



Dear all,

We would like to inform you that the first qualifying event for the 2018 National Team, the newly named TTTeam USA, will be held from 2nd – 4th March in Columbus (Ohio) at the 2018 Arnold Sports Festival.

It will be the first USATT “National Ranking Event” of 2018 in the adult age category. Sixteen (16) players will compete in the main event, which will be played as two round robin competitions starting on Friday afternoon (March 2). The sixteen players will “qualify” for the event as follows:

- Twelve (12) players will be invited and seeded by USATT Rating from 15th January 2018. If invited players refrain from participating, substitutes will be invited.
- The remaining four (4) places will be determined by a qualification tournament on Friday morning.
- Players not advancing from the Friday morning qualifiers may enter Event Numbers 1-4 of the Arnold Table Tennis Challenge on Saturday and Sunday. Further information can be found attached.

The first qualifying competition for the 2018 TTTeam USA is part of the new USATT National Team Program and Selection Procedures which will be published shortly and will be effective from January 2018.

The top two finishers per gender in this first qualifying competition of the calendar year will gain, amongst other things, guaranteed places on TTTeam USA, effective at the conclusion of that competition based on its final results.

Please note that youth players qualifying for one of our former Youth National Teams under the old selection procedures will be part of TTTeam USA through June 30, 2018 (as prescribed in the 2017-2018 previously published selection procedures for the youth teams).

The new USATT National Team Program and Selection Procedures include among others a system of points that players will earn through their participation and results in different qualifying competitions like the USATT National Ranking Event in Columbus/Ohio.

More information and details soon!

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