

Knoxville Sweat for Ukraine Open

USATT Sanctioned (Two-Star Event) Saturday October 18th, 2025



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Purpose: This tournament is a fund raiser event for the KoloHUB non-profit organization to support

Ukraine civilian needs during the current tough times in Ukraine. 50% of the tournament profit

will be donated to the organization. Their website is https://www.kolohub.com/ The

organization will be selling food and crafts during the tournament to help raise money as well.

Venue: The Pickleball Playground, 2810 Ball Camp Byington Road, Knoxville, TN 37931

Inquiries: Email to: knoxvillettc.net or visit our web site www.knoxvillettc.net

Player Limit: 48

Equipment: Eight Butterfly Blue Octet 25 with matching nets, DHS DJ40+ 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 <u>www.omnipong.com</u>, 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: \$75 per player, if a player is staying at the tournament hotel, 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 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.

A separate "Donate To KoloHub" event for \$25 is setup that is not a real playing event where player can add to their entry to help donate additional money to KoloHub organization. Each entry will be added with a new USATT Rating Fee of \$3.00 for sanction tournament.

USATT Rating

Fee:

By October 15th, 2025, No Refund will be granted after October 15th, 2025.

Entry Deadline: 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, Rosalie McGlashen, 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

The Holiday Inn West Knoxville at Cedar Bluff will be our Tournament Hotel. We have secured

Hotel: a block of rooms with a group rate of \$124 + tax per night for you.

Players can use our tournament announcement web page hotel link to book the hotel with the

proper group rate.

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

1st place finish in First Stage will go to Division A Round Robin Group

2nd place finish in First Stage will go to Division B Round Robin Group

3rd place finish in First Stage will go to Division C Round Robin Group

 4^{th} place finish in First Stage will go to Division D Round Robin Group

5th place finish in First Stage will go to Division E Round Robin Group



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6th 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.

*All Matches are best of five games.

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 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. KTTC 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 18th, 2025. 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.

Award:	Division	1st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
	A	\$500 & Trophy	\$250 & Trophy	\$125 & Trophy
	В	\$200 & Trophy	\$125 & Trophy	\$75& Trophy
	С	\$100 & Trophy	\$75 & Trophy	\$50 & Trophy
	D	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
	E	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
	F	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy



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