



# Knoxville Gold Dollar Dogwood Open

USATT Sanctioned (Two-Star Event)  
Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024



- Sponsors:** Visit Knoxville Sport Commission, Horizon Aviation, Erin Zhou Century 21 Legacy Agent, Tactics Group incorporated, Double Happiness USA, The Pickleball Playground, and Knoxville Table Tennis Club
- Venue:** The Pickleball Playground, 2810 Ball Camp Byington Road, Knoxville, TN 37931
- Inquiries:** Email to: [knoxvilletabletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:knoxvilletabletennisclub@gmail.com) or visit our web site [www.knoxvillettcc.net](http://www.knoxvillettcc.net)
- Player Limit:** 48
- Equipments:** Eight Butterfly Blue Octet 25 with matching nets, DHS DJ40W World Tour ABS white ball, Indoor Pickleball Court floor
- Rules:** USATT Rules including dress code shall be enforced. The main color of playing clothes must be different from white.
- Eligibility:** Open to all USATT members. (Non-members may enter tournament by purchasing a USATT basic membership to play)
- To Enter:** Register via [www.omnipong.com](http://www.omnipong.com), online entry only. For payments of check (highly not recommended), please mail it to Jude Lam, 1183 Vale View Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 with the name of the player. Please make the check payable to KTTC.
- Entry Fee:** \$70 per player, if a player is staying at the tournament hotel of Holiday Inn at Cedar Bluff, she/he can entitle to a \$10 off the entry fee. To enter Hotel Discount, choose the Hotel Discount "Goodies" in omnipong.com registration and email [knoxvilletabletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:knoxvilletabletennisclub@gmail.com) the hotel reservation once it is booked. All claimed hotel discounts will be verified the day before the tournament. Player will be responsible to pay the \$10 hotel discount if the reservation is not verified upon check-in.
- Entry Deadline:** By April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, **No Refund will be granted after April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**
- Officials:**  
Tournament Director: Jude Lam CR, CU  
Tournament Referee: Jude Lam, CR, CU  
Tournament Committee: Martin Del Vecchio, Nicolae Avram, and Jude Lam  
Umpires: Jonathan Foulds, Martin Del Vecchio, Jude Lam, and Fran Li
- Start Time:** Tournament play begins at 9:00 a.m. EDT. Gym opens at 8:00 a.m. and all players should be checked in by 8:30.
- Tournament Hotel:** The Holiday Inn West Knoxville at Cedar Bluff will be our Tournament Hotel. We have secured a block of rooms with a group rate of \$124 + tax a night for you.

Use Discount Code "KT2" when reserving a room. Players who choose the Hotel Discount goodies will need to email [knoxvilletabletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:knoxvilletabletennisclub@gmail.com) for the Hotel Reservation to qualify for it. Any Hotel Discount taken without the hotel reservation will be removed and the player need to pay for that balance upon check-in or earlier.

**Format:** First Stage will be a Round Robin with 8 groups of 6 players.

Second Stage is a Round Robin with a group of 4 for each division. There will be two groups per division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in First Stage will go to Division A Round Robin Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in First Stage will go to Division B Round Robin Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in First Stage will go to Division C Round Robin Group
- 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in First Stage will go to Division D Round Robin Group
- 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in First Stage will go to Division E Round Robin Group
- 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in First Stage will go to Division F Round Robin Group

Top two finishes in the Second Stage from each group will advance to play in Semi-Finals and Finals.



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**Gold Dollar:** This tournament is unique because money can be won by all level of players; not just the top players. The only criteria to win gold dollars is to upset a player whose USATT rating is higher than yours. The rules for winning are:

1. Gold Dollars will be paid to winners of all upsets, regardless of player's rating.
2. Winners of each and every upset will receive gold dollars using the following payout schedule:

Rating difference: 100 or less, Gold Dollar reward: \$5.00  
 Rating difference: 101 to 150, Gold Dollar reward: \$10.00  
 Rating difference: 150 or larger, Gold Dollar reward: \$15.00

3. The gold dollars will be paid immediately upon confirmation of match sheets showing upsets on a first come first get paid basis until the funds run out. KTTCC reserves \$200 Gold Dollars for this payout. 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 09:00 a.m. Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Only USATT rated players prior to the date of the tournament are eligible to win gold dollars.
5. Both players must be officially rated before the tournament to earn Gold Dollar, i.e. any match involved an unrated players will not receive Gold Dollar.

<b>Award:</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
	A	\$500 & Trophy	\$250 & Trophy	\$125 & Trophy
	B	\$200 & Trophy	\$125 & Trophy	\$75 & Trophy
	C	\$100 & Trophy	\$75 & Trophy	\$50 & Trophy
	D	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
	E	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
	F	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy



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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.teamusa.org/usa-table-tennis/athlete-safety/safe-sport>.

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