

Matchpoint TTC (Vistara) Star League FAQ

Here is an FAQ created based on questions we have received about the league and its format.

1. What is the league format?

The word “league” means different things to different people, but these are what table tennis singles leagues are like in most parts of the USA. People will be grouped into all-play-all groups of 4-6 players. You will be assigned two tables so that the matches in the group can be played and finished in a reasonable amount of time.

2. What time will the league start and where is it?

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The league will begin at 7pm on Friday evenings/nights and all matches must be completed by midnight. If demand is sufficient to fill another night, we will look into having other nights/days so more players can participate in the experience. While we may have some off weekends for holidays or special events, the goal is to hold the league every week.

3. Is USATT membership required?

Currently, yes, USATT membership is **required** to play in the league. We can decide later or in exceptional cases to let players play without a USATT membership or league rating, but we do want to use the USATT league ratings to track strength and improve the quality of the league matchups.

4. How much will the league cost?

The league cost is \$15. If the league grows substantially, we might have a minor discount for early entrants under USATT 1600, but given that we have limited capacity at the moment, we expect to have a full league on Friday next week if the interest that has been expressed materializes.

5. How to register?

We are setting up Omnipong to collect entries, but feel free to send a message to Laj if you intend to participate. Please register early to secure your spot as planning for the groups and the draws is easier when the entries are in.

6. Is there prize money?

For this league, there isn't prize money. The big benefit is playing competitive matches against rated opponents close to your level and being forced to adapt as you get better or worse results to the challenges of playing higher rated or lower rated opposition. We will try to find an incentive for good players to play in the top group, mostly because there is always excitement to play a really good player at the top and it flows down to the rest of league. And sometimes, the top player can be challenged or upset by an upcoming player.

7. Are there rules to reward good results and penalize bad ones?

Players who win their group will get pushed into one group above the highest group they qualify for the next week. Players who lose their group may get demoted the next week depending on the volume that is present, but it often not because of their prior week result but because of the need to accommodate the prior week winner. It is possible to win your group and still play in the same group the next week, but this is usually because there are more strong players in the event in the week after your win – if three or more players are available to replace you as the last player in the group that you would be promoted to, you will remain in the same group.

And sometimes, unless you are young and improving, it isn't always fun to play in a higher group, your results may be disheartening, so if you are not in the mood to be promoted, let the league director know early and he will not promote you...

Any questions, please feel free to ask or send me a message...