

Hello fellow Michigan Table Tennis Players,

There were over 100 players each day for the 2025 State Tournament at Milford High School, which was at least a 10% increase over the 2024 State Tournament.

Thank you to all the players and sponsors (SELCRA, Motor City Computer, Paddle Palace, Nittaku), that supported the 2025 State Tournament. I want to especially thank Scott Endicott, Gerry Perrett, Chad Dammar, Volker Traudt, Dave Scarantino, Meinhard Korte, and those who also helped with the Tournament. Many players complimented the venue and Tournament. It was a fun and drama free Tournament since the disruptive players, (those that don't know how to follow the rules and behave), stayed away.

The committee is looking into a 2nd location for 2026 in case Milford High School is not available again.

We may use the Spindex Rating system for the 2026 Tournament. This system is used by Major League Table Tennis and is presently free to use. If used, players would need to set up a profile in Spindex, so that when the scores are submitted to Spindex, their ratings can adjust. This eliminates the USATT sanctioning fee, rating fee and the player membership fee, which reduces the Tournament cost. It also eliminates numerous unnecessary USATT policies which burden the Tournament.

The Tournament needs at least 3 people, who will be paid and get at least 1 free event, to run events all day long on Saturday and Sunday. This is easy to do as the match slips are preprinted for the players to fill out and the Round Robins and brackets are preprinted for the helper to fill out. The Tournament would also benefit from more tables and barriers to support more entries and allow the Tournament to stay on schedule.

Once a venue and help are determined, a Tournament flyer will be posted or, if not enough help is found, the Tournament will be withdrawn. Please contact Jerry Sagady (810-735-7352) if interested in running events and/or providing equipment. Stay tuned.