

Saratoga Weekend March 2024

Two-Star USATT Sanctioned Tournament

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Welcome to Saratoga Weekend March 2024. Join us at Saratoga Heart Catholic Church (13716 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070) on March 17, 2024 for a Sunday of ping pong and fun.

Tournament Information

Schedule

The schedule of events is as follows.

Sunday, March 17

Time	Event 1	Event 2
9:00 am	U2400 RR	U1600 RR
11:00 am	Open RR	U1400 RR
1:00 pm	U2200 RR	
3:00 pm	U2000 RR	U1200 RR
5:00 pm	U1800 RR	
5:30 pm	U500 RR	

Entry Fees and Prizes

Event	Fee	1st	2nd	Semis
Open RR	\$45	\$500	\$250	\$125
U2400 RR	\$45	\$200	\$100	
U2200 RR	\$44	\$150	\$75	
U2000 RR	\$44	\$100	\$50	
U1800 RR	\$43	\$90	\$45	
U1600 RR	\$42	\$80	\$40	

U1400 RR	\$41	\$70	\$35	
U1200 RR	\$40	\$60	\$30	
U500 RR	\$39	\$50	\$25	

Registration Fees and Deadlines

- There will be a \$10 registration fee.
- All entries must be paid for by Saturday, March 16. Unpaid entries at this time will be removed from the tournament. Late entries will be accepted subject to tournament discretion.
- Players who withdraw must inform the tournament director and submit a request for a refund by Saturday, March 16 to get a full refund minus a \$10 processing fee.
- Ratings from Friday, March 1 will be used for eligibility. The most recent ratings will be used for seeding.

Playing Format

- All singles events will have round robins consisting of three. Up to two of the highest rated players in each event will receive a bye. If you do not want a bye, you must explicitly inform the tournament by texting us at (661) 264-7291 at least one day before the tournament.
- Two players will advance from all events.
- All matches will be three out of five.

Additional Rules

Tournament Staff: Kagan Feng, Ronald Yu. If you have questions, please text us at (661) 264-7291.

Tournament Referee: Yelena Karshtedt RR/IU.

Venue. The tournament will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Saratoga. The venue address is 13716 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070. The closest airport is San Jose Airport (SJC).

Registration. Registration will be live on [Omnipong](#) shortly.


Payment. All entries must be paid for online beforehand via Omnipong. Your spot is not secure unless you pay beforehand. It is your responsibility to pay online beforehand to secure your spot.

Event Cancellations. Events with fewer than six entries will be cancelled.

Ratings. The rating from March 2 will be used for eligibility. The most recent rating posted on Ominpong will be used for seeding.

Cellphones. This tournament will rely heavily on players having access to text messages and phone calls (and preferably the internet). All players must have a cellphone or be accompanied by a parent or coach with access to a cellphone.

To save yourself some time on the day of the tournament, you can pre-register your phone number here. If your name does not appear on the drop-down list and you have registered for the tournament on Omnipong, please wait for a few days for your name to appear on the list. If you played in Huntington Beach Weekend February 2023, ASLT Weekend June 2023, ASLT Weekend September 2023, or ASLT Weekend February 2024 we already have your number.

Select Player  Phone Number: +1

Equipment. We will use Nittaku Premium balls on 10 Butterfly tables on wood floor.

USATT Rules. All generic USATT rules apply. Players must be USATT members to play. Final decisions are up to the discretion of the tournament director.

Draws and Results

Draws and results will be posted here. As usual, draws are constantly changing as more players enter or withdraw from the tournament.

Event	Champion	Runner-Up
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Event Day Player Instructions

The instructions below are the same as Huntington Beach Weekend February 2023. If you played that tournament, we already have your number and no further action is required.

Getting Started

1. When you arrive at the venue, please check in with the tournament front desk. You will be 1) asked to read these instructions, 2) asked to input your phone number to the tournament and 3) will receive a tournament ball. You can keep the ball and do not need to return it. To save time, you can read these instructions ahead of time and input your phone number [here](#). Note that you do not need to give us your number if you have already received a text message within the past week that looks like this:
2. The venue will open at 8:15 am.
3. **Every player must have access to text messages.** If you are dropping your kid off, please input the phone number of a coach or trusted adult who will be present at the tournament.
4. We will **not** be handing out clipboards and balls like at other tournaments. Instead, whenever you have a match, you will receive a text message indicating your table number and opponent like the one below (note the text will come from an unknown number):

Ronald Yu: Please report to Table 5 to start your match against Preston Ha Trun Nguyen (U2450). Submit results at <http://edgesandnets.com/m/OVHVt>

The sender is not in your contact list.

