



2022 National Team Trials

PROSPECTUS

DATE: June 25 - July 1, 2022

VENUE: Sid Richardson Gymnasium
1100 S. Collard Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105

ORGANIZER: USA TABLE TENNIS
One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

REGISTRATION: <https://Play.USATT.org>

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EVENTS:

- Men's and Women's Singles
- U19 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U15 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U13 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- U11 Boys' and Girls' Singles

SCHEDULE:

- June 25-26 U15 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- June 27-29 Men's and Women's Singles
- June 28-29 U13 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- June 30-July 1 U19 Boys' and Girls' Singles
- June 30-July 1 U11 Boys' and Girls' Singles

SELECTION PROCESS:

For Men's and Women's Team: The First Position on the Men's and/or Women's 2022 US National Team will be awarded to the highest ranked USATT male and/or female player on the June 1, 2022, ITTF Ranking list, provided that such player is within the top fifty (50) ranked players on that list. Positions #2 thru #8 (and Position #1 if no player is ranked in the ITTF Top 50) for the 2022 National Team will be determined by the order of finish at the 2022 US National Team Trials. To participate in the 2022 US National Team Trials, the player be a US citizen and become ITTF eligible before the entry deadline for the 2022 Pan Am Championships. The only way an ITTF-eligible athlete can make the Men's or Women's National Team is either (a) by automatically qualifying by being the highest ranked American athlete in the ITTF Top 50 or (b) by finishing high enough in the National Team Trials.

Players who are US citizens but don't meet ITTF eligibility can qualify for the 2022 Men's or Women's National Team by finishing within the top four (4) positions of the 2022 US National Table Tennis Championships ("US Nationals"). Up to four (4) finishers who place within the top four (4) positions at US Nationals will be assigned positions #9 thru #12 on the 2022 Men's and/or Women's US National Team. Position #9 through #12 on the US National Team that are not filled because not enough athletes finished in the top (four) 4 positions at US Nationals will be left vacant.

Members of the 2022 Men's and Women's US National Team are selected for the period from the end of the 2022 US National Team Trials through the next US National Team Trials.

For Age Events: U-11, U-13, U-15, and U-19:

The 2022 US National Champion for each age category will be awarded the First Position on the 2022 US National Team for that respective age category. Positions 2 through 8 on the 2022 US National Team age categories will be determined by order of finish at the 2022 US National Team Trials. Membership on the 2022 US National Team for the age group categories will run from the completion of the US National Team Trials and/or the US National through Dec 31, 2022.

For Age Event: U-17:

The top eight (8) finishers at the 2022 US Nationals will qualify for the 2022 National Team. The competition format will be Round Robin (RR) leading to Single Elimination (SE).

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

- **Stage 1:** Qualification Round Robin Groups (Top 8 rating players will be seeded directly to Stage 2);
- **Stage 2:** Round Robin of Sixteen (16) players, divided into two (2) groups. Draw is created based on snake by rating (using June 10, 2022, USATT published ratings); and
- **Final Stage:** Four (4) players from each group will advance from Stage 2 and then play crossover with the other group (with result carry over).
- In the case where there are less than 16 entries, there will be no Qualification Stage.
- All matches will be Best-of-Seven in Stages 2 and 3 for Men's and Women's Singles. All matches will be Best-of-Five for all Junior Events.

Geographical separation will be used to prevent players from the same Region from competing against each other in the qualification round robin. USATT reserves the right to change the RR format based on the total number of players.

DRAW: The draw will be made at least one (1) day before each competition.

RATINGS: For seeding and draw purpose USATT ratings as of June 10, 2022, will be used.

RULES: The tournament will be conducted in accordance with USATT Rules and Regulations.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: Athletes agree to follow all USATT and Facility COVID-19 Protocols and Regulations to participate in the Trials.

RACKET CONTROL: If racket control includes official test for VOC, miniRAE devices will be used according to the USATT 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.

EQUIPMENT:

Tables: **Butterfly**

Balls: **Nittaku 3-Star Premium 40+ White Balls**

Floor: **Wooden floor**

ELIGIBILITY:

- **For Men's and Women's Team** - All athletes must be eligible to represent the United States at world and continental championships. Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the ITTF rules to represent USA at 2022 Pan Am Championships. The 2022 Pan Am Championships is the first step of a qualification for the 2023 World Championships. Players who qualify at the 2022 Pan Am Championships for the World Championship will represent Team USA at the 2023 World Championships.
 - **NOTE: The 2022 US National Team Trials is a Qualification Event for the 2022 Pan American Championships. The 2022 US National Team Trials is NOT a Qualification Event for the 2023 Pan American Games. USATT will hold a separate event for players to qualify the 2023 Pan American Games.**
- **For Age Categories** - All athletes must be eligible to represent the United States at world and continental championships. Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the ITTF rules to represent USA at 2022 Pan Am Championships.

U11 – born on or after January 1, 2011

U13 – born on or after January 1, 2009

U15 – born on or after January 1, 2007

U17 – born on or after January 1, 2005

U19 – born on or after January 1, 2003

Only USATT members in good standing may participate. Players need to be current USATT Pro Members. Signed USATT National Team Code of Conduct forms and Waiver will be required by all participants. Players will be required to provide a copy of their current passport or birth certificate to prove eligibility.

Please note: If a player has already registered with the ITTF or played trials for another country, such player is not eligible to enter this tournament.

FEES:

Junior Events \$150/athlete per event

Men's & Women's \$250/athlete per event

Entries will be accepted only if they include entry fee, signed waiver, and proof of citizenship.

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Entries must be received no later than June 10, 2022.**

Mail or E-mail proof of citizenship and signed waiver to:

USA Table Tennis

One Olympic Plaza

Colorado Springs CO 80909

EMAIL: Tina.Ren@usatt.org

CANCELLATION: There will be no refunds after June 1, 2022.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL: Omni Hotel

AIRPORTS: DFW, DAL

USATT SAFESPORT POLICY: All Coaches at USATT Events must be fully SafeSport Compliant in order to engage in any coaching activities at such Events. Full SafeSport Compliance requires a valid SafeSport Training Certificate and current criminal background check. Please check your USATT Membership Portal to determine if you are up-to-date and current in these two areas.

DEFAULTS: An Athlete who defaults in an event at the 2022 US National Team Trials is considered to have defaulted from that event completely, fully, and finally.

VIDEOS & 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, 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.

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Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement 2022 US National Team Trials, June 25 - July 1, 2022

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:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my 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 my 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 my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activities.

2. 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 my 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 my minor child incur as a result of my participation in such Activities.

3. 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.

4. 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 UPSUBSTANTIAL 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 2022 US National 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 2022 US National 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 2022 US National Team Trials. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2022 US National 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: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please print, fill-out and forward to: Tina.Ren@usatt.org