

# **Inaugural First Baptist Church Decatur Open**

## **Table Tennis Tournament**

### **June 28, 2025**

**Non-Sanctioned 1-Star Event with \$400 Prize Money!**

**Organized By** NORTH ALABAMA TABLE TENNIS CLUB / FIRST BAPTIST DECATUR

**Tournament Director and Referee** Mike Wetzel; USATT Certified CR/IU

**Location** First Baptist Church, 123 Church St. NE, Decatur AL 35601

**Contact** Mike Wetzel 256-606-4818.

**Registration** Mail forms and fee to Mike Wetzel, 2436 Cameron St. SW, Decatur AL 35603  
Make checks payable to: Mike Wetzel / PayPal: [ClubNeatt@gmail.com](mailto:ClubNeatt@gmail.com)  
Add \$2 for Electronic Payments via PayPal

#### **Two-Stage Round Robin**

Stage 1: Preliminary round robin 10 Groups of 4 players.

Top 2 advances to Championships. 3<sup>rd</sup> player goes to Class A. 4<sup>th</sup> player goes to Class B.

Stage 2: Based on playing records in preliminary groups, players will be placed into class round robin events in groups of 5 (Championship, A, B). The winner of each afternoon bracket will advance to a single elimination semifinals/finals.

**Reporting and Starting Times** Matches begin at 9:00am. Please arrive before 8:45am to sign the liability waiver and make sure you are properly registered for the event. Gym opens at 8:00am for practice. Player orientation will begin at 8:55am. All events should be finished before 6:00pm. Stage 1 begins at 9:00am. Stage 2 begins around 1:30pm. Approximate times listed.

**Event Fee** \$25.00 per Player. The deadline for entry is June 25th. 40 player limit.

**Matches** All games will be to 11 points; all matches are best of 5 games.

**Awards** Championship Division – Prize \$200 1<sup>st</sup> place / \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place / \$50 for semifinalist.

All Other Divisions A & B: Medals for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



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**Rules** USATT regulations apply, including dress code. Please wear appropriate athletic attire and non-marking shoes. If using an estimated USATT rating, the estimate should come from an established coach, club or previous leagues and tournaments. Players will be disqualified for unruly behavior and foul language.

**Equipment** USATT or ITTF approved equipment only. Ten Butterfly Tables. White Nittaku 3-star balls. Tile or wooden flooring. LED lighting. Bleacher seating.

**Eligibility** Open to all players.

**Venue Entrance** Park on Canal Street side of the church and enter through double doors where the small playground is, then take the stairs to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Cancellation/Refund/Default Policy** Director reserves the right to modify or cancel event if there are insufficient entries. If this is necessary, participants will be refunded. Otherwise, refunds available at director's discretion. Referee may default you from your matches if not present when matches are scheduled to begin.

**Tournament Committee** Mike Wetzel, David Duke, David Wilder, Kyle Henderson, Mike Harris

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Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if participant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

USATT Rating (or estimated rating): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone for Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By entering this tournament, I accept full responsibility for my participation and relieve all sponsors, First Baptist Church Decatur, and tournament staff of any liability for injury to myself or damage to my property. I will abide by all USATT regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_