



2024 US Olympic Team Trials – Table Tennis

PROSPECTUS – updated on 02/26/2024

DATE: March 21st – March 24th, 2024

VENUE: West Monroe Sports & Events
875 Constitution Dr West Monroe, LA 71292

ORGANIZER: USA TABLE TENNIS
One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

REGISTRATION: www.omnipong.com

HOTELS: Fairfield Inn, Home2Suites, Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden Inn

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vlad Farcas
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COMPETITION MANAGER: Freddy Almendariz

REFEREE: Changseong (Jake) Choi – Referee

Linda Leaf – Deputy Referee

MEDIA: Barbara Wei
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EVENTS:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles

SCHEDULE:

- March 21st – Qualification Round
- March 21st – Stage 1
- March 22nd – Stage 2
- March 23rd- 24th – Stage 3

SYSTEM OF PLAY FOR 2024 Olympic Team Trials:

- **Qualification System**

- * The qualification round will be played on day 1
 - * Everyone who is not directly seeded into stage 1 or 2 must play the qualification
 - * Numbers 1 through 4 from the seeding list will be directly entered to stage 2
 - * Numbers 5 through 8 from the seeding list will be directly entered to stage 1
- Seeding will be done using the latest available USATT Rating List

QUALIFICATION ROUND - Day 1

- * The qualification rounds will be played in a knockout format
- * Maximum of 26 players can qualify through this stage for stage 1
- * All matches will be best of 5
- * Draw is created by snake system using the latest available USATT rating list

STAGE 1 - Day 1 (MAX 30 PLAYERS)

- * Maximum of 26 players through qualification will play in stage 1
- * Six round robin groups of maximum 5 players will be played
- * The top two players of each round robin group will advance to stage 2
- * All matches will be best of 5
- * Draw is created by snake system based on results of qualification, numbers 5 through 8 from the seeding list will get positions 1 through 4 in the draw of stage 1

STAGE 2 - Day 2 (MAX 16 PLAYERS)

- * Maximum of 12 players through stage 1 will play in stage 2
- * four round robin groups of maximum 4 players will be played
- * the top two players of each round robin group will advance to stage 3
- * All matches will be best of 7
- * Draw is created by snake system based on results of stage 1, numbers 1 through 4 from the seeding list will get positions 1 through 4 in the draw of stage 2

STAGE 3 - Day 3 and 4 (MAX 8 PLAYERS)

- * Maximum of 8 qualified through stage 2 will play in stage 3
- * Both days a full main draw of 8 players will be played
- * Every position will be played for
- * All matches will be best of 7
- * Draw is created based on results of stage 2, see the schedule below

Stage 3, Day 3		
A1		
B2		
C2		
D1		
C1		
D2		
A2		
B1		
Stage 3, Day 4		
Nr 1 Day 3		
Nr 8 Day 3		
Nr 5 Day 3		
Nr 4 Day 3		
Nr 3 Day 3		
Nr 6 Day 3		
Nr 7 Day 3		
Nr 2 Day 3		

Table Olympic Team Trials Stage 3 day 3 and 4	
Nr 1	8
Nr 2	7
Nr 3	6
Nr 4	5
Nr 5	4
Nr 6	3
Nr 7	2
Nr 8	1

*The final ranking from the Olympic Trials 2024 will be determined by the total amount of points earned by the players on day 3 and day 4 of the trials

* In the event there's a tie – only matches from Stage 3 count for the tie (day 3 and day 4)

1. 2 players (ie. head-to-head)

a. head to record will be used if same record see (b)

b. play-off match

2. 3 or more players (ie. 3-way tie or more)

- use standard tie breaking rules

If there is one or more US Players in the Top 50 from the world singles ranking on March 1st, 2024 then the highest player in the Top 50 will be directly qualified for the Olympic Team 2024 if there is a team already qualified for the 2024 Olympic Games

If there is one or more US Players in the Top 50 from the world singles ranking on March 1st, 2024 then the highest player in the Top 50 will be directly qualified for participation in the PanAm Singles qualification, when there is no team qualified.

If there is no US Player in the Top 50 from the world singles ranking on March 1st, 2024 then all players have to play the Olympic trials and will the final ranking be used to determine the players who will represent the US at the 2024 Olympics, when there is a team qualified, or, when there is no team qualified, to determine the players who will represent the US at the PanAm Singles Qualification.

DRAW: The draw will be made at least one (1) day before each competition.

RATINGS: For seeding and draw purpose the latest USATT ratings published at the time of the draw will be used.

RULES: The tournament will be conducted in accordance with USATT Rules and Regulations. Members of same family will play each other first if they are drawn in the same round robin – in any stage of the competition.

RACKET CONTROL: If racket control includes official test for VOC, miniRAE devices will be used according to the USATT decision. In this case, players will be invited to voluntarily test their rackets before the competition starts. The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make certain that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

EQUIPMENT:

Tables: **4 Butterfly in Field of Play , 12 Butterfly in Practice Area**

Balls: **Nittaku 3-Star Premium 40+ White Balls**

Floor: **Enlio Rubber Flooring on top of Wood Floor**

ELIGIBILITY:

Only players who are a US Citizen and can represent the US at the Olympic Games according to the IOC and ITTF eligibility rules, can compete at the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials.

