NCTTA is the governing body of collegiate table tennis in the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico. It is a US government-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established with the mission of the development and promotion of table tennis as a collegiate sport.

NCTTA is a National Organization Member of USA Table Tennis, the National Governing Body of Table Tennis as designated by the US Olympic Committee and the International Table Tennis Federation.

In the 2013-2014 season, the NCTTA League and Championships were sponsored by a new partner, TMS International. TMS is the marketing partner of the ITTF, and was the title sponsor of the 2014 College Table Tennis Championships. This sponsorship is expected to help improve event presentation and professionalism, along with overall growth of the association.

Executive Board:

President – Willy Leparulo  
Vice President – Joseph Wells  
Treasurer – Randy Kendle  
Athlete Representative – Kevin Li  
League Director Representative – Chris Wang  
Vice President External Affairs – Kagin Lee  
Human Resources Coordinator – Fede Bassetti

Major Sponsors:

TMS International  
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Affiliates:
League

The NCTTA league is the organization’s main activity. The league consists of intercollegiate varsity team competition among Coed/Men’s teams and among Women’s teams. Varsity teams consist of at least 4 players; up to 8 players may be on a roster at any given time. Junior varsity teams and alumni teams are also invited to compete in scrimmage competition, and separate singles competitions are also held.

In the 2013-2014 season, regular season competition took place both in the fall and the spring, in six regions subdivided into 26 divisions. Over 1500 athletes participated, forming 161 Varsity Coed and 51 Varsity Women’s teams.

Immediately following the regular season, the strongest teams were invited to 6 regional championships which also served as qualification events for the national championships.

Championships

The College Table Tennis Championships is NCTTA’s premier event and one of the most professionally run events on the continent. Held over three days each spring, the 2014 Championships were held in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh. 222 athletes from 49 colleges competed for team, singles, and doubles championship titles. This year’s champions were:

- Women’s Team – Princeton University
- Coed Team – Texas Wesleyan University
- Women’s Singles – Ariel Hsing, Princeton University
- Men’s Singles – Cheng Li, Mississippi College
- Women’s Doubles – Vivien Zhou/Xixi Guo, University of Toronto
- Men’s Doubles – Razvan Cretu/Zhedi Bai, Texas Wesleyan University

The 2015 Championships will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

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Media

NCTTA publishes a monthly e-mail newsletter that includes all current topics related to college table tennis. The newsletter reaches 3600 e-mail addresses, thereby providing exposure for sponsors and affiliates throughout the year.

The College Table Tennis Championships is streamed live in high definition on YouTube, in TV quality complete with three camera angles, live commentary, and replay on the Official ITTF YouTube Channel.

A full size program is also produced for the Championships, and players also participate in a team YouTube video contest.

Membership

NCTTA is a membership organization formed by college table tennis clubs in North America. Individual athletes who wish to participate join NCTTA by forming a club at their college, and subsequently registering their college with NCTTA.

Member colleges vary widely in their size, level of activity, and degree of support from their college administration. They include clubs which are organized as:

- Small clubs of few members, self-funded by students, peripherally recognized by their college.
- Medium-sized clubs which receive partial funding by the college.
- Large clubs with both Coed and Women’s teams, with most expenses paid by the college.
- Fully funded clubs with established and continuing college support, sometimes offering scholarship programs.
The fundamental measure of the size of NCTTA is the number of participating varsity teams. NCTTA has experienced steady growth for 15 years.

Another important metric is the number of colleges which provide full support for the sport. There are currently two member schools which offer full table tennis programs and formal scholarships: Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX) and Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO).

**Scholarship Program**

In cooperation with Newgy Industries, NCTTA offers scholarships of up to $1000 each to NCTTA athletes based on GPA, financial need, table tennis ability, and a 1000 word essay. This program has been in place since 2009.

In 2013-2014, scholarships were awarded to Caroline Kajihara of Texas Wesleyan University and Tony Cui of the University of Minnesota.
Management and Staff

The NCTTA Executive Board governs and manages the organization. The board consists of 7 volunteer directors, each with specific duties.

The six NCTTA regions are managed by Regional Directors, and the NCTTA divisions are managed by Division Directors. The number of divisions varies each year; there were 26 divisions in 2013-2014.

Committees oversee various specific areas. Current committees include: Alumni, Audit/Rules, Championships, Coaches, Disabled, Enrollment, Finance, Marketing, Media, Ratings, Recruiting, Technology, and Women.

Sponsors

Butterfly North America was the official League and Championship Equipment Sponsor. Newgy Industries was the official robot sponsor, as well NCTTA’s partner in the college table tennis scholarship program.

This year, NCTTA formed a new partnership with TMS International. This sponsorship agreement came about due to the exceptional growth of NCTTA. This relationship with TMS clearly shows the potential of NCTTA, and this will help NCTTA grow even bigger in the coming years.

TMS was the title sponsor of the NCTTA League and Championships. TMS was also instrumental in improving the appearance of the championship courts in Monroeville, enhancing the presentation and environment at the Championships. TMS has expressed interest in continued support of NCTTA.

Recognition

The president of NCTTA, Mr. Willy Leparulo, has been recognized as the inaugural winner of the 2014 “Rights Holder & Sports Planner of the Year” award by the ConnectSPORTS Sports Tourism Excellence Awards program. This award recognizes Mr. Leparulo’s effort in directing the TMS 2014 College Table Tennis Championships. NCTTA would like to congratulate Mr. Leparulo on this well-deserved recognition.
Adam Bobrow, NCTTA’s Southern California Division Director and NCTTA Championship match commentator, was in the running for the ITTF Voice of Table Tennis award along with fellow NCTTA alumna, Barbara Wei. Both are former College Table Tennis players with exceptional skills on and off the court, and were finalists in the ITTF sponsored competition that Bobrow eventually won. Bobrow now provides commentary for the ITTF World Tour.

NCTTA congratulates both players for their talents and for representing NCTTA and ultimately the sport.

Future Growth

After the successful National Championships in Monroeville, numerous companies and potential sponsors have approached NCTTA with interest in forming a relationship. NCTTA is anticipating forming new relationships with sponsors in the future and grow the organization even faster.

NCTTA has seen a steady improvement in the level of play in the last several years. NCTTA has become an important factor to many professional players who are deciding on which college they will attend. There have already been numerous Olympians, US Champions, Canadian Champions and North American Champions that have played in NCTTA. The competition has become more and more fierce each year, and this trend is looking to continue with more elite players starting college next year.