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2025 HITTA-STL TEAM CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

**\$6,000
Prize Fund**
November 15 - 16, 2025



TO REGISTER ONLINE



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



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EVENT FEES / SCHEDULE

ENTRY FEES

- ENTRY FEES FOR EACH 2 PLAYER TEAM IS \$250.
- Entry Deadline: November 12, 2025.
- EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$50 OFF before October 31st!

UNPAID ENTRIES WILL BE REMOVED IF NOT PAID BY ENTRY DEADLINE!

The following rules apply after Entry Deadline;

- The tournament director reserves the rights to add new entries after the Entry Deadline. Each late entry Team will have to pay the appropriate Entry fees and a \$100 late fees.
- Changing any player in a Team can be done till November 12. However, changing a player in a Team after Entry Deadline will incur a \$50 PENALTY fee.

EVENT	DATE	START TIME					
HITTA - STL TEAM CHALLENGE	11.15	9:00AM		CHAMPION	FINALIST	3RD	4TH
SATURDAY 2 PERSON TEAM PRELIMINARY ROUND							
ALL TEAMS IN TOURNAMENT							
SUNDAY 2 PERSON TEAM DIVISIONAL ROUND							
CHAMPIONSHIP DIV	11.16	9:00AM		\$1,700+M	\$1,000+M	\$800+M	\$600+M
A DIVISION	11.16	9:00AM		\$500+M	\$300+M	\$200+M	\$100+M
B DIVISION	11.16	9:00AM		\$200+M	\$100+M	MEDAL	MEDAL
C DIVISION	11.16	9:00AM		MEDAL	MEDAL	MEDAL	MEDAL

SPECIAL PRIZE: BEST WIN / LOSS RATIO TEAM (s) will share a pot of \$500!

Play every match like it's the World Championship Finals, improve your Team's chances to be one of the Teams with the Best WIN/LOSS RATIO, and share in this additional Pot of \$500!

Rules: Only Match Wins / Losses during the Championship Round will be considered valid to calculate the best WIN/LOSS Ratios for the teams.

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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.)

By signing this form and/or by entering the tournament, in any manner possible, it is implied that you fall under, and will abide by, these liability conditions as stated herein, by signed document or other-wise, thereby releasing HITTA from any and all liabilities, as stated above.

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: / /	
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, November 12, 2025

RATING LIMITS

RATINGS CUT OFF DATE: October 20, 2025.

Each team will be composed of 2 players.

Seeding will be based on the rating of the 2 players on each team. Each team can have only one player rated 2500 and above at the rating cutoff date. The latest USATT's ratings will be used for draws.

PLAYING FORMAT

This Team Tournament is a Giant Round Robin, and will be played over 2 days. Day One will be Preliminary Round Robin Stage and Day Two will be the Championships Stage. Each Team Match will be played by the 2 players from each team. The winner of each Team Match will be determined in a Best of Five Singles and Doubles matches to be played in the order tabulated below:

A	SINGLES (Best of 5)	Y
B	SINGLES (Best of 5)	X
AB	DOUBLES (Best of 5)	XY
B	SINGLES (Best of 5)	Y
A	SINGLES (Best of 5)	X

To accelerate match play, the Tournament Referee reserves the rights to order the first and/or last 2 Singles matches to be played concurrently.

Once a team has reached 3 matches won, no further matches will be played (any matches still in progress will be abandoned or canceled).

DAY ONE – Preliminary Round Robin Stage

Each team will be placed in a group drawn in a snake format. There will NOT be geographical or club separation.

DAY TWO – Championship Stage

After the completion of Day One's Preliminary stage, each team will be placed in one Division (Either Championships, A, B, or C) based on Day One's total match points accumulated, any tie breaks, and the original Day One's drawn position.

PLAYING FORMAT(CONT.)

Day Two will start with a Divisional Round Robin round with most teams placed in group of between 4-5 teams each to be snake drawn. There will NOT be geographical or club separation. After the Divisional Round Robin round, the TOP 2 teams of each group will advance to a single elimination round to determine the winners.

DEFAULTS

No prize/prize money shall be awarded for teams who default any team match/matches. The tournament committee reserves the right to restrict such teams (who default their matches) from advancing if no satisfactory reasons are given for their defaults.

CANCELLATIONS

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

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.

EQUIPMENT

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

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

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OFFICIALS

Tournament Director: Manny Velazquez

Referee: Floriss Teng, 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

Use code word "HITTA" when booking rooms for Special Rates discounts!

- **Palacio Royale Inn Signature / Boutique**
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
• **+1281-391-7501**

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 StadiumTT.com , under tournament section. For any questions regarding paid but unlisted entries, please contact us at: HIT-TAPongGM@gmail.com

DRESS CODE

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

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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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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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