

Seamaster 2019 US Open Table Tennis Championships

Seeding and Draw Information

Seeding for Elite Events

- As an ITTF Approved tournament, the US Open must follow ITTF seeding rules.
- Players are seeded in order of ITTF World Ranking. As per the tournament prospectus, November rankings are used.
- In age-restricted events, world rankings for that age category are used; U21 rankings are used for U21 Women's Singles, etc.
- Players in an age-restricted event who do not have world rankings for that age category, but have adult world rankings, will be seeded after those with rankings in that age category.
- Ties in world ranking are broken according to ITTF regulations: The previous month's rankings are used, going back in history month by month until the tie is broken. If players are still tied, the tie is broken by lot.
- Players who have no ITTF ranking are considered unranked by the ITTF. They will be seeded after all ITTF ranked players, using a combination of USATT ratings and estimated ratings.
- These seeding rules apply to the following events: Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles; Mixed Doubles; Under 21 Singles; Junior Singles, Doubles and Teams; Cadet Singles, Doubles and Teams.

Seeding of Doubles Pairs

- Doubles pairs are seeded as follows:
 - Pairs are seeded in order of the sum of each player's ITTF Doubles Ranking points for that event.
 - If a pair has an ITTF Doubles Ranking as a pair, and the pair's doubles ranking point score is higher than the sum of their individual points, then the pair's point score is used instead of the sum.
 - Then, pairs with no doubles ranking points are seeded in order of the sum of their ITTF adult singles ranking points, after all pairs with doubles points.
 - Then, unranked pairs are seeded using a combination of USATT ratings and estimated ratings, after all pairs with ITTF points.
- In age-restricted doubles events, pairs are seeded in order of the sum of each player's singles ranking points for that age category (Under 21, Junior, or Cadet). Unranked players are then seeded using a combination of USATT ratings and estimated ratings, after all pairs with ITTF points.

Seeding of Teams

- In age-restricted team events, teams are seeded based on the two highest ranked players on the team, using the same procedure as doubles seeding.

Draw Separation Rules

The ITTF has changed the separation rules in 2019. In the past, all players were separated in the draw by association. The new rules are as follows:

- For a given country, the top four seeded players in an event are separated; they shall be drawn to separate quarters.
- All remaining players from a country are only separated in the first round of the main draw, and in the first round of the qualification draw.

Because there are many entrants from the USA, two USA players may be forced to play in the first round. In those cases, the players will be separated by US state.

Draw Schedule

All players are encouraged to witness and participate in the draw.

Tuesday, 1:30pm	Control Desk	Draw for U21 Men, U21 Women, Cadet Boys, Cadet Girls
Tuesday, 6:00pm	Room 102	Competition information and Q&A session, open to all players
Tuesday, 6:15pm	Room 102	Draw for Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles, Mixed Doubles
Wednesday, 4:00pm	Room 102	Draw for Men's and Women's Singles qualifiers to be placed into the main draw
Wednesday, 5:30pm	Control Desk	Draw for Junior Boys' and Girls' Singles qualifiers to be placed into the main draw

Kagin Lee, Referee