



2025 Year of the Snake

Tournament

USATT SANCTIONED 3 STAR TOURNAMENT

WITH \$3,350 Prize Money



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Jan 31, Feb 1-2, 2025



GIANT ROUND ROBIN RATED SINGLES NOVICE EVENT

Houston International Table Tennis Academy
510 South Mason Rd. Suite L, Katy TX 77450

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DIRECTOR
Manny Velazquez
Umpire/REFEREE
Floriss Teng RU/CR

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EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	START TIME	FEE	CHAMPION	FINALIS	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE
FRIDAY PM							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice	1.31	7:00PM	\$20	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U800	1.31	7:00PM	\$25	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U1900	1.31	7:00PM	\$30	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
SATURDAY							
<input type="checkbox"/>	U2350	2.1	9:00AM	\$40	\$300	\$200	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U1600	2.1	9:00AM	\$30	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U1800	2.1	1:00PM	\$30	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U1400	2.1	1:00PM	\$30	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U2200	2.1	4:00PM	\$40	\$250	\$150	MEDAL MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	U1200	2.1	4:00PM	\$30	TROPHY	TROPHY	MEDAL MEDAL
SUNDAY ALL DAY							
<input type="checkbox"/>	*GIANT ROUND ROBIN	2.2	9:00AM	\$70			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Div A	2.2			\$800	\$600	\$300 MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Div B	2.2			\$350	\$250	\$150 MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Div C	2.2			MEDAL	MEDAL	MEDAL MEDAL

*MORNING ROUND ROBIN 2.2 @ 9:00am IS FOR DIVISION CLASSIFICATION

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HITTA

Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

I hereby release the Houston International Table Tennis Academy, USATT, sponsors, directors, and any individual or corporate body directly or remotely connected to this event in any form from any and all claims, actions and demands resulting from sickness, loss, damages or injuries sustained to persons or properties at this event. I will abide by all USATT regulations and final decisions by HITTA on all matters relating to this event. Signature required (parent or guardian if U18 years old)

Photo and Video Release Consent

I hereby grant HITTA, USATT and/or the event Photographer/Agency permission to use my likeness in photograph(s) or video(s) in any and all of its publications and other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by HITTA, USATT and/or Photographer/Agency, in perpetuity, and for other use by HITTA, USATT and/or the Photographer/Agency. I will make no monetary or other claim against HITTA, USATT and/or the Photographer/Agency for the use of the photograph(s) or video(s). Signature required (parent or guardian if U18 years old)

Signature of Participant

Print Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
(If participant is under 18 y/o)

Print Name

Date

HITTA

Registration Form

Name

Phone

Email Address

Home Club

Gender:

Male

Female

Date of Birth:

USATT #

Expiration Date

Current Rating

Total Event Fees (total of events entered minus discounts)	\$
USATT Membership Fee (Basic / \$25, Pro / \$75)	\$
Voluntary Donation to USATT Team Program	\$
TOTAL	\$

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ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

RULES

Events can be cancelled or combined at the discretion of the tournament committee. No prizes will be awarded for splits, default losses or no-appear, or dumps. The rules of ITTF and USATT policies will govern the tournament. All decisions of the tournament referee are final.

RATINGS CUTOFF

Rating dated from Wednesday, December 15, 2024 from USATT website will be used for event eligibility. Seedings are based on the most current ratings. The tournament director reserves the rights to assign ratings to unrated players for seeding purposes. Unrated players cannot advance to the prize rounds.

DRESS CODE

White shirts or shorts/skirts during play are not allowed. All USATT and ITTF rules and regulations will be followed.

EQUIPMENT

The tournament will feature the following 25mm top ITTF approved tables:

- Yinhe Pro 25 Table with net set.
- Tournament ball: White Yinhe 3 Star H40+ ABS balls.
- Flooring is Purple rubberized mat.

MEMBERSHIP

Proof of USATT membership is required. Membership may be purchased along with tournament entry form. Adult basic membership \$25/year, Pro membership \$75/year. Players who don't want to purchase a full membership may purchase a tournament pass for \$50. *** You may purchase a tournament pass even if you were previously a USATT member or have never purchased a tournament pass.

