

2024 Birmingham HOMETOWN Table Tennis Championship

Giant Round Robin + Upsets Cash Awards



USATT Sanctioned Two Star Tournament

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 9:00am-7:00pm+ (CST)

Giant Round Robin (Two RR and Playoff)

+ Under 4000 Doubles

Playing Venue: Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis Club (BHTT) - 808 Green Springs Hwy, Suite 140, Homewood AL 35209. Inside Hometown Supermarket, on the left at the very back of the store. For players arrival in the early morning, please parking at the back of store to access the court from the back door.

Director: Yukui Tang

Deputy Director: Harry He, Keith Evans

Referee: Michael Wetzel (CR/IU)

Deputy Referee/Umpire: Harry He (CR/CU)

Tournament Committee: Harry He, Keith Evans, Yukui Tang.



Registration And Entry Fee: \$5 for administration fee. \$55 for Open Single & \$10 for Under 4000 Doubles. Please enter on the www.OmniPong.com for Alabama-2024 Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis Championship (Giant Round robin + Upsets Awards).

After registered your event(s), please pay online through OmniPong.com immediately via PayPal to BHTTclub22@gmail.com, Zelle to 205-223-7783, or Venmo to

BHTTclub22@gmail.com. Unpaid/uncompleted entries will be removed in 3 days. Speaking to the tournament staff prior deadline for mail-in or in-person registration. Contact info: Harry He by BHTTclub22@gmail.com or text to 205-223-7783.

Free bottled water for players, first come and first serve. 10% off in Mr. Chen for to-go order, a Chinese restaurant inside the Hometown supermarket for players on the tour day.



Entry Deadline: Saturday, October 19, 2024. \$5 for late entries. No Refund after October 19, 2024.

Eligibility For Event: Open to all members of USA Table Tennis (USATT). Non-members may join the USATT by including the membership fee with their entry fee. Players who are not current USATT members may buy a basic annual Membership pass for \$25.

Rules: The Laws of Table Tennis as published by the ITTF and all USATT regulations will be enforced.

Equipment: Butterfly Europa/Centrefold 25 tables/nets, Joola 3000sc tables/nets, & Nittaku Premium 3-star 40+mm white plastic balls. Red rubber floor. ITTF/USATT approved equipment only.

Format: Two Round Robins and single elimination playoff. Players will be placed into 4 or 5 players each group based on player's ratings by snack system for the first round robin. All players advance to different divisions after the first round robin play. The second round robin play is 3 or 4 players grouped based on the performance in the first round robin.

Group info will be emailed after October 22th, 2024. Group #1 to #4 will check in at 11:15am. Players in the other groups (# 5 and beyond) must check-in at the control desk before 8:45am and play begins at 9:00am. U4000 Doubles will be at 5:00pm. The court will open for practice Friday, 4:00pm-8:45pm and Saturday, 8:00am-8:45am.

All matches are best of 5 games. All games will be to 11 points. Championship final match is best of 7.

Play will be in three stages:

Preliminary: The first round robin. Top two finishes advance to Championship. The 3rd & 4th players advance to Class A. The other players will go into Class B.

Stage 2: The second round robin. Top 2 players advance to single elimination in Championship, Class A, and Class B accordingly.

Stage 3: Single elimination play off.

Doubles will be single elimination if more than 6 teams (or RR-SE) with best of 5 games.

Cancellation: Director reserves the right to modify any event, cancel the event/tour, restrict the number of players in the tournament, and change formats as necessary. The entry fee and administration fee will be refunded if the event is cancelled by organizer. \$5 non-refundable administration fee for cancellations prior to deadline upon player's written request and the entry fee will be refunded. NO REFUNDS AFTER October 19th. THANK YOU!

AWARDS:

Championship –	1 st \$300,	2 nd \$150,	3 rd /4 th \$70,	3 rd /4 th \$70
Class A -	1 st \$50,	2 nd Medal		
Class B -	1 st Medal,	2 nd Medal		
Doubles:	1 st \$50,	2 nd Medal		

Medals for all cash winners.

UPSETS CASH AWARDS: (Note: Thank KTTC for allowing us to use its Gold Dollar Awards format.) BHTT reserves \$200 for Upsets Awards in Open Single event, which will be proportionately divided into both of Group #1-#4 and Group #5+. This prize money can be won by all level of USATT rated players; not just the top players. The only criteria to win Upsets Awards is to upset a player whose USATT rating is higher than yours. Bring your match score sheet to control desk for Upsets Awards if you do have an upset won and reserved Upsets Awards funds are still available.

The rules for winning for single play are:

1. Upsets Awards will be paid to winners of all upsets in a match in which both players must be USATT officially rated (not estimated rating or unrated).
2. Winners of each upset will receive Upsets Awards using the following payout schedule:
Rating difference: 100 or less, UPSETS AWARDS reward is up to \$5.00
Rating difference: 101 to 150, UPSETS AWARDS reward is up to \$10.00
Rating difference: 150 or larger, UPSETS AWARDS reward is up to \$15.00
3. The Upsets Awards will be paid immediately upon confirmation of match sheets showing upsets on a first come first get paid basis in the same play stage until funds run out. So sharpen your game and hit the court running fast!
4. Rating used to determine the upsets will be the USATT ratings of record as of 9:00 am, Friday October 25th, 2024.



