

2024 Birmingham HOMETOWN Table Tennis Winter OPEN

USATT Sanctioned Two Star Tournament

Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9:00am-7:00pm+ (CST)
\$1795 cash awards Championship to U1000



Playing Venue: Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis Club (BHTT)- 808 Green Springs Hwy, Ste 140, Homewood AL 35209. Inside Hometown Supermarket, on the left at the very back of the store. For players in the morning events, please parking at the back of store to access the court from the back door.

Director: Yukui Tang,

Deputy Director: Keith Evans,

Referee/Umpire: Harry He (CR/CU) **Deputy Referee/Umpire:** Wendi Pan (RU)

Tournament Committee: Michelle Jia Yan, Harry He, Keith Evans, Yukui Tang, Dr. Brian Johnsen

Registration Fee: \$5 plus event entry fees. Players can enter on the Omnipong

web site (www.omnipong.com) with Zelle, or check. Look for Alabama- 2024

Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis Winter Open at the Omnipong web site.

Enter with your USATT #. Unrated players should submit estimated rating, also

include contact information and estimated rating. Do not enter without paying for events that are selected. Unpaid/uncompleted entries will be removed 3 days after notice by email. No mail-in, in-person, or phone registration is available for this event without speaking to the Michelle for instructions. Contact info: Hometowntabletennis@gmail.com

Free bottle water for players, first come and first serve. 10% off in Mr. Chen for to-go order, a Chinese restaurant inside the store for players on the tour day.



Zelle payment to Jia Yan at Hometowntabletennis@gmail.com

Check pay order to BHTT Club, mail to BHTT Club, attention to Michelle Yan at 808 Green Springs Hwy, Ste 140, Homewood AL 35209

#	Events ⁽¹⁾	Time ⁽²⁾	Entry Fee ⁽³⁾	1 st	2 nd	3 rd /4 th
1	Championship	11:00 am	\$50	\$500	\$250	\$100
2	U2100	9:00 am	\$35	\$200	\$100	\$50
3	U1900	1:30 pm	\$25	\$100	\$50	\$25
4	U1700	3:30 pm	\$20	\$60	\$30	\$20
5	U1500	4:30 pm	\$20	\$50	\$25	\$20
6	U1000	5:30 pm	\$15	Trophy	Trophy	Medal

Note (1): Event with fewer than 6 players may be cancelled or reclassified to next closest event if possible.

Event with fewer than 12 players may have 1st and 2nd places or 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

For events (#1 & #2) with fewer than 16 players, prize money is reduced to 70 percent.

The latest USATT rating will be used to qualify players for events Under 2100 (U2100) to U1000.

Un-rated players in U1000 to U2100 can not claim the cash awards (Medals only).

Medals with printed winner's name label will be rewarded to all cash winners.

(2): U2100 starts at 9 am. Other events starting time may be later or changed due to the event progress or fewer entries.

(3): \$25 fee will be charged for returned check. Participants with declined payment will be withdrawn from the tournament.

Have fun! Sponsored by Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis Club.

Entry Deadline: Saturday, January 13 , 2024. \$5 additional fee for all late entries.

Eligibility for Event: Open to all members of USA Table Tennis (USATT). Non-members may join the USATT by including the membership fee with their entry fee. Players who are not current USATT members may buy a basic Membership pass for \$25. Championship event is for players with rating over 1400.

Rules: The Laws of Table Tennis as published by the ITTF and all USATT regulations will be enforced.

Rackets- One side of the racket must be bright red or another color recently approved by ITTF, the other side black. No complete regluing unless it is a new sheet of rubber. Partial re-gluing may be done with the permission of and under supervision of the referee.

Clothing- The USATT Dress Code applies. The main color of the body of the shirt or shorts may not be white. Please dress in appropriate athletic attire. Designs or lettering that are distracting to an opponent or are offensive will not be permitted. Rubber-soled, non-marking, shoes must be worn.

Equipment: Butterfly Europa/Centrefold 25 tables/nets, Joola 3000sc tables/nets, & Nittaku Premium 3-star 40+mm white plastic balls. Red rubber floor. ITTF/USATT approved equipment only.

Format: 28 player limit per event. Play will be in two stages in each event, Round Robin and single elimination playoff. All events will start with round robin groups. In the Championship event, 2 top players from each group will advance to single elimination playoffs. In all other events, group winners will advance to single elimination playoffs. Unrated players can advance from the round robin but no cash prize award if become a winner in the under rating division except in the Championship event. Championship event is best of 7 for final match. All other matches are best of 5 games.

