



2024

# U.S. OPEN TABLE TENNIS *Las Vegas*



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# WELCOME TO THE 2024 US OPENS

Dear All,

Welcome to the 2024 US Table Tennis Open! It is an absolute pleasure to host you at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas for one of the most anticipated table tennis events of the year.

This tournament brings together athletes from across the globe, showcasing their incredible skill, dedication, and sportsmanship. The Open is more than just a competition—it's a celebration of our shared passion for table tennis, a sport that unites and inspires us all. Whether you are here to compete for a title, cheer on your favorite players, reconnect with old friends, or simply enjoy the energy of this incredible event, we are thrilled to have you with us.

This year, we are proud to celebrate a historic milestone—the highest participation ever in the history of the US Open and any USA Table Tennis event. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the growing excitement and enthusiasm for table tennis in the United States and around the world.

Behind the scenes, our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that this event reflects the spirit of excellence and innovation that defines USA Table Tennis. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our sponsors, officials, volunteers, and dedicated staff, who have poured their hearts into making this event a success.

Let's come together to make this an extraordinary week filled with thrilling competition, camaraderie, and our shared love for the game. Thank you for being part of the 2024 US Table Tennis Open.

Sincerely,

**Virginia Sung**

USA Table Tennis CEO  
USOPC Board Member

**Richard Char**

USA Table Tennis Chair

## EVENT OVERVIEW

# BY THE NUMBERS

**1,485**

**PARTICIPANTS**

**115**

**EVENTS**

**\$68,000**

**IN TOTAL PRIZE MONEY**

**129**

**COMPETITION  
TABLES**

**42**

**US STATES  
REPRESENTED**

**19**

**COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED**

**6**

**DAYS OF  
COMPETITION**



# KEY MATCH

## SCHEDULES

### MEN'S SINGLES

#### SEMIFINALS

2:45 PM | Table 1

3:45 PM | Table 1

#### FINALS

8:30 PM | Table 1

### WOMEN'S SINGLES

#### SEMIFINALS

12:45 PM | Table 1

1:45 PM | Table 1

#### FINALS

7:30 PM | Table 1

### MEN'S DOUBLES

#### SEMIFINALS

10:45 AM | Table 1

11:45 AM | Table 1

#### FINALS

6:30 PM | Table 1

### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

#### SEMIFINALS

9:45 AM | Table 1

9:45 AM | Table 2

#### FINALS

5:30 PM | Table 1



US Open, New York 1932 (Waldorf-Astoria Hotel)

The annual U.S. Open is the oldest continuously running table tennis tournament in the United States. The 2024 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships, scheduled for December 16–21, 2024, will return to Las Vegas for the first time since 2021, with a record-breaking almost 1500 participants. Over its illustrious history, this event has hosted international stars such as Jan Ove Waldner, Jean-Michel Saive, Kong Linghui, Michael Appelgren, Zoran Primorac, Ma Lin, Wang Liqin, Ni Xia Lian, Adriana Diaz, Wang Nan, and Elizabeta Samara. U.S. players have also left their mark, with notable performances from Gao Jun, Cheng Yinghua, Lily Zhang, Amy Wang, and Jinbao Ma.





**JINBAO MA**

**2023 US OPEN MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION**



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**AMY WANG**  
2023 US OPEN WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION



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# 2024 US OPEN HALL FLOORPLAN



**CONTROL  
DESK**

114	117	120	123	126	129
113	116	119	122	125	128
112	115	118	121	124	127

111	108	105	102	99	96
110	107	104	101	98	95
109	106	103	100	97	94

78	81	84	87	90	93
77	80	83	86	89	92
76	79	82	85	88	91

75	72	69	66	63	60
74	71	68	65	62	59
73	70	67	64	61	58

42	45	48	31	54	57
41	44	47	50	53	56
40	43	46	49	52	55

39	36	33	30	27	24
38	35	32	29	26	23
37	34	31	28	25	22

11	13	15	16	19	21
10	12	14	17	18	20

**VIP  
PLATFORM**

9	7	5	3
8	6	4	2

STAFF AREA

VIP SEATS

1

FREE SEATING

FREE SEATING

**ENTRANCE**



PHOTOWALL



PODIUM



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# U.S. Stars Looking to Shine in Vegas

The U.S. lineup includes two 2024 Paris Olympians returning to compete on U.S. soil after their stand out performances in Paris.

## AMY WANG

### GOING FOR THE THREE-PEAT



## AMY WANG

**AGE: 22**

**STYLE: ATTACKING**

**NATIONALITY: USA**

**WORLD RANKING: 52**

**OLYMPIAN (PARIS 2024)**

Currently a student at UCLA majoring in neuroscience with a minor in accounting, Wang has an impressive list of international achievements. These include a gold medal in singles at the 2023 Pan American Championships, two golds in Women's Doubles and Teams at the 2023 Pan American Games, and a silver at the 2024 Pan American Cup. She also won the U.S. Olympic Trials and qualified for Paris 2024, reaching the round of 32. Wang is a two-time U.S. National Champion (2022 and 2023) and a two-time U.S. Open Champion (2021 and 2023).