FORMAT:GRR

Format: Morning RR will determine the Division A, B & C groups. From the Divisional groups the top 2 players in each group will advance into the Single Elimination (SE) rounds.

DEFAULTS

No prize/prize money shall be awarded for players who default any match/matches. The tournament committee reserves the right to restrict such players (who default their matches) from advancing if no satisfactory reasons are given for their defaults.

CANCELLATIONS

Only cancellations requested BEFORE THE ENTRY DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED VALID. For any questions, registrations, payments, scheduling or other please contact us at: HITTAPongGM@gmail.com or call: 713-737-5310

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ADDITIONAL RULES

- All Local and State guidelines concerning the use of masks and vaccination status regarding any diseases will be enforced.
- No displays and/or any distribution of brochures, posters, literature, or written materials will be allowed at the tournament venue unless previously approved by HITTA.
- All USATT regulations, including uniforms, equipment, conduct and language apply.
- All decisions of the Tournament Referee are considered final.
- Prizes will be forfeited if the match is not played as scheduled.
- Players cannot sign up for more than one event that start at the same time.

HOTELS

Preferred hotels near HITTA:

- **Palacio Royale Inn Signature / Boutique 2-star**
22455 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450 • **(281) 392-9800**
- **Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Katy 2-star**
20414 Julie Marie Ln, Katy, TX 77449
• **(281) 944-9029**
- **La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Houston**
15225 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77094
• **(281) 646-9200**

MATCH CHECK IN

PLAYERS SHOULD CHECK IN AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR FIRST MATCH and should be ready to play each match at least 15 minutes prior the scheduled starting time for each event. PLAYERS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY A MATCH, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE DEFAULTED THAT MATCH AND ENTRY FEES.

REGISTRATION LIST

Event entries and player lists can be found on Omnipong or StadiumTT.com , under tournament section. For any questions regarding paid but unlisted entries, please contact us at: HITTAPongGM@gmail.com

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USATT SAFESPORT PROTOCOL

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.teamu-sa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

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PERSONS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT

Under USATT Safe Sport Policy, persons holding certain Positions of Authority must complete Safe Sport Training offered by the US Center for Safe Sport (once per year) and undergo a criminal background screen (every two years). The list of Positions of Authority requiring Full Safe Sport Compliance is set out in USATT's Safe Sport Policy and the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT Website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

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ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFE SPORT TRAINING

Pursuant to USATT's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, **ALL Adult Participants** (participants over the age of 18) who have regular contact with or authority over minor aged athletes must complete SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year ("SafeSport Trained").

CONTACT USATT TO BECOME SAFESPORT TRAINED AND/OR FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT

USATT is pleased to assist USATT Members in the process of becoming SafeSport Trained and/or Fully Safe Sport Compliant. Please contact USATT at admin@usatt.org for more information and guidance in this process.

MANDATORY REPORTING

There are certain circumstances where reporting a potential Safe Sport violation is mandatory. These circumstances include: (i) child abuse; (ii) sexual misconduct; (iii) emotional and physical misconduct; (iv) criminal charges and/or dispositions involving sexual misconduct or misconduct involving minors; (v) any abuse of the Safe Sport process. **Child abuse must be immediately reported to local law enforcement.** To learn more about the appropriate agency where you can submit a report of child abuse, log onto: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/responding/reporting>

HOW TO REPORT SAFE SPORT VIOLATION

Persons can report a suspected violation of USATT's Safe Sport Policy to:

1. The US Center for SafeSport at www.SafeSport.org (or by phone during regular business hours at: 720-531-0340); and/or
2. The USATT Athlete Protection Officer Mark Thompson (mark.thompson@usatt.org) (719-329-4200).

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USA TABLE TENNIS

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

Tournament: _____ Date: _____

Tournament Director: _____ Club Name: _____

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, HARASSMENT, EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND LANGUAGE ("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 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 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 RELEASEES 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.

Signature of Participant: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
(if under 18):