Players must check-in at the control desk 15 minutes before event start time. Players arriving late may be defaulted for the event and replaced by an alternate. The court will open for participants' practices on Friday, 6:00pm-9:00pm and open at 8:00am Saturday.

Cancellation: Director reserves the right to modify any event or cancel the event/tour. The event fee will be refunded if the event is cancelled by organizer. \$5 non-refundable fee for cancellations prior to deadline upon player's written request and the event entry fee will be refunded. NO REFUNDS AFTER January 13th. THANK YOU!



USATT SAFE SPORT PROTOCOL
ENTRY BLANK TEMPLATE FOR USATT SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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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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>.

USATT COACHING POLICY

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 requires completing SafeSport Training offered by the US Center for SafeSport every year and undergoing a criminal background screen every two years.

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

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Entry Form (A photo copy of the entry form is acceptable)

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____ Date of Birth _____

Email address: _____

Mailing list address: _____

USATT membership # _____ Expires _____ Club or City/State _____

Registration Fee: \$5

Entry fees (Check events: Champ\$50, U2100\$35, U1900\$25, U1700\$20, U1500\$20,U1000\$15): _____

USATT Membership fee for renew or a non USATT member- Pro (\$75) or Basic (\$25): _____

Late fee (\$5 after January 13th, 2024) if any: _____

Any amount of contributions to USATT. Thank you for continued support USATT: _____

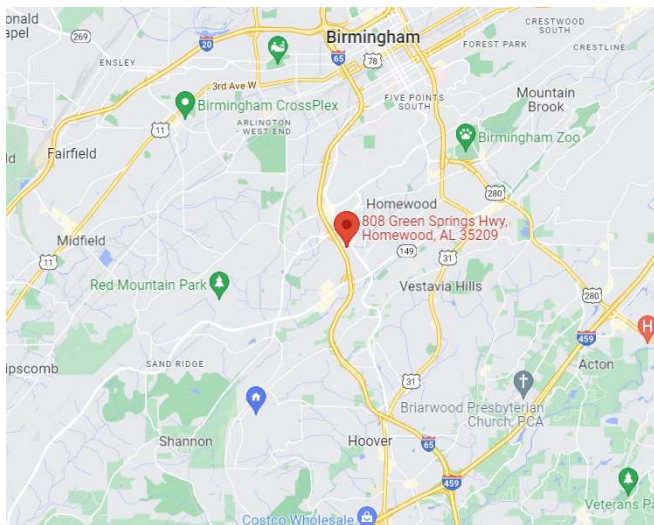
My total fees in the amount of: _____

Please enter me in the above events. My fees in the amount of \$ _____ are enclosed via (1) Zelle to Jia Yan at Hometowntabletennis@gmail.com or (2) a check # _____ pay order to BHTT Club and will mail to BHTT Club, attention to Micelle Yan at 808 Green Springs Hwy, Suite 140, Homewood AL 35209 today or tomorrow.

I have read this entry form, agree the BHTT’s Court rules, and will abide by all USATT regulations and tournament requirements. I am in generally good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in table tennis activity. I accept full responsibility for my participation and relieve the sponsors, hosts, and players of any liability for injury to myself or damage to my property. I have signed (or will sign at the tournament) the comprehensive waiver of liability.

Signature: _____ (Parent or Guardian must sign for a minor) Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name in Print _____



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USATT Two Star Sanctioned Tournament by Birmingham Hometown Table Tennis (BHTT)

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 9:00AM – 7:00PM+, Inside Hometown Supermarket

808 Green Springs Hwy, Ste 140, Homewood AL 35209

Directions: GPS coords: 33.46067,-86.81938

The table tennis court is inside of Hometown Supermarket on the left at the very back of the store. Please parking at the back of store to access the court from the back door.

From North/Nashville or East: Take I-65 south to Exit

256B to Oxmoor Rd in Homewood, make right turn in next intersection to Green Springs Highway/AL-149, drive 0.3 mile to the strip mall at the right-hand side. Look for Hometown Supermarket and parking in back of Hometown Supermarket.

From South/Montgomery or West: Take I-65 North to Exit 256A for Oxmoor Rd toward Homewood, make right

turn in next intersection to Green Springs Highway/AL-149, drive 0.3 mile to the strip mall at the right-hand side. Look for Hometown Supermarket and parking in back of Hometown Supermarket.

Hotel Information:

Residence Inn Birmingham Hoover

2725 John Hawkins Parkway, Hoover, Alabama, USA, 35244

Tel: +1 205-733-1655

Book link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1700660214504&key=GRP>

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