

The 2021 Charlotte TTC Tournament Series

Six USATT sanctioned 3-Star Tournaments

Approximately every 2 months through 2021

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COMPETITION

This is a Six Stage Tournament Series with each 'Stage' offered as its own distinct, stand-alone Tournament. These Six Stage's, all of similar format, will be offered approximately two months apart through 2021. Entry to the Series is automatic and Free based on entry to any one of the six Tournaments. The goal of the Series is to reward both the most 'competitive' and/or 'improved' players during the year; regardless of playing level

ELIGIBILITY

Entry into any one of the six Stages gains a player FREE entry in to the Series and makes them eligible to win the Series prize based on the format detailed below

TOURNAMENT FORMAT FOR ALL SERIES STAGES

There will be six groups of maximum eight players. Players will be placed into the appropriate group based solely on their USATT ranking on the Friday, one week prior to each Stage event. The six groups will be P (premier), A, B, C, D, & E. The top USATT rated player will be placed as 1st seed in the Premier Group. All other players will be placed in descending order below the 1st seed, until the lowest rated player is placed as the lowest seed in group E. For the first Stage of the Series, League & Tournament ratings will be eligible, and the higher rating of the two will be used for assessing both eligibility and seeding. In future stages, only USATT Tournament rating will be used (to prevent unfair manipulation of League ratings to win the lower level prizes). Any unrated player entering at any Stage will be placed as the bottom seed of Group F, but will be unable to win the \$60 prize. They will however be eligible to win the Series prizes

SERIES FORMAT

Points awarded for performance in each Stage

There will be six events through 2021, one approximately every 2 months. It is only necessary to participate in one event to qualify for the Series, but Series points will be awarded and accumulated after each and every event on the following basis...

P – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	40, 38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26
A – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24
B – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22
C – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20
D – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18
E – from winner to 8 th place respectively...	30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16

If less than 48 players are entered, players will be removed evenly from each group starting with Group E, but points will NOT be adjusted in any way from the schedule shown above. E.g.: If only 7 players are in both D & E groups, the player coming first in group E will still receive 30 points and the player coming seventh in group D will still receive 20 points

Points awarded for performance over all of the Stages in the Series

Additional bonus points will be awarded at the end of the series as follows...

Seven points for each one of the six events participated in (minimum 7 points, maximum 42 points)

Sixty points for the player who accumulates the most top three finishes in any and all groups across all 6 events

Eighty points for the player with the largest improvement from their start position in Stage 1 of the Series to their start position in any of the following five Stages (positions being 1 – 48)

One Hundred points for the player with the largest 'underdog' over-turn win, based solely from their USATT Tournament rating when participating in Stage 1. E.g.: Player A's USATT Tournament starting rating while playing in Stage 1 is 1320. This player, while participating in Stage 4, beats a player who at the start of Stage 4 has a USATT Tournament rating of 1470. This difference of 150 points is the largest rating disparity win (compared to their Stage 1 rating) of any player. This winning player gains the 100 category points

In the event of a tie in any of these overall Series categories (except participation), points will be split evenly between the players involved

It should be noted that not participating in Stage 1 of the Series does not preclude a player from winning a Series award, but does confer them a significant advantage because most of the overall Series point awards use a comparison from the first Stage.

SERIES AWARDS

As determined by the accumulation of points awarded over all six of the Stages in the Series in the manner described above, and to be awarded at the end of the Tournament play in Stage 6...

1ST place; \$400 plus Trophy

2ND place; \$200

3RD place; \$100