2020 First TTTUSA National Youth Ranking Tournament

1. **Competition Date**
   April 10, 11, 12, 2020

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6. **Venue**
   ICC TABLE TENNIS CENTER, 1507 N. Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035

7. **Events**
   USATT National Ranking Tournament for Youth
   Junior Boys + Girls (born on or after 1.1.2002), Cadet Boys + Girls (born on or after 1.1.2005), Mini-Cadet Boys + Girls (born on or after 1.1.2007)
   Each player, with the exception of the Juniors, may only compete in a maximum of two age categories, which must be consecutive (for example Mini-Cadet and Cadet).
   Top two finishers in Juniors, Cadets & Mini-Cadets will have guaranteed places on TTTeamUSA.
   Top 24 finishers per gender in all three-age categories will get points for the USATT Annual Points Ranking.

8. **Eligibility**
   Only athletes eligible, according to the rules and regulations of the ITTF, to represent the USA at Olympic, World and Continental title events will be eligible for the USATT National Ranking Tournament and TTTeam USA.

9. **Qualified Players**
   The top sixteen (16) players/gender/event will automatically advance to the main draw as follows:
   The first eight (8) spots will be allocated to players ranked among top 300 of his/her age category based on April 2020 ITTF WR, all others will be allocated based on USATT rating as of April 1, 2020.
   In the event that less than 8 players are in the top 300, the remaining spots will be allocated based on USATT rating as of April 1, 2020.
   All others will participate in the qualification event.
10. Entry Fee
$275 USD per player for the USATT National Ranking Tournament

11. Format of play
The qualification will be played as Single elimination best of 5 games and eight (8) players will advance. Twenty-four (24) players of each age category will play in the main draw best of 5 games.

For 1st stage of the main draw, players will be divided into 4 groups of six (6). For stage 2 (placement round), the participants play each four matches for the places 1 to 24 in a modified KO system. In total each player in the main draw will play 9 matches. If there will be less than 24 participants in an age category, the format of play may be changed.

12. General Schedule
4/10 - Qualifications and consolation for all age categories + Cadet 1st stage of main draw.
4/11 - Cadets 2nd stage of main draw + Mini-Cadets / Juniors 1st stage main draw
4/12 - Mini-Cadets / Juniors 2nd stage main draw

The schedule could be changed based on number of entries for each event.

13. Seeding
Will be done for the qualification and the main draw based first on ITTF WR, second by USATT rating.

Up to the first eight (8) players will be seeded based on April 2020 ITTF WR for any player in the top 300 of its age category, all others will be seeded based on USATT rating as of April 1, 2020. In age categories without ITTF WR, like Mini-Cadets, seeding will be based on USATT rating as of April 1, 2020.

14. Draw
Will be held on April 8, 2020

15. Equipment
Tables: Joola, Balls: Nittaku 40+ Premium 3*

16. Hospitality
There is no ‘official’ host hotel for the tournament, but there are many hotels located in the vicinity of ICC.

17. Entries Deadline
Entries must be done online no later than April 1, 2020.
Late entries will not be accepted.
Players will not be considered entered unless paid in full.
For entries and payments, use the link to the USATT National Ranking Tournament under: https://www.omnipong.com/

18. Refund
There will be no refunds.

19. Defaults:
By defaulting a match after the draw is done, for whatever reason, USATT has to assume that this athlete is no longer able to participate in the remainder of the event and any remaining matches in that event will be forfeited.

It has happened several times that players have given up in the middle of the tournament or simply stopped to compete, meaning, they have not completed finished the tournament. We are referring here rather to situations in which players simply didn't continue or appeared from one day to the other, possibly lost the desire due to not achieving the expected results or seeing no sense in the consolation or placement matches.

In case of defaulting, the athlete must receive permission from the HPD or his designated/approved representative or USATT Referee to compete in any other event in the tournament.
20. **Premature Departure:** Participation in our tournaments is only possible if the athletes can guarantee right from the start and plan in advance that they will be able to finish the tournament in terms of the time schedule. Deliberately planned or even booked premature departure will no longer be accepted.

21. **Racket Controls:** If racket control includes official test for VOC, miniRAE devices will be used according to the ITTF decision. In this case, players will be invited to voluntarily tests their rackets before competition starts. The ITTF Equipment Committee strongly recommends all players to make certain that new coverings are aired 72 hours before use.

22. **Motion & picture:** By entering the event, players agree to abide by all USATT rules and by the rules and regulations of The Organizing Committee. All individual players agree under the auspices of USATT and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage to be video internet webcasting, motion picture and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. A participant’s refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition.