



2016 U.S. Olympic Trials

PROSPECTUS

DATE: February 4-6, 2016

VENUE: Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Special Events Center
1921 W. Gate City Blvd.
Greensboro, North Carolina 27403

ORGANIZER: USA TABLE TENNIS & NORTH CAROLINA 2016

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EVENTS

- Men's singles
- Women's singles



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Wed, Feb 3, 2016	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Individual Practices
	6:00 pm-	Draw
Thurs, Feb 4, 2016	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm-	Celebrity/College Event
	9:00 am to 5:00 pm-	Qualifications and Trials
	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm-	Finals
		Draw for second day
Friday, Feb 5, 2016	10:00 am to 4:00 pm-	Trials
	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm-	Finals
		Draw for 3 rd day
Sat, Feb 6, 2016	10:00 am to 4:00 pm-	Trials
	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm-	Finals

SELECTION PROCESS

USATT will select the 2016 Olympic Team to try out at 2016 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament to be held on April 8-10, 2016 in Toronto, Canada, as follows:

Each Team will be composed of 4 athletes/ gender

- a. **The winner** of Men's and Women's singles at 2015 US Nationals, if eligible to represent USA at the Olympic Games, and not already qualified, will directly qualify for the 2016 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- b. **Trials:** After the winner of 2015 US Nationals, the remaining positions will be given to the top eligible athletes at the 2016 U. S. Olympic Team Trials in priority order as follows:
 2. The winner of the first day of the trials (1st Trials).
 3. The winner of the second day of the trials (2nd Trials).
 4. The winner of the third day of the trials (3rd Trials).
 5. A player who was runner-up in all three trials.
 6. Any remaining player who was runner-up in two trials.
 7. Any remaining players who were runners-up in one trial, who will play a suitable draw for placement if necessary.
 8. Any remaining players who were semi-finalists in all three trials, who will play off for placement if necessary.
 9. Any remaining players who were semi-finalists in two trials, who will play a suitable draw for placement if necessary.
 10. Any remaining players who were semi-finalists in one trial, who will play a suitable draw for placement if necessary.
 11. Any remaining players who were quarter-finalists in all three trials, who will play a suitable draw for placement if necessary.
 12. Any remaining players who were quarter-finalists in two trials, who will play a suitable draw for placement if necessary.
 13. Any remaining players who were quarter-finalists in one trial, who will play a suitable draw for placement if necessary.



- c. In the event that an athlete declines a position on the Olympic team, or is otherwise deemed ineligible for the Team at any time, the next highest eligible finishing player, per order outlined above, at the 2016 Olympic Team Trials will be granted that position until all 4 positions per gender are filled.

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

Geographical separation will be used to construct both qualification draws for the first day only. There will be no geographical separation for each of the three Trials.

First day:

- Single elimination tournament. The winner will secure a position on the team representing USA at 2016 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- Players will be seeded based on USATT published ratings as of January 29th, 2016.
- The top 8 seeded players will receive direct entries into the round of 16.
- All players who reach the round of 16 automatically qualify for the 2nd day of the Trials.
- Players who fail to reach the round of 16 have the option of playing in a single elimination qualification tournament for a place in the 2nd and 3rd day of the Trials.
- The 1st place finisher of the qualification tournament will qualify for the 2nd and 3rd days of the Trials and the 2nd place finisher will qualify for the 3rd day of the Trials.
- Prior to the Round of 16, and in the subsequent qualification tournament, all matches will be the best 3 out of 5 games.
- Starting with the Round of 16, all remaining matches will be best 4 out of 7 games.

Second day:

- Single elimination tournament. The winner will secure a position on the team representing USA at 2016 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- The losing finalist of the first day tournament will be seeded #1.
- Of the losing semifinalists of the first day tournament, the player with the higher rating will be seeded #2, and the player with the lower rating will be seeded #3.
- Of the losing quarterfinalists of the first day tournament, the player with the highest rating will be seeded #4, and the remaining players will be seeded #5.

- Of the remaining qualifying players as specified above (in the description of the first day), the player with the highest rating at the time of the draw will be seeded #5, and the remaining players will be seeded #9.
- All matches will be best 4 out of 7 games.
- If players have the same rating when deciding the seeding - i.e. #2/#3, #3/#5, or #5/#9 - their seeding positions will be determined by lot.



