

**Location:** Las Vegas, NV: Las Vegas Convention Center—Central Hall (C3 & C4)

*Las Vegas Convention Center: 3150 Paradise Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89109*

**Dates:** July 3-8, 2017

**Deadline:** Early Bird Entry Deadline for the 2017 U.S. Nationals is Saturday, May 19th, 2017. Event fees increase as of 5/20/2017. Final Entry Deadline – Entries received after May 31st, 2017 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED!

**Eligibility:** Entries are limited to active USATT members as follows:

*National Championships* Events: Events 1-49 – U.S. Citizens-Proof of Citizenship must be submitted with the entry form.

*Cadet and Junior National Championships* Events: Cadet Boys'/Girls' (Team Trials) - Born on or after January 1, 2002. Junior Boys'/Girls' (Team Trials) - Born on or after January 1, 1999

*Mini-Cadet, Cadet and Juniors Team Trials* - Events 6—11 will serve as the National Team Trials.

*Minicadet National Championships* Events: Minicadet Boys'/Girls' – Born on or after January 1, 2004.

*Hardbat and Sandpaper Events:* (Events 78-89) For All Above Events Please contact USATT Headquarters (719-866-4583) regarding eligibility questions.

**Membership:** USATT Memberships must be valid through July 8th, 2017. Non-members or expired memberships must enclose membership fee with their entry forms.

**Rules:** The 2017 USA Table Tennis Nationals will be conducted under the USATT Rules. All decisions by the Tournament Committee will be final and contestants upon entering agree to abide by them.

**Equipment:** Tables and nets: JOOLA. Balls: Nittaku Premium 40+ (White). Floor: Two surfaces – rubberized floor and concrete. "Rackets in all events are subject to random testing for volatile organic compounds (VOC's). Any glues containing VOC's will cause the racket to fail." EXCEPT FOR HARBAT AND SANDPAPER EVENTS, RACKETS MUST COMPLY WITH THE RED/BLACK RULE.

**Clothing:** The USATT Dress Code will be enforced. No white clothing will be allowed. Players must wear the assigned number or their name on the back of their shirt when competing. Names must be large and visible to spectators. It is recommended that each player come to the table with 2 distinctively different colored shirts

**Entries:** Players may enter a maximum of 9 events but may not enter two events starting at the same time. **RATING EVENTS 51-74:** Players may enter a maximum of 6 rating events based on their rating as of 5/4/2017. Events chosen must be within any 6-sequential order that are above his/her rating used for the 2017 US Nationals. For example, if a player's rating is 1346, he/she may participate in any or all of the following: U1400, U1500, U1600, U1700, U1800 and U1900. However, he/she may NOT participate in the U1400, U1500, U1600, AND U1900 and U2000 events since this covers a range of more than 6 events. See FAQ for more details. Players that are over the rating limit of an event will automatically be entered in the next higher rating event. If two events with the same start time are entered, the player must decide which event they wish to participate in. Tournament Committee will choose on behalf of the player which event is to be played if the player could not be reached by phone and/or email.

**RATING DOUBLES EVENTS:** Players MUST be rated under 2500 to participate in the U4200 Doubles and under 2000 to participate in U3200 Doubles.

**Rating Adult and Junior Events:** Players entering the Rating Junior events must be born on or after 1/1/1999 (18 and under). Players entering the Rating Adult events must be born on or before 12/31/1998 (19 and over).

**Doubles Partners:** Players MUST enter with a partner in all doubles events. USA Table Tennis will NOT arrange for a doubles partner. USATT can not be responsible for the nonparticipation of your selected Doubles Partner. It is the responsibility of the players to contact his/her doubles partner about participating in the event. No refund will be given for an event if a partner is not available. Players without a rating at the Qualification time can't enter rating doubles events. Partners withdrawing before June 7, 2017 may be replaced provided the replacement partner has a lower rating than the original partner. Partners withdrawing after June 7, 2017 may not be replaced and the event may be refunded.

**Special Note:** No change in addition or deletion of events or refund of event fees except for Doubles events (see Doubles Partners) will be allowed after the deadline of June 7, 2017. For all Doubles events the prize money is for the entire doubles team NOT per person.

**Age Restrictions:** Players assume the responsibility of entering the appropriate age events. Players who are over/under the age limit of an event will automatically be entered in the correct age event.

**Unrated Players: players without USATT rating:** Players may enter any championship event for which they are otherwise eligible. Players who are unrated on the seeding date (6/9/2017) will not advance to the single elimination stage of rating-restricted RR events. Players who enter a rating-restricted event without a rating and who acquire a rating between the qualification cutoff (5/4/2017) and the seeding (6/9/2017) will be permitted to advance provided their new rating meets the event's requirements. Unrated players are not permitted to enter rating-restricted single elimination events.

