



2024 World Championships US National Team Trials

PROSPECTUS

DATE: January 12-14, 2024

VENUE: American Bank Center – Convention Center
1901 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, United States

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

REGISTRATION: www.omnipong.com

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REFEREE: TBD

EVENTS:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles

SELECTION PROCESS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

For Men's and Women's Team: The First Position on the Men's and/or Women's 2024 World Championship US Team will be awarded to the highest ranked USATT male and/or female player on the **Jan 1, 2024** 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 team that will represent the USA at the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan 2024 in Busan, Korea will be determined by the order of finish at this 2024 World Championship US National Team Trials. To participate in the Team Trials, the player must be a US citizen and become ITTF eligible before the start date of the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan 2024. 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 Team Trials

The **ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in Busan in 2024** will serve as a critical qualification event for the upcoming 2024 Olympic Games. Should the US National Men's Team perform well enough to secure a place in the 2024 Olympic Games, it's important to note that individual players must still go through the process of earning a spot on the Olympic Team. This entails competing in and succeeding at the US Olympic Team Trials to secure their position in the 2024 Olympic Games.

Note that USATT will fund for participation at WTTC in Busan for 4 men players and 4 women players. Should NT Coach decide to allow entry of a 5th player – this will travel on fully self-funded basis.

SYSTEM OF PLAY FOR 2024 US WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS US NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS:

- Stage 1: Qualification Round Robin Groups (No players will be seeded directly to Stage 2); might be followed by a round of single elimination based on number of entries. Draw is created by snake system using the latest available USATT published ratings. Stage 1 matches will be Best-Of-Five
- Stage 2: Round Robin of Twelve (12) players, divided into two (2) groups. Draw is created based on snake system based on results of Stage 1
- 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 12 entries, there will be no Qualification Stage.
- Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be Best-of-Seven.
- Should any family members be drawn in the same round robin, this match will be played first in the round robin order of play

The 2024 US World Championship Trials will also be part of the process of the selection procedure for the 2024 US National Team. The selection procedure will be explained in a separate document soon to be released and displayed on USATT website under “Selection Procedure”

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

RATINGS: For seeding and draw purpose USATT ratings at the time of the draw, will be used.

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

RACKET CONTROL: The detailed inspection of the racket remains the duty of the umpires, who may ask the referee for a racket control, before the match starts, if they consider a racket may be illegal. The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make sure that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

EQUIPMENT:

Tables: **Butterfly**
Balls: **Nittaku 3-Star Premium 40+ White Balls**
Floor: **Red Flooring on Concrete**

ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the ITTF rules to represent USA at the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan 2024. 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 citizenship part of 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: \$285/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 Jan 1st, 2024.**

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 Dec 25,2023.

AIRPORTS: Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP)

OFFICIAL HOTEL: OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi/meetings/usa-table-tennis-01112024>

USATT SAFESPORT POLICY: All Coaches at USATT Events must be fully SafeSport Compliant 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 2024 US World Championships 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.

ACCREDITATIONS: All coaches will be required to have an accreditation to access the Field of Play. To be eligible for accreditation all coaches need to be fully Safe Sport Compliant and have a current criminal background check. All coaches will be required to request accreditation for 2024 US World Championships US National Team Trials. For accreditation contact: admin@usatt.org. Parents are eligible to coach their own children without being SafeSport compliant. Only one parent will be allowed access to field of play and will need to be designated in advance as by the minor athlete (child) as his/her coach. Parents will still be required accreditation to access field of play. Only one person is allowed to be on field of play as coach for an athlete, this can be either his/her parent **or** coach (one person total).

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement 2024 US World Championships US National Team Trials, January 12-14, 2024

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 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 2024 US World Championships 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 2024 US World Championships 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 2024 US World Championships US National Team Trials. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2024 US World Championships 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