USATT SAFE SPORT POLICY TEMPLATE
ENTRY BLANK TEMPLATE FOR USATT SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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.usatt.org/athlete-resources/safesport>.

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USATT Safe Sport Protocol

Communication of Safe Sport Policy to Tournament Participants

Full Information for USATT's Safe Sport Policy is available on the Athlete Safety Section of the USATT website:
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

This page includes links for:

1. The USATT Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ["MAAPP"];
2. The SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements;
3. The US Center for SafeSport's Toolkit for Parents;
4. USATT Safe Sport Compliance Protocol (**Who Must Be Safe Sport Compliant and How a Person Becomes Safe Sport Compliant**); and
5. Frequently asked Questions Regarding Safe Sport Compliance.

PERSONS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT

Under USATT Safe Sport Policy, persons holding certain **Positions of Authority** must complete SafeSport 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>.

USATT COACHING POLICY

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 requires completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years.

ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFESPORT 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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Entry Form (A photo copy of the entry form is acceptable)

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____ Date of Birth _____

Email address: _____

Mailing list address: _____

USATT membership # _____ Expires _____ Club or City/State _____

Administration Fee: \$5

Entry fees : \$55

Under 4000 Doubles (can be also entered on tournament day in cash without late fee, \$10): _____

USATT Membership fee for renew or a non USATT member- Pro (\$75) or Basic (\$25): _____

Late fee (\$5 after October 19th, 2024) if any: _____

Any amount of contributions to USATT. Thank you for continued support USATT: _____

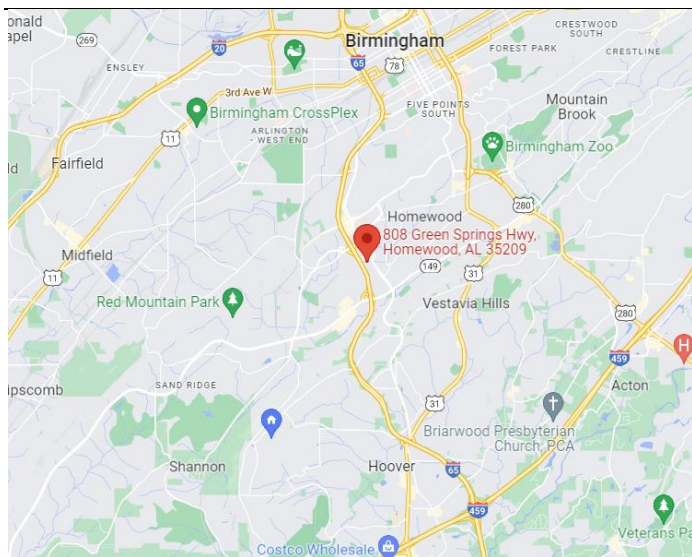
My total registration fees in the amount of: _____

Please enter me in the above events. My fees in the amount of \$ _____ are enclosed via (1) PayPal to BHTTClub22@gmail.com, (2) Zelle to 205-223-7783, or (3) Venmo to BHTTClub22@gmail.com

I have read this entry form, agree the BHTT's Court rules, and will abide by all USATT regulations and tournament requirements. I am in generally good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in table tennis activity. I accept full responsibility for my participation and relieve the sponsors, hosts, and players of any liability for injury to myself or damage to my property. I have read and agree the USATT Safe Sport protocol above, and signed (or will sign at the tournament) the comprehensive waiver of liability.

Signature: _____ (Parent or Guardian must sign for a minor) Date: _____

Player/Parent/Guardian Name in Print: _____



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**USATT Sanctioned Two Star Tournament by
Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis (BHTT)
Saturday, October 26th, 2024,
at 9:00AM – 7:00PM+ (CST)
808 Green Springs Hwy, Suite 140,
Homewood AL 35209**

Directions: GPS coords: 33.46067,-86.81938
The table tennis court is inside of Hometown
Supermarket

From North/Nashville or East: Take I-65 south to
Exit 256B to Oxmoor Rd in Homewood, make right turn in next intersection to Green Springs Highway/AL-
149, drive 0.3 mile to the strip mall at the right-hand side. Look for Hometown Supermarket and parking in
back of Hometown Supermarket.

From South/Montgomery or West: Take I-65 North to Exit 256A for Oxmoor Rd toward Homewood, make right turn in next intersection to Green Springs Highway/AL-149, drive 0.3 mile to the strip mall at the right-hand side. Look for Hometown Supermarket and parking in back of Hometown Supermarket.

Hotel Information:

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Birmingham Homewood
60 State Farm Pkwy, Homewood, Alabama, USA 35209
Tel: (205)-290-0150

Hosted by: Birmingham HOMETOWN Table Tennis Club

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