**Matches:** All matches at the 2017 USA Table Tennis National Championships will utilize 11-point game rules with the exception of Hardbat and Sandpaper events (see Hardbat and Sandpaper info). Men's and Women's Championship events will be best of seven (11-point games) from the round of 32. All RR events will be the best of five (11-point games). All other events will be the best of five (11-point games), single elimination, unless otherwise indicated.

**Event Scheduling:** Events are not guaranteed to be completed on the same day that they begin. No refunds will be given for early departure. All events will be completed by Saturday evening. Any event may be cancelled and the entry fee for that one event refunded if the event contains less than four players or pairs, as appropriate. In the case of event conflicts, the player is responsible for notifying the Control Desk as soon as possible. In case of an inadvertent error, liability is limited to the refund of the event fee for the event(s) involved. Each event will begin on the date/time designated on the form, and it will continue at regular intervals until a champion has been determined. An entrant's signature on the tournament entry form acknowledges that the dates are acceptable for participation in the registered events regardless of any holidays, federal, state, local, religious, or foreign.

**Championship Age Events:** Players must be over 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80 and 85 as of December 31, 2017. Players for U-10 Boys and Girls must be born on or after January 1, 2007. Players in the 21 & Under Men's and Women's Singles must be born on or after January 1, 1996. Proof of age must be readily available at the tournament.

**Withdrawal/Refunds:** A \$45 processing fee will be charged to any participant who withdraws from the tournament prior to May 31, 2017. There will be no refunds after this date. Withdrawal notification must be in writing at USATT Headquarters in order to receive a refund. There will be no refunds given after this date except for injured players with a signed doctor's note.

#### PLAYING FORMATS:

**Junior and Cadet Team Trial Events:** Junior and Cadet Singles are the Trials for 2017 National Teams. For the playing format for these events see 2017 selection procedure for Cadet and Junior Teams. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Features/2017/March/14/2017-2018-Youth-National-Team-Trials-and-Selection-Procedures>

**Mini-Cadet National Championship Events:** Mini-Cadet Singles are the Trials for 2017 National Teams. For the playing format for these events see 2017 selection procedure for Mini-Cadet Teams. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Features/2017/March/14/2017-2018-Youth-National-Team-Trials-and-Selection-Procedure>

**Junior Boys' and Girls' Teams:** Corbillon Cup System: 4 singles and 1 doubles. A-X, B-Y, doubles, A-Y, B-X Playing system will be Single Elimination or Round Robin depending on number of entries.

**Men's and Women's Singles Championship Events:** In the men's singles, the top 16 players will be seeded into the main draw of 64 players. In women's singles, the top 8 players will be seeded into the main draw of 32 players. Depending on the number of entries, all other players will be drawn into qualification RR groups to advance into the main draw. The main draw will be played in a single elimination format. All matches from the round of 32 will be played best of seven games. All other matches will be played best of five games.

**U1700 Sandpaper and Open Sandpaper, Events 88-89:** The same rules as Hardbat (see below) will apply except the equipment will be an all wood blade with a sandpaper only cover on the playing surface. All players must be US Citizens and proof must be submitted with the entry form. 38mm balls will be used. Quarterfinals through Final will be 3 out of 5, 21 point games; all other matches will be 2 out of 3. USATT ratings will be used for seeding. **Event 88** - To qualify for the U1700 Sandpaper RR Singles event, your USATT rating will be used. First time unrated players with non-rating of any kind may enter this event. For the draw your rating must be under 1700 by the seeding cutoff date of 6/9/2017.

## PLAYING FORMATS (Continued):

**Hardbat Events:** Hardbat rules, as adopted by the USATT Classic Table Tennis Committee, will be used for all hardbat events. See [www.hardbat.com](http://www.hardbat.com) for the complete list of official rules. As in all events, a question of racquet legality is the decision of the Tournament Referee. Rackets complying with all requirements of the rules for hardbat rackets shall be legal. These events do not count for USATT ratings points. Both eligibility and seeding for the hardbat and sandpaper events will be determined by the player's hardbat rating (or USATT rating if the player does not have a hardbat rating). If the participant enters the U-2000 hardbat RR, U-1800 hardbat RR, or U-1500 hardbat RR and there are insufficient entries, he/she will automatically be moved into the U-2000 RR, U-1800 RR, or U-1500 RR, if eligible. All hardbat matches will be played to 21-point games. All matches will be the best of 3 games, except for hardbat singles, where the quarterfinals, semifinals, and final will be best of 5 games. Balls: Nittaku Premium 40+ (White)

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

### Daily Check-In Hours:

Sunday July 2, 2017: 3:00 pm—6:00 pm

Monday—Friday July 3–7, 2017: 7:30 am—5:00 pm

Saturday July 8, 2017: 7:30 am—12:00 pm

### Daily Venue Hours:

Sunday July 2, 2017: 3 pm—6 pm

Monday—Friday July 3–7, 2017: 8:00am—9:00 pm

Saturday July 8, 2017: 8:00 am—5:00 pm

**General Admission:** Players will receive free entry for the entire tournament when they check in for registration in their player packet. Additional tickets may be purchased.

