

Ping-Pong Diplomacy Team Championships

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June 10-12, 2022

Division A

1st \$1,500

2nd \$800

3rd \$400

Division B

1st \$300

2nd \$200

3rd \$100



EVENT GALA IN EVERY CITY

Organizers:

China General Chamber of Commerce - Houston
Houston International Table Tennis Academy
Blossom Hotel Houston

Co-organized by:

USATT Foundation



**TOP 2 TEAMS IN DIVISION A WILL BE INVITED TO THE
FINAL PING PONG DIPLOMACY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Tables are Butterfly Europa and Butterfly National League nets.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The Swaythling Cup 5 match play format will be used, all Singles to Best of 5. Competition starts with a Giant RR. Teams are placed into groups for competition, the top 2 teams from each group will advance into the Division A, the next 2 to Division B and the remainder to Division C. Then a Divisional RR is played where the top 2 teams advance to the Single Elimination (SE) rounds. Top 3 Teams from Divisions A & B wins Cash. Division C wins Awards.

LIMITS: The tournament is limited to the first 32 teams to sign up.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE: \$350 PER TEAM
(4 players or less, min. 3 players)

Entry Deadline

Entries must be received by Sunday, June 5, 2022. Any late entries will be accepted on a space available basis with a \$100 late fee. If an entry is submitted late, please call to confirm that it was received and accepted.

NO REFUNDS after June 5, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: \$150 non refundable.

Tournament Director: Manny Velazquez

Tournament Referee: Xianfeng Zhang, NR

Tournament Committee:

Chong Pang, Floriss Teng, Jonathan Ramos, David Lee, Ning Cheng

Sponsors:

Blossom Hotel Houston - Click [HERE](#) to make reservations!

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Tournament Schedule:

Giant RR - Friday, June 10 2022. Start time will be 9:00am for this portion of the tournament.

Divisional RR - Saturday June 11, 2022. Start time will be 9:00am for this portion of the tournament.

SE Rounds - Sunday June 12, 2022. Start time will be 9:00am for this portion of the tournament

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

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 and decision of the tournament officials will govern the tournament. All decisions of the tournament officials are final.

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.

Equipment:

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

- Butterfly Centerfold 25 table with net set
- Europa 25 table with net set

The tournament will use white Butterfly R40+ 3 Star ABS balls. Flooring for the facility is Blue rubberized mat.

Rating:

Qualifying Rating and Seeding Rating:

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

0-1200: 500 points

1201-1999: 400 points

2000-2199: 300 points

2200+: 200 points

The qualifying rating is used to ensure teams are balanced. The team seeding is determined by taking the average of the three highest rated players. For a four person team, the qualifying rating is calculated by taking the average of the three lowest rated players. For example, if a team has a qualifying rating of 1475, they cannot have a player that is rated higher than 1875 on their team. Another example is if a team has a qualifying rating of 2035; In this case, the team cannot have a player that is rated higher than 2335. Please note that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust these limits where necessary. Ratings from May 15th will be used for qualifying rating calculations and ratings from June 5th will be used for seeding.

Defaults: Individual match defaults count as a loss on the match. Team defaults count as an all matches win for the opposing team. Results are based on team win-loss records. Teams are advanced based on their group results, including defaults.

Only Paid Entries are considered valid. Payment due upon registration. No refunds after June 5 , 2022

ENTRY FEE PAYMENTS: PLEASE MARK (X) APPLICABLE ENTRY (Will be verified and adjusted accordingly)

SEND PAYMENTS VIA ZELLE TO: HITTAUSA@GMAIL.COM

USATT Membership Fee: _____ (If APPLICABLE)

Optional Donation to TT Team USA National Program: _____

Total Fees paid: _____

H.I.T.T.A. Table Tennis - 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 tournament 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 decisions by the tournament officials. Signature (parent or guardian if under 18 years old)

Photo and Video Release Consent

I hereby grant HITTA, USATT and/or the tournament 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 of Team Captain	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Player #1	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Player #2	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Player #3	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Player #4	_____ Print Name	_____ Date

ENTRY FORM: TEAM CAPTAIN

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ M/F: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____
USATT #: _____ Purchase Today? ^{Yes} ^{No} Exp. Date: _____ Rating: _____
Signature: _____ Club: _____

ENTRY FORM: TEAM MEMBER

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ M/F: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____
USATT #: _____ Purchase Today? ^{Yes} ^{No} Exp. Date: _____ Rating: _____
Signature: _____ Club: _____

ENTRY FORM: TEAM MEMBER

Name: _____ Email: _____
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