Third day:

- Single elimination tournament. The winner will secure a position on the team representing USA at 2016 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament.
- The losing finalist of the second day tournament will be seeded #1.
- Of the losing semifinalists of the second day tournament, the player with the higher rating will be seeded #2, and the player with the lower rating will be seeded #3.
- Of the losing quarterfinalists of the second day tournament, the player with the highest rating will be seeded #3, and the remaining players will be seeded #5.
- Of the remaining qualifying players as specified above (in the description of the first day), the player with the highest rating at the time of the draw will be seeded #5, and the remaining players will be seeded #9.
- All matches will be best 4 out of 7 games.
- If players have the same rating when deciding the seeding - i.e. #2/#3, #3/#5, or #5/#9 - their seeding positions will be determined by lot.

If necessary there will be matches to determine the finishing order for alternates based on the “SELECTION PROCESS- b”.

Players defaulting on the 1st and 2nd day are still eligible to compete on the 3rd day of the Trials. Players defaulting on the last day of the Trials for any reason other than injury will not be considered for the 206 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament.

A player who withdraws due to injury must submit a written notice from a certified medical doctor stating the nature of illness or injury which prevented the player from completing the event. The notice must be received within seven (7) days from the close of competition.

In the event that a doctor’s note is not submitted to the High Performance Director in time, the athlete will be ineligible for the 2016 North America Olympic Qualification Tournament.

DRAW

- The draw for the first Qualifying Tournament and top 8 seeded players will be conducted by the referee on February 3, 2016 on site, at 6:00PM
All players entered in the Trials must attend the Jury Meeting or call USATT at 719-201-5327 not later than February 3, 2016, 4:00 PM EST and announce their arrival.
We understand that any athlete not attending the Jury meeting or calling USATT at the above number by February 3, 2016, 4:00 PM EST, decided not to participate at the 2016 Olympic Trials, and will be removed from the draw.
- The draws for the first day round of 16th and the second qualification tournament will be done as soon as first qualifications is over.
- The draw for the second day will be done at the end of the first day of the Trials
- The draw for the 3rd day will be done at the end of the second day of the Trials



RATINGS:

For seeding and draw purpose USATT published ratings as of January 29th, 2016 will be used.

RULES: The tournament will be conducted in accordance with ITTF Rules and Regulations.

RACKET TESTING

Any match may be selected for compulsory pre-match racket testing. A player whose racket fails racket tests may submit immediately /OR within 5 minutes/ a backup racket to be tested before the match. If the backup racket fails before the match, the player may play with a third racket, to be tested after the match. A player who fails a post-match racket test will be disqualified from the Trials.

If a player receives a “failed” on any three racket tests, regardless of the number of rackets submitted, that player will be disqualified from the Trials.

Voluntarily testing will be available without any penalties during the tournament.

EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment will be used:

Tables: **Joola**

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

Floor: **sport court/floor mat**

ELIGIBILITY:

- Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible to represent USA at Olympic Games under the international rules of the IOC.

FEES: - \$250/athlete

The entries will be accepted only if include:

- Player's name, address, telephone number, entry fee, signed waiver and proof of citizenship.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received at the USATT office by and no later than COB day
January 10th, 2016.

NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 10TH, 2016, 5:00 PM MOUNTAIN TIME

Mail entry form, proof of citizenship, entry fee and signed waiver to:

USA Table Tennis

ATTN: Doru Gheorghe

4065 Sinton Rd., Ste.120

Colorado Springs, CO- 80907

Or Email it to: Doru@usatt.org



OFFICIAL HOTEL

Holiday Inn Greensboro Coliseum

3005 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27403

336- 294-4565

Rate: \$109.00 plus tax

For reservations call (336) 294-4565 and mention “USA Table Tennis 2016 group”

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

Airport shuttle will be provided only for athletes and coaches using the official hotel.

In order to take advantage of airport pick up, the arrival departure info must be provided to Doru@usatt.org by latest January 15th, 2016.

SHUTTLE BUS:

A complimentary event shuttle running between the competition venue and the Holiday Inn Greensboro Coliseum will be provided for athletes, coaches, and officials during competition/practice hours.

ACCREDITATION: Each athlete will receive one extra accreditation for one coach.

For extra persons tickets can be purchased as follows:

ON-LINE: www.ticketmaster.com

BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-745-3000 through Ticketmaster

OUTLETS: at selected WALMART stores in NORTH CAROLINA

ON-SITE: Greensboro Coliseum advance box office in advance:

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM.

DAILY: during the Championships at the special events center box office.

CANCELLATION:

Refunds for cancellations will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before January 15th, 2016. Refunds for cancellations after January 15th will be accepted only for reason of injury/illness with a notice from a certified medical doctor stating the nature of illness or injury.