**General Admission** – Monday thru Saturday (does not include Semi/Finals) \$10/ day.

**Spectator Pass:** 6 Day Pass (Does NOT include entrance to Finals) W/entry: \$30; On site: \$35

**Finals Tickets:** Purchase before 5/31/2017: Lower bowl \$40, Upper bowl \$15; At registration desk, Lower bowl \$60 and upper bowl \$25

**Registration:** Players must register with tournament officials at least 30 minutes before their first match and be ready to play each match 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time. See "Earliest Starting Times" in the *Schedule of Events*.

**Publications:** Display and/or distribution of any brochures, posters, literature, or written material at the tournament venue is strictly prohibited unless previously approved by USA Table Tennis.

**Films/videotapes:** Anyone wishing to make films or videotapes of the matches must receive written permission from USATT Headquarters. **Without regard to Approved Camera status, no videotaping of the Women's or Men's Semi-Finals or Women's or Men's Final matches is allowed.**

**Cancellation Without Fault:** USATT will refund 50% of all entry fees paid by participants if the U.S. Nationals event is cancelled or partially cancelled due to acts of God, force majeure, war within the continental U.S., governmental authority, disaster strikes, civil disorder, curtailment of transportation services that prevent at least 50% or more of USATT participation from attending the event.

**Water will not be provided. Drinking fountains will be available in the venue.**

**Credentials:** Lost credentials **will not be** replaced. A replacement will need to be purchased at the registration desk for \$35. There will be **no exceptions**.

**Prize Money Checks:** Prize money will not be paid for no-shows, splits, dumping, or defaults (except for verified cases of injury, illness, or emergency). Prize money checks which are not claimed at the tournament site will be mailed to the winner within one month of the conclusion of the tournament. Prize money checks that are not cashed in 120 days will be forfeited.

**Umpires: If an umpire is available,** a certified umpire will be assigned by the chief umpire at the request of any player in a match.

**Call for Umpires:** USATT is asking players who are umpires to volunteer to umpire at the Nationals. The umpire must be available for a block of four hours or more. Players/ Umpires interested must list tentative time available by contacting: Joseph Yick, Chair – Officials Committee, email [joeyick@aol.com](mailto:joeyick@aol.com)

## HALL OF FAME BANQUET:

More information on the Hall of Fame banquet to follow on the US Nationals webpage.

**Players Lounge:** \$50 all week: unlimited snacks, drinks, Wi-Fi, Games, and place to relax between matches.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

### Official Tournament Hotel:

**Please see US Nationals tournament webpage for more information**

**United Airlines:** Official Airlines Sponsor of USATT – You may obtain a discount on domestic and international flights booked for participants in the 2017 U.S. National Championships in Las Vegas, NV. You will need to make your reservation over the phone:

## UNITED OLYMPIC DESK

Hours of Operation & Reservation Fees:

- 800-841-0460 / If you are located outside the U.S. and Canada, call 313-234-6940
- Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm (CT)
- The standard \$25 telephone reservation fee is waived
- For immediate assistance with existing reservations outside of normal business hours call 800-864-8331

## WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE PREPARED:

- Origin and Destination
- NGB you are with (USA Table Tennis)
- Travel dates
- Event name and date
- Full Name (as shown on photo ID)
- Mileage Plus number
- Passenger Date of Birth
- Note: If you use a travel agency to book your travel, have them reach out to Steph Barr at [stephanie.barr@usoc.org](mailto:stephanie.barr@usoc.org) for the tour code and ticketing instructions

## APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS:

- For the domestic 50 states and Canada, customers may receive a 2 – 10% discount, depending on the booking class
- For international travel, customers may receive a 5 or 10% discount, depending on booking class



# NATIONALS TEAM DAY

## SATURDAY, JULY 8 2017



### **NEW**

## ADULT TEAMS

Teams of 2-4 adult players. Teams must have matching uniform colors!

Teams will be divided into divisions of 8 teams. Limit of 80 teams (10 divisions)

Round Robin team play in two groups of four teams. Winners of each group will play for division championship.

Teams will be seeded by combined player rating of the team's top-two players.

All team matches played in Corbillion Cup format (2 singles/1 doubles/2 singles).

Players must be 18 or older

