



4 STAR TOURNAMENT

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New HITTA Grand Opening Championships

\$20,000 Prize Fund

September 27-28, 2025

+ MVP Bonus Prize

A USATT Sanctioned Tournament

**Houston International Table Tennis Academy
923 South Mason Rd. Suite A, Katy TX 77450**



New HITTA

This July, the Houston International Table Tennis Academy (HITTA) will open our state-of-the-art facility for full time table tennis training in Katy, Texas. Together with our world class coaching expertise and programs, this brand new 28000 sq ft facility reflects HITTA's dedication to expanding the sport, cultivating talent, and providing a premier environment for all ages and skill levels.

All table tennis enthusiasts are cordially invited to come play at our 4-stars Grand Opening Championships to celebrate this milestone and see in person what the new HITTA has to offer.

Facility Highlights

- Over 35 Yinhe PR025 tables in a spacious main playing hall
- Professional sports flooring and advanced, glare-free lighting
- Climate-controlled for year-round comfort
- On-site Yinhe Pro Shop
- Community lounge and café for families and players
- Multi purpose classrooms

HITTA is Where Dreams Begin!



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Partners:



EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

EVENT	DATE	START TIME	FEE	CHAMPION	FINALS	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE
U13 Boys	8.9.2025	9:00AM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U13 Girls	8.9.2025	9:00AM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U1200	8.9.2025	9:00AM	\$40	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
U1800	8.9.2025	9:00AM	\$45	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
1:00PM							
U19 Boys	8.9.2025	1:00PM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U19 Girls	8.9.2025	1:00PM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U11 Boys	8.9.2025	1:00PM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U11 Girls	8.9.2025	1:00PM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
4:00PM							
U2300	8.9.2025	4:00PM	\$55	\$500	\$300	\$150	\$150
6:00PM							
U15 Boys	8.9.2025	6:00PM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U15 Girls	8.9.2025	6:00PM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U3800 D	8.9.2025	6:00PM	\$60	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy

**Championship MVP
Bonus Prize**

\$1000 \$700 \$500

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EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

EVENT	DATE	START TIME	FEE	CHAMPION	FINALIS	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE
U17 Boys	8.10.2025	9:00AM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
U17 Girls	8.10.2025	9:00AM	\$45	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
NOVICE	8.10.2025	9:00AM	\$20	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
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U2000	8.10.2025	11:00AM	\$50	\$150	\$100	Trophy	Trophy
U1000	8.10.2025	11:00AM	\$30	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
1:00PM							
M Singles	8.10.2025	1:00PM	\$75	\$2000	\$1500	\$800	\$500
W Singles	8.10.2025	1:00PM	\$60	\$1600	\$1000	\$600	\$400
U1600	8.10.2025	1:00PM	\$40	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
4:00PM							
U4500 D	8.10.2025	4:00PM	\$80	\$400	\$240	\$120	\$120
U2600 D	8.10.2025	4:00PM	\$50	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy
RATING HANDICAP S.	8.10.2025	4:00PM	\$30	\$200	\$100	Trophy	Trophy

How to
Gather
MVP
Points:

All Age Events -	100	70	50	50
All Rated Events -	60	40	20	20
All Doubles Events -	80	60	40	40
Mens/Womens Events -	150	100	80	60
Rating Handicap Singles -	80	60	40	40

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RATING HANDICAP SINGLES RULES

Rating Difference	Lower-Rated Player Starts At
0-99	0
100-199	5
200-299	10
300-399	15
400-499	20
500-599	25
600+	30

Rating Handicap at 41-points

The higher-rated player plays against a lower-rated player in a 41-points handicap table tennis match.

The lower-rated player is given a head start in point based on the rating difference between the two players.

The higher-rated player always starts at 0.

The lower-rated player serves first.

RULES

Serve changes every 5 points

No deuce rule

First to reach 41 points wins

Sides may switch at 21 points

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USATT AGE EVENTS PAGE

Age Events:

U 21 - Born on or after January 1, 2004 - Must Be Under 21 As of December 31, 2025

U 19 - Born on or after January 1, 2006 - Must Be Under 19 As of December 31, 2025

U17 - Born on or after January 1, 2008 - Must Be Under 17 As of December 31, 2025

U 15 - Born on or after January 1, 2010 - Must Be Under 15 As of December 31, 2025

U 13 - Born on or after January 1, 2012 - Must Be Under 13 As of December 31, 2025

U 11 - Born on after January 1, 2016 - Must Be Under 11 As of December 31, 2025

40 +: Born on or before December 31, 1985 - Must Be 40 or Older As of December 31, 2025

50 +: Born on or before December 31, 1975 - Must Be 50 or Older As of December 31, 2025

55 +: Born on or before December 31, 1970 - Must Be 55 or Older As of December 31, 2025

60 +: Born on or before December 31, 1965 - Must Be 60 or Older As of December 31, 2025

65 +: Born on or before December 31, 1960 - Must Be 65 or Older As of December 31, 2025

70 +: Born on or before December 31, 1955 - Must Be 70 or Older As of December 31, 2025

75 +: Born on or before December 31, 1950 - Must Be 75 or Older As of December 31, 2025

80 +: Born on or before December 31, 1945 - Must Be 80 or Older As of December 31, 2025

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HITTA

Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

I hereby release the Houston International Table Tennis Academy, USATT, sponsors, directors, and any individual or corporate body directly or remotely connected to this event in any form from any and all claims, actions and demands resulting from sickness, loss, damages or injuries sustained to persons or properties at this event. I will abide by all USATT regulations and final desicions by HITTA on all matters relating to this event. Signature required (parent or guardian if U18 years old)

