

# 2021 National Team & 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials

<b>Competition Date</b>	21 May – 24 May 2021 (National Team) 24 May – 26 May 2021 (Pan Am Junior Games Team)
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Venue	Sid Richardson Gymnasium, 1100 S. Collard Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105
Event	2021 US National Team Trials

#### Top 8 finishers per gender will qualify for the 2021 National Team

**Eligibility:** All US Olympic Eligible athletes will be eligible to try out for the 2021 US National Team. To represent the United States in 2021 Pan Am Championships and 2021 & 2022 World Championships players must abide by eligibility rules and regulations of the ITTF. Only USATT members in good standing may participate. Players need to be current <u>USATT Pro</u> <u>Members</u>. Signed <u>USATT National Team Code of Conduct forms</u> and Waiver (pages 6- 7) will be required by all participants. Players will be required to provide a copy of their current passport to prove eligibility.

**Qualified Players on 2021 National Team:** The first position on each team will be designated to the highest ranked USATT Olympic eligible male and/or female players on May 1, 2021 ITTF Ranking list if the player is among the top 50. If a player meets these standards, then Position #2 thru #8 will qualify from the Team Trials.



Entry Fee: \$250 USD per player

**COVID-19 Protocols:** Athletes agree to follow all USA Table Tennis and Facility COVID-19 Protocols and Regulations to participate in the Trials.

**Format of Play:** Final RR of 12 – 2 Groups of 6 with cross over matches. All preliminary matches will be the best of 5 games and all final rounds will be the best of 7. No players will be pre-seeded into the final round robin. **The playing format can be adjusted based on the number of entries.** 

**General Schedule:** May 21 morning (10am) Qualification Round Robins. May 22 - Final Round Robin Rounds. May 23 - Final Round Robin Rounds. May 24 - Final Round Robin Rounds.

Ratings for Trials: As of May 1, 2021.

**Draw:** Will be held for the qualification on May 21, 2021 at 9am at Sid Richardson Gymnasium, 1100 South Collard Street.

Equipment: Butterfly Tables, Nittaku Balls

Airport: DFW, DAL Departure: Plan your flight departures after 4pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Entries:** Must be received at Omnipong by May 10, 2021. Late entries after May 10 will not be accepted. For entries and payments use the link to the 2021 National Team Trials / 2021 US Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials -

https://www.omnipong.com/Members.asp?ae=13917&h=1894

**Cancellations:** There will be no cancellations or refunds accepted after the entry deadline. If a top 8 seed cancels participation the next highest ranked player will take their position.

**Defaults:** By defaulting a match after the draw is done, for whatever reason, USATT assumes the athlete is no longer able to participate in the remainder of the event and any remaining matches in that event will be forfeited as well as a full withdrawal from the event. Retiring from an individual match due to injury requires permission from the tournament referee.

**Racket Controls:** If racket control includes official test for VOC, miniRAE devices will be used according to the ITTF decision. In this case, players will be invited to voluntarily test their rackets before competition starts. The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make certain that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.



#### Video & Images

By entering the event, players agree to abide by all USATT rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organizing Committee. All individual players agree under the auspices of USATT and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage to be video internet webcasting, motion picture and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and webcasting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition.

#### **Hotels Nearby:**

- Hilton Garden Inn Fort Worth Medical Center 912 Northton St, Fort Worth, TX 76104
- 2. Hampton Inn & Suites Fort Worth Downtown 1001 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Fort Worth Downtown 1010 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX 76102



## **Event :** 2021 US Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials

## Top 2 finishers per gender will qualify for the 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team

**Eligibility:** All US Olympic Eligible athletes will be eligible to try out for the 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team. To represent the United States in 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team players must be USATT members in good standing and current <u>USATT Pro Members</u>. Signed <u>USATT National Team Code of Conduct forms</u> and Waiver (pages 6-7) will be required by all participants. Players will be required to provide a copy of their current passport to prove eligibility.

Age: Players born on or after January 1, 2000 are eligible to compete.

**Qualified Players on 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team:** The first position on each team will be designated to the highest ranked USATT Olympic eligible male and/or female players on May 1, 2021 ITTF Ranking list if the player is among the top 50. If a player meets these standards, then Position #2 will qualify from the Team Trials. Alternates will be based on order of Trials.

**Entry Fee:** \$250 USD per player; Players also participating in the 2021 US National Team Trials will be discounted to \$150 USD per player.

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**Format of Play:** The qualifications will be played as round robins leading into a single elimination draw to determine the final four (4) players to advance into a final round robin. All preliminary matches will be the best of 5 games. The final round robin of 8 players, with 4 players pre-seeded based on May 1, 2021 USATT ratings will play best of 7 matches to determine the final team order.

**General Schedule:** May 24 afternoon (1pm) Qualification Round Robins and evening single elimination, as needed. May 25 Final Round Robin Rounds 1-4. May 26 Final Round Robin Rounds 5-7.

**Seeding for Trials:** Will be done on May 1, 2021. The top 4 men and top 4 women will be pre-seeded into the final 8 player round robins.

**Draw:** Will be held for the qualification on May 24, 2021 at 9am at Sid Richardson Gymnasium, 1100 South Collard Street.

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## 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Prospectus:

https://www.ittf.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Prospectus-TT-Technical-Manual-English.pdf



Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

2021 US National Team & Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials on May 21 – 26, 2021

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 the 2021 US National Team and/or 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials, 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 the 2021 US National Team and/or 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials 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 because of my participation in the 2021 US National Team and/or 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2021 US National Team and/or 2021 Pan Am Junior Games Team Trials, 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:
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: (if under 18):	_Print Name:	Date:

Please print, fill-out and forward to: tgheorghe@txwes.edu