Only USATT members in good standing may participate. Players need to be **current USATT Pro Members**. Signed USATT National Team Code of Conduct forms and Waiver will be required by all participants. Players will be required to provide a copy of their current passport or birth certificate to prove eligibility.

Please note: If a player has already registered with the ITTF or played Olympic trials for another country, such player is not eligible to enter this tournament.

FEES: \$300/athlete per event

Entries will be accepted only if they include entry fee, signed waiver, and proof of citizenship.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received no later than **March 16, 2024**.

Mail or E-mail proof of citizenship and signed waiver to:

USA Table Tennis
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs CO 80909
EMAIL: Tina.Ren@usatt.org

UNIFORMS: All players are allowed to have a maximum of TWO logos on their playing shirt as follows one brand logo and one club logo (club must be affiliated with USATT at least 6 months prior to the beginning of the event). Players are kindly asked to bring shirts that are compliant with this rule.

The 2024 US Olympic Team Trials will also be part of the process of the selection procedure for the 2024 US National Team. The selection procedure can be found <https://www.usatt.org/selection-procedures>.

CANCELLATION: There will be no refunds after March 10, 2024.

AIRPORTS: The **Monroe Regional Airport** is serviced by Delta Airlines and American Airlines offering direct flights daily to Dallas, TX, and Atlanta, GA. It is located less than 10 miles from West Monroe Sports and Events.

USATT SAFESPORT POLICY: All Coaches at USATT Events must be fully SafeSport Compliant to engage in any coaching activities at such Events. Full SafeSport Compliance requires a valid SafeSport Training Certificate and current criminal background check. Please check your USATT Membership Portal to determine if you are up-to-date and current in these two areas.

DEFAULTS: An Athlete who defaults at the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials is considered to have defaulted from that event completely, fully, and finally.

VIDEOS & IMAGES: By entering the event, players agree to abide by all USATT rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organizing Committee. All individual players agree under the auspices of USATT and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video internet webcasting, motion picture, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and webcasting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition.

ACCREDITATIONS: All coaches will be required to have an accreditation to access the Field of Play. To be eligible for accreditation all coaches need to be fully Safe Sport Compliant and have a current criminal background check. All coaches will be required to request accreditation for 2024 US Olympic Team Trials. For accreditation contact: tina.ren@usatt.org

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR reserves the right to make adjustments based on the size of the field.

THINGS TO DO IN WEST MONROE:

SURGE Entertainment Center- For Brothers and Sisters

This entertainment center is located across the street from the Ike and includes bowling, golf simulators, karaoke rooms, arcade games, extreme activities, a full kid friendly restaurant, and so much more.

Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife – For entire Family

Immerse yourself in nature at the Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Walk on a nature trail that meanders through a forested wetland or delight in the beauty of local flora and fauna

Landry Vineyards – For Parents

Landry Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery located in the rolling hills of West Monroe. Visitors can sample wines while enjoying the picturesque views from the beautiful tasting room. Tours are available by appointment.

**Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement
2024 US Olympic Team Trials, March 21-24, 2024**

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:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my minor-aged child understand the nature of Table Tennis Activities, including but not limited to risks involved in the sport itself together with all risks, known and unknown, associated with gatherings of people ("Activities"), including the exposure to COVID-19, coronavirus, or other infectious organisms or diseases; and that I and/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activities. 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 Activities.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, DISMEMBERMENT, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or my minor child's own actions, or inaction, or the actions or inaction of others participating in the Activities, the condition in which the Activities 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 such Activities.

3. 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.

4. 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 Activities 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.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UPSUBSTANTIAL 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.

By registering for the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials, all participants are subject to possible selection for drug testing as conducted by the US Anti-Doping Agency.

MEDICAL AND TRANSPORTATION RELEASE – I hereby give consent for the organizers of the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials to provide me and/or my minor aged child with athletic trainer and emergency medical treatment. I swear and affirm that I am in good physical condition, and I am not aware of any previous or existing diseases or injury that would result in my being injured. I further acknowledge that I have procured on my own and currently hold valid and adequate insurance for such loss, damage, or injury and if I do not have valid and adequate insurance, I accept full responsibility for the cost of the loss, damage, or injury that might occur because of my participation in the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials, in the event I become incapacitated or otherwise not conscious to give direct consent and I accept full responsibility for all costs associated with all emergency transportation as deemed necessary. Further, as the parent/guardian of a participating minor athlete, I hereby give my consent for complete medical treatment and emergency transportation services as deemed necessary beyond the on-site athletic trainer or emergency medical treatment provided.

MEDIA AND PHOTO RELEASE – Any image, photographic, or otherwise, taken of tournament play or within the official venue is essentially the property of USA Table Tennis regardless of the Approved status of the recording instrument or photographer. Entrants agree to allow their voice and likeness in such images to be reproduced in connection with USA Table Tennis by way of any medium. USA Table Tennis is not responsible for, nor can they control, the use of camera phones inside the venue. Participants are hereby notified of this policy.

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

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please print, fill-out and forward to: Tina.Ren@usatt.org