[Report Junk](#)

5. Once you receive a text, go to the table and start your match. You **do not** need to contact the tournament director unless something is wrong (e.g. your opponent won't show up). Just start your match using the ball we gave you earlier.

Submitting Results

6. When you are finished with your match, click on the link on the text message. It will take you to a webpage to submit your results like the one shown below:

Player	Preston Ha Trun Nguyen (2216)	Ronald Yu (2064)
Game 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defaulted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Input your results and hit submit button at the bottom of the page. If all goes well, your results have been saved and you will be redirected to the draw. Again, you **do not** need to inform the tournament director once your match has finished.
8. You can save results in between games by clicking the "save" button at the bottom of the page. Remember to hit "submit" once the match finishes.
9. For security reasons, you may only submit your results once by clicking the submit button on the webpage. If you made an error and need to submit again, then contact any tournament staff and we will unlock the page for you again.
10. Only one player needs to submit results. Please submit as soon as your match ends so we can free up the table for the next match.
11. Remember to take your ball after your match finishes. If you lose or break your ball, we will not provide replacement balls. Additional balls will be available for purchase both from the tournament and from OCTTA.

Waiting for Your Next Match

12. It is important to remember that **your table changes every match**. Always check your text messages to see where your next match is.
13. Once a table is available, we immediately assign it to the next match in line. You can view your position in line [here](#). You can also reach this page by clicking on "Match Queue" on the menu at the top of the page. The match queue will show an ETA (may not be too accurate as this is our first time doing it) and whether your opponent is currently playing on another table. The match queue should look something like this:

Match Queue

If you need a break and would like to move down the queue, please see the tournament director.

Position	Match	Status
1	Alex Wu (2260) vs Zoltan Boldy (2179) (Under 2450, Group 2)	waiting. ETA: 17 minutes
2	Tuan Dai Le Md (2279) vs Ryan Lin (2165) (Under 2450, Group 1)	waiting. ETA: 17 minutes
3	Ayush Badari (1837) vs Zhenyang Lin (1391) (Under 1850, Group 2)	waiting. Zhenyang Lin (1391) is playing on Table 6
4	Vadim Parizher (1782) vs Sunny Lin (1391) (Under 1850, Group 4)	waiting. Sunny Lin (1391) is playing on Table 3
5	Arturo Zandrera (1701) vs Igor Bloshtein (1341) (Under 1850, Group 5)	waiting. ETA: 17 minutes

14. The match queue will also show a list of who is currently playing at what table and for how long each match has been going on. You can use it to watch your next opponent and get a rough idea of when your next match will start. The list should look something like this:

Table Status

Table Number	Match	Status
1	Alex Wu (2260) vs Zoltan Boldy (2179) (Under 2450, Group 2)	playing for 0 minutes
2	Tuan Dai Le Md (2279) vs Ryan Lin (2165) (Under 2450, Group 1)	playing for 0 minutes
3	Sunny Lin (1391) vs Dmitry Denisov (1000) (Under 1450, Group 1)	playing for 9 minutes
4	Phillip Cleveland (1331) vs Nath Santos (888) (Under 1450, Group 5)	playing for 9 minutes

15. If you have been eliminated but have played fewer than three matches (due to an opponent defaulting or you finished third in a group of three), please see the front desk. We will do our best to schedule you an additional match for fun (that still counts for rating).
16. Your match will only show up on the queue once the event has started.

17. To help the tournament run more quickly, if you see that someone you know should be playing, please inform them.

Questions

18. If any problems come up, please talk to any of the tournament staff. Have fun!

Match Queue

View the match queue [here](#).

Miscellaneous

By signing up for this tournament, you agree to the following:

Entering the tournament, I fully understand that table tennis activities involve risks and dangers of serious bodily injury 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. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless to USATT, OCTTA, all Individuals, Organizations and Sponsors involved in this event. I agree to abide by the rules of the USATT and decisions of the Tournament Officials.

Signature: _____ (Parent or Guardian must sign for Minor, under age 18) Date: _____

USATT MEMBERSHIP—Basic \$25/Yr, Pro \$75/Yr

1 Day Tournament Pass: \$50 Adult, \$20 Junior

OPTIONAL: Donation to support USATT National Team Programs

USATT SAFE SPORT PROTOCOL

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>.

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>.

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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);
2. The USATT Athlete Protection Officer Mark Thompson (mark.thompson@usatt.org) (719-329-4200).

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