In Las Vegas, Wang is aiming to make history as the first player to win the U.S. Open three consecutive times since Leah Neuberger achieved this feat in 1955, 1956, and 1957. Since then, only three women have come close to matching that achievement: Gao Jun (2008, 2009), Li Jiawei (2004, 2005), Xu Jin (1988, 1989), and Susie Hoshi (1958, 1959).

# KANAK JHA

FIRST US OPENS SINCE 2018



## KANAK JHA

**AGE: 24**

**STYLE: ATTACKING**

**NATIONALITY: USA**

**WORLD RANKING: 61**

**3-TIME OLYMPIAN**

**(RIO 2016, TOKYO 2020, PARIS 2024)**

Kanak Jha, a three-time Olympian and world-ranked #61, makes his much-anticipated return to the U.S. Open, competing for the first time since 2018. Jha is the defending U.S. National Champion and made history at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games by finishing in the top 16, the best ever performance by a male U.S. athlete. Originally from Milpitas, California, Jha now lives and trains in Germany.

# International Presence: Japanese Contingent and European Powerhouses



The Japanese Table Tennis Association has a tradition of sending some of its strongest players to the U.S. Open. These competitors, though not regulars in WTT or ITTF events, have often surprised U.S. audiences with their skill and style. For the 2024 event, Takami Masaki, who reached the final in 2023, leads a talented group that includes Hiromitsu Kasahara (rated 2730), Koyo Kanamitsu, and Yu Kayama in the Men's Singles category. The Women's Singles field will feature Kotomi Omoda, Reina Aso, Yura Shinohara, Fuya Yumuto, and Asuka Sasao, all aiming to make an impact.



The Japanese players will face stiff competition from European stars. Olah Benedek of Finland, ranked #96 in the world, has an extensive international career and will be among the top seeds. Benedek's only previous appearance in a U.S. Table Tennis sanctioned event was his victory at the 2021 Westchester November Open. Other strong European contenders include French defender Mathieu De Santillan (rated 2656), Alexandru Cazacu from Romania (rated 2663), and Polish Olympian Daniel Gorak (rated 2693).



**JINBAO MA (Defending Champion)**

AGE: 24

STYLE: ATTACKING

NATIONALITY: USA

WORLD RANKING: 95

**OLAH BENEDEK**

AGE: 33

STYLE: ATTACKING

NATIONALITY: FINLAND

WORLD RANKING: 96

OLYMPIAN (RIO 2016)

**KOU LEI**

AGE: 37

STYLE: ATTACKING

NATIONALITY: UKRAINE

USATT RATING: 2813

3-TIME OLYMPIAN (BEIJING 2008, RIO 2016, TOKYO 2020)

**DANIEL GORAK**

AGE: 41

STYLE: ATTACKING

NATIONALITY: POLISH

OLYMPIAN: RIO 2016

**HONG LIN**

AGE: 34

STYLE: PENHOLD ATTACKER

NATIONALITY: USA

CURRENT US NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPION

**ALEXANDRU CAZACU**

AGE: 36

STYLE: ATTACKER

NATIONALITY: ROMANIA

Represented Romania in the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**JISHAN LIANG**

AGE: 33

STYLE: LEFT-HANDED ATTACKER

NATIONALITY: USA

WORLD RANKING: 167

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

# MEET THE USATT STAFF

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Saul Weinstein

William Cheung

Hongyao Zhang

Marina Carvens

Betty Cheung (Canada)

Anup Gopalakrish

Tomato Fukuda (Japan)

Enan Guan

Arnaud Le Gouanvic

Linda Hsing

John Ma (Canada)

Kagin Lee

Ronald Mugwanya

Steve Lee

(French)

Jerry Li

Massami Nishimura

Richard Martin

(Japan)

Wendi Pan

Tony Shaw (Canada)

Clayton Pavlicek

Toyohisa Sugmoto

Helen Prusakov

(Japan)

Dan Reynolds

William Troung (Canada)

John Reynolds

Vincent Tse (Canada)

Kenny Tien

Azadeh Vahedi

Mei Wang

Denis Vigilant

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Marguerite Cheung

Kurt Carlson

Ruth Carlson

Floyd Pedarse

Reginaldo Maldonado

Ying Zhao

Laurent Fischer

Antioco Collu

Christine Lu

Suting Zhai

Tracy Yeung

Ran Zhang

Yoshimi Ghelerter

Nicolas Martel

Justin Korbin

Lily Tan

Zhirong Guan

Leping Nan

Guolun Pang

Lijing Shen

Jinmin Ma

Luis Felipe Castano

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