Photo and Video Release Consent

I hereby grant HITTA, USATT and/or the event Photographer/Agency permission to use my like-ness in photograph(s) or video(s) in any and all of its publications and other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by HITTA, USATT and/or Photographer/Agency, in perpetu-ity, and for other use by HITTA, USATT and/or the Photographer/Agency. I will make no monetary or other claim against HITTA, USATT and/or the Photographer/Agency for the use of the pho-tograph(s) or video(s). Signature required (parent or guardian if U18 years old)

Signature of Participant

Print Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
(If participant is under 18 y/o)

Print Name

Date

HITTA

Registration Form

Name

Phone

Email Address

Home Club

Gender:

Male

Female

Date of Birth:

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USATT #

Expiration Date

Current Rating

Total Event Fees (total of events entered minus discounts)	\$
USATT Membership Fee (Basic / \$25, Pro / \$75)	\$
Voluntary Donation to USATT Team Program	\$
TOTAL	\$

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ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

RULES

Events can be cancelled or combined at the discretion of the tournament committee. No prizes will be awarded for splits, default losses or no-appear, or dumps. The rules of ITTF and USATT policies will govern the tournament. All decisions of the tournament referee are final.

RATINGS CUTOFF

Ratings dated from Wednesday, August 29, 2025 from USATT website will be used for event eligibility. Seedings are based on the most current ratings. The tournament Director reserves the rights to assign ratings to unrated players for seeding purposes. Unrated players cannot advance to the prize rounds of Rating Events. They can, however, advance in Age Groups or Open events.

DEFAULTS

If a table tennis player defaults a match, they will forfeit any entitlement to prize money for that event. This helps maintain fairness and ensures that the players are being appropriately rewarded for fairly competing in the tournament.

Serious misconduct: In some cases, a default may occur due to disciplinary actions. For example, a player might be defaulted and potentially forfeit prize money for unsportsmanlike conduct or for a violation of tournament regulations.

MEMBERSHIP

Proof of USATT membership is required. Membership may be purchased along with tournament entry form. Adult basic membership \$25/year, Pro membership \$75/year. Players who don't want to purchase a full membership may purchase a tournament pass for \$50. *** You may purchase a tournament pass even if you were previously a USATT member or have never purchased a tournament pass.

FORMAT: RR > SE

From the Round Robin groups, the top 2 players in each group will advance into the Single Elimination (SE) rounds.

DOUBLES:

U3800D accepts players 2100 and below for ratings.
U2600D accepts players 1700 and below for ratings.

DRESS CODE

White shirts or shorts/skirts during play are not allowed. All USATT and ITTF rules and regulations will be followed.

CANCELLATIONS

Only cancellations requested **BEFORE THE ENTRY DEADLINE** WILL BE CONSIDERED VALID. For any questions, registrations, payments, scheduling or other please contact us at: HITTAPongGM@gmail.com or call: 713-737-5310

EQUIPMENT

The tournament will feature the following 25mm top ITTF approved tables:

- Yinhe Pro 25 Table with net set.
- Tournament ball: White Yinhe 3 Star H40+ ABS balls.
- Flooring is Purple rubberized mat.

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OFFICIALS

Tournament Director: Manny Velazquez

Chief Umpire/Referee: Floriss Teng, RU / CR

ADDITIONAL RULES

- All Local and State guidelines concerning the use of masks and vaccination status regarding any diseases will be enforced.
- No displays and/or any distribution of brochures, posters, literature, or written materials will be allowed at the tournament venue unless previously approved by HITTA.
- All USATT regulations, including uniforms, equipment, conduct and language apply.
- All decisions of the Tournament Referee are considered final.
- Prizes will be forfeited if the match is not played as scheduled.
- Players cannot sign up for more than one event that start at the same time.

HOTELS

Preferred hotels near HITTA:

- **Palacio Royale Inn Signature / Boutique 2-star**
22455 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450
• **+1-281-392-9800**
- **Courtyard Houston Katy Mills**
25402 Katy Mills Parkway, Katy, Texas 77494
• **+1-281-665-3189**
- **Residence Inn Houston Katy Mills**
25401 Katy Mills Parkway, Katy, Texas 77494
• **+1-281-391-7501**

MATCH CHECK IN

PLAYERS SHOULD CHECK IN AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR FIRST MATCH and should be ready to play each match at least 15 minutes prior the scheduled starting time for each event. PLAYERS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY A MATCH, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE DEFAULTED THAT MATCH AND ENTRY FEES.

REGISTRATION LIST

Event entries and player lists can be found on Omnipong or StadiumTT.com , under tournament section. For any questions regarding paid but unlisted entries, please contact us at: HITTAPongGM@gmail.com

August 9-10, 2025

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USATT SAFESPORT PROTOCOL

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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.

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

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PERSONS IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE FULLY SAFE SPORT COMPLIANT

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

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ADULT PARTICIPANTS REQUIRING SAFE SPORT 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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USA TABLE TENNIS

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

Tournament: _____ **Date:** _____

Tournament Director: _____ **Club Name:** _____

1. IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or my minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

2. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my minor understand the nature of Table Tennis Activities and that I and/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

3. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH, HARASSMENT, EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND LANGUAGE ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or my child's own actions, or inaction, or the actions or inaction of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SEVERE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

4. HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES, COSTS, AND/OR DAMAGES FOLLOWING SUCH INJURY, DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW;

5. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE USA TABLE TENNIS, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, officials, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I and/or my minor child, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.

6. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Signature of Participant: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
(if under 18):

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