from January 24th will be used for seeding

FORMAT FOR DIFFERENT ROUNDS: Round robin (RR) groups will be formed in all rounds.

PLAY FORMAT: Round 1 – Prelims (Saturday): Division A will play 1 team from Division B and 1 team from Division C. Division B will play 1 team from Division A and 1 team from Division C. Division C will play 1 team from Division A and 1 team from Division B. Teams have a chance to move up a division, down a division, or remain in their division. After this round, teams will be sorted into Division A, Division B, and Division C based on their record in prelims.

Round 2 (Saturday & Sunday): Groups are now in the appropriate Divisions and will be 1 group of 8 RR. Placements will be decided by team records. Teams will play 4-5 teams on Saturday and 3-4 teams on Sunday.

General Tournament Information

EVENT ENTRY FEES: See registration form for fees, which vary by event.

Registration Policy:

All registrations must be properly and completely submitted. Please read the registration details carefully for each event. Your registration will be considered incomplete and will not be processed if any of the following is missing:

- A legible and fully-completed entry form
- Completed waivers, including printed names and signatures for ALL waivers
- Payment in full for ALL registered events, plus USATT membership or renewal fee (if needed), plus late fee (if applicable)
- A current USATT membership number or membership registration form

Full payment & fully completed entry forms are required to process an entry.

Registration Payments:

Full payment must be made at the time of registration. Accounts will be charged a \$25 fee for returned checks. Participants with declined payment will be withdrawn from the tournament.

There are multiple ways to register for this tournament. Please either:

- Complete a printed entry form, sign the waivers, and pay at the front desk by cash, check, or credit card.
- Complete the entry on-line at [Omnipong.com](https://omnipong.com), or
- Complete a printed entry form, sign the waivers, and mail it to Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis, 2900 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 200, Morrisville NC 27560 with a personal check (or cashiers/registered/bank check) made payable in US dollars to Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis.

Prizes and Tax Information: Prizes may include cash, account credit, pro shop merchandise, and/or medals. All cash prizes are in the form of checks. Players must complete Form W-9 and provide taxpayer ID (e.g., social security number) to receive prizes with monetary values. If a winner cannot fill out a W-9 form due to being a foreign national and not having a US tax ID number, then they must accurately complete a W-8BEN tax form. The prize winnings of players required to fill out the W-8BEN tax form are subject to 30% tax withholding and the prize winnings will be withheld until such time that the tournament administrators have time to process the appropriate prize amounts. Foreign national players will need to provide a valid current address to receive their tax-adjusted prizes by mail.

Event Limitations:

This tournament has a limited number of players or teams allowed for each event. Complete entries with payment are processed in the order received. Once an event is full (based on a target number set at the discretion of the Tournament Director), that event will be closed and no further entries accepted. Entering early will give you a better chance of getting into an event before it is full.

Waitlists:

If an event is full at the time you register, then you will be automatically put on that event's waitlist. You will be informed if you are waitlisted. You will be notified if a spot becomes available. If a spot does not become available or you request to be removed from the waitlist, the registration fees for the waitlisted event will be refunded to you.

Refund Policy:

- \$200 NON REFUNDABLE upon payment/registration. The remaining balance of the registration fee will be refunded in full before January 6th, 2024. From January 6th onward, there will be no refunds.
- Events may be cancelled for insufficient entries, or other reasons, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- If an event is cancelled by Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis, or the Tournament Director, for any reason, then entry fees will be refunded. Refunds may take up to four weeks.
- **Withdrawals & Refunds:** Entry fees which are refundable (i.e., prior to seven days before the tournament), will be refunded. In order to claim this, a **written withdrawal request** MUST be submitted by the player for Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis to consider a refund. Please include your name, phone number, and the events you wish to be withdrawn from. All entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE after January 4th.

No-Show Policy: Players who are not present at match start time for any event forfeit their position and entry fees for that event.

Dress Code: USATT Dress Code will be enforced in all cases as determined by the Tournament Referee.

Rules: All USATT Regulations apply, and all participants must abide by the decisions of the tournament staff and officials. Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis Club Rules will also be enforced; violators may be asked to leave. If ejected due to violation of Club 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 and will also be at risk for future entry into Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis tournaments.

Equipment: All USATT Regulations Apply. Only USATT/ITTF approved equipment will be used. Tables will be Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue color with Butterfly Europa net sets. Floors are all covered with Gerflor (Taraflex) flooring. Balls will be Butterfly 3-star white R40+ premium competition poly balls.

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 Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis. 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 a recommendation by a coach who knows the player or by visual evaluation of the player by a coach, whenever possible.

Host Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn
930 Airport Blvd
Morrisville, NC 27560
Phone: 919-465-1910

Four Points by Sheraton - RDU Airport
1200 Claren Circle
Morrisville, NC 27560
Phone: 919-380-1221

Please refer to Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis when making your reservations for deeper discounts!

Parking: Our Center has a large number of free parking spaces in front of our building. Additional spaces are available on the side of our building (but accessed from the rear driveway). Still more free parking in our office park is available in the lots of surrounding buildings. Please do not park on streets or in handicapped spaces.

Member Services & Support - New Membership Structure

Basic Membership \$25/Year	Pro Membership \$75/Year	Lifetime Membership \$1300	Junior Tournament Pass \$20/Event
USATT Club LEAGUE	USATT Club LEAGUE	USATT Club LEAGUE	Regional Championships/ Qualification
0-4 Star Tournaments	0-4 Star Tournaments	0-4 Star Tournaments	National Championships
State Championships/ Qualification	State Championships/ Qualification	State Championships/ Qualification	U.S.Open
	Regional Championships/ Qualification	Regional Championships/ Qualification	Tournament Pass \$50/Event
	National Championships	National Championships	Regional Championships/ Qualification
	National Team Trials	National Team Trials	National Championships
	National Team Camp	National Team Camp	U.S.Open
	U.S.Open	U.S.Open	
	International Events	International Events	

Please include USATT Membership / Tournament Pass Fees, if needed, in total tournament fees shown on page 2, and in total payment submitted to Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis.

Your membership will be submitted to USATT in conjunction with the tournament report submitted by Triangle Badminton and Table Tennis within 2 weeks following the tournament per USATT guidelines.