



- 1. Competition Date** 1 – 3 March 2019
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- 5. Venue** Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405
- 6. Events** **USATT Pan Am Games Team Trials & 1st National Ranking Tournament for Men & Women**
Top 24 finishers per gender will get points for the USATT Annual Points Ranking.
- 7. Eligibility** Only athletes eligible, according to the rules and regulations of the ITTF, to represent the USA at Olympic and World title events will be eligible for the Pan Am Games Team Trials, & 1st National Ranking Tournament and TTTTeam USA. Only USATT members in good standing of USATT may participate. For details on eligibility please visit <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Team-USA/New-ITTF-Olympic-and-Pan-Am-Games-Eligibility-Requirements> or the ITTF Handbook at https://d3mjm6zw6cr45s.cloudfront.net/2018/02/2018ITTFHandbook_v2.pdf_0.pdf
- 8. Prizes** Prizes will be given as a value in kind for future ITTF Tournaments or TTTTeam USA training camps.
1st place \$1.500 2nd place \$1.000 3rd place \$750
- 9. Qualified Players** The top eight (8) players of each gender will automatically advance to the main draw. Up to the first eight (8) players will be allocated based on February 2019 ITTF WR for any player in the top 300. In the event that less than eight (8) players are in the top 300, the remaining spots will be allocated based on USATT rating as of February 15, 2019. All others participate in the qualification event.
- 10. Qualifier** The winner of each gender will qualify to the 2019 Pan Am Games Team. For the 2019 Pan Am Games Athlete Selection Procedures please visit <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Team-USA/Selection-Procedures>
- 10. Entry Fee** \$250 USD per player
- 11. Format of play** The qualification will be played as Single elimination best of 7 games and eight (8) players will advance. Sixteen (16) players of each gender will play in the main draw best of 7 games. For stage 1 players will be divided into two groups of eight (8) RR. For stage 2 the top four (4) players of each group will be combined into a group of eight (8) RR; and the bottom four (4) players from each group will be combined into a second group of eight (8) RR. The final top three (3) places will only be determined from the Championship group. For stage 2 the matches against the opponents from stage 1 will be carried over.

Players not advancing from the qualification may enter the Golden Western Tournament.
- 12. General Schedule** March 1 morning Qualification and afternoon starting main draw Top 16 (3 rounds)
March 2 Top 16 (5 rounds)
March 3 Top 16 (3 rounds)
- 13. Seeding** Will be done on February 28, 2019 and up to the first eight (8) players will be based on February 2019 ITTF WR for any player in the top 300. The remaining spots will be seeded based on USATT rating as of February 26, 2019.
- 14. Draw** Will be held for the qualification on February 28, 2019 in the evening in the Santa Monica College.
Will be held for the Top 16 on March 1, 2019 after the qualification in the Santa Monica College.
- 15. Equipment** Tables: Butterfly Centerfold Number: 10 Color: Blue
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 the Santa Monica.
- 17. Entries** Entries need to be done online no later than **February 15, 2019**.
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 2019 Pan Am Games Team Trial & 1st Adult National Ranking Tournament: <https://www.omnipong.com/Members.asp?ae=13917&h=1231>
- 18. Cancellations** There will be no cancellations accepted and therefore 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.

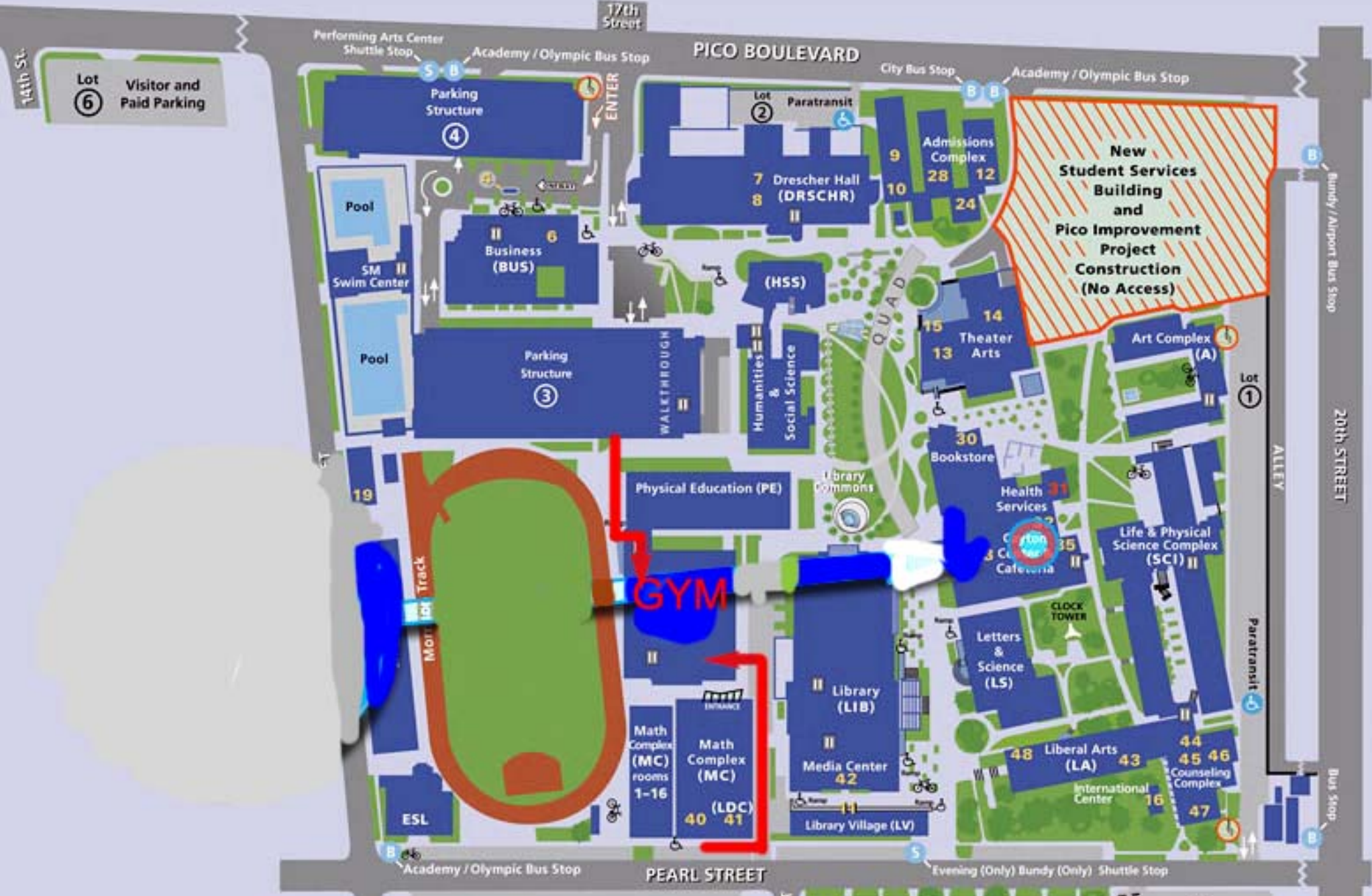
It has happened several times that players have given up in the middle of a tournament or simply stopped to compete, meaning, they have not completely finished the tournament. We are referring here rather to situations in which players simply didn't continue or appeared from one day to the other, possibly 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 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 any kind. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition.



Friday meter parking on Pearl Street
Sat & Sunday free parking on Pearl Street and free parking on Parking Structure 3, enter SMC from Pico and 17th street, stay on your right lane and proceed to park in structure 3 then follow red line to gym. Please do not park in spaces marked for staff.