

# 2014 U.S. OPEN

JULY 1 - 5, 2014 DEVOS PLACE | GRAND RAPIDS, MI



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Family Name) (Given Name)

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male | Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

National Association: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed entry form to:**

USATT  
4065 Sinton Rd. Ste 120  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

**Entry Deadline:**

MUST be received by Monday, May 19, 2014.  
Entries received after May 19, 2014 WILL NOT  
BE ACCEPTED

| EVENTS ENTERED | COST  |         | EVENT # | EVENT NAME  | DOUBLES PARTNER |
|----------------|-------|---------|---------|---|-----------------|
|                | ADULT | JUNIOR+ |         |   |                 |
|                |       |         |         | + A JUNIOR MUST BE BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1996 + |                 |
| 1              | \$125 | \$95    |         |   |                 |
| 2              | \$150 | \$120   |         |   |                 |
| 3              | \$170 | \$145   |         |   |                 |
| 4              | \$185 | \$160   |         |   |                 |
| 5              | \$200 | \$175   |         |   |                 |
| 6              | \$215 | \$190   |         |   |                 |
| 7              | \$230 | \$205   |         |   |                 |
| 8              | \$245 | \$220   |         |   |                 |
| 9              | \$260 | \$235   |         |   |                 |

**Total Event Entry Fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament Tickets/Day Pass:** -----  
All persons entering the venue must obtain an entry pass:  
- Tickets will be sold through TicketMaster - [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
- Tickets will be available at the venue - DeVos Place Convention Center during the tournament  
- Each entrant receives a free entry for the entire tournament.

**Tournament T-Shirt: Free T-Shirt With Entry!** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Each additional t-shirt is \$15. Please indicate size(s)  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL

**Tournament Processing and Registration Fees** **\$10.00**

**Total Fees:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Credit card or wire transfer - see page 4) INCLUDING ALL FEES (USD)

Pay by credit card: VISA / MASTERCARD / DISCOVER  
Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EXP: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
CVC: \_\_\_\_\_  
I agree to pay the above total amount.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION'S APPROVAL!**

**\*\* For events 40 and 41 Junior Teams:\*\***

Club or Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List Names of Other Team Mates: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
For draw and seeding purposes the most recent ITTF World ranking & 2014 USATT Ratings list generated on 5/30/2014 will be used.

**See Schedule of Events and Prospectus**

**CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES:**  
Confirmation of receipt of entry will be placed online at [www.usatt.org](http://www.usatt.org) in the U.S. Open section. Names will be posted within 14 days after receiving your entry. If you have not seen your name listed on <http://www.USATT.org> by June 1, please contact USATT headquarters (TEL: 719-866-4583 x5. FAX: 719-632-6071, EMAIL: [admin@usatt.org](mailto:admin@usatt.org)). No entries will be allowed after the final deadline or at the tournament. USATT will not be responsible for entries lost in the mail.

A \$25 processing fee will be charged on all returned checks.

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**ALL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE MONEY WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PASSPORT/VISA. NO EXCEPTIONS**

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# 2014 U.S. OPEN WAIVER

USA TABLE TENNIS - 4065 SINTON RD, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907 - 719-866-4583 - FAX 719-632-6071

**Tournament Name: 2014 U. S. OPEN** **Date: July 1 to July 5, 2014**

## Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement")

### PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY AND PROVIDE YOUR SIGNATURE.

1. IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:
2. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my minor understand the nature of Table Tennis Activities and that I and/or minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I and/or minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
3. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH, HARASSMENT, EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND LANGUAGE ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or child's own actions, or inaction, or the actions or inaction of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SEVERE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
4. HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES, COSTS, AND/OR DAMAGES FOLLOWING SUCH INJURY, DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW.
5. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE USA TABLE TENNIS, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, officials, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I and/or my minor child, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.
6. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
7. By registering for the 2014 US Table Tennis National Championships, all participants are subject to possible selection for drug testing as conducted by the US Anti-Doping Agency.

**MEDICAL AND TRANSPORTATION RELEASE** – I hereby give consent for the organizers of the 2014 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships to provide me with athletic trainer and emergency medical treatment. This release is effective for the period of July 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2014. I swear and affirm that I am in good physical condition and I am not aware of any previous or existing diseases or injury that would result in my being injured. I further acknowledge that I have procured on my own and currently hold valid and adequate insurance for such loss, damage, or injury and if I do not have valid and adequate insurance, I accept full responsibility for the cost of the loss, damage, or injury that might occur as a result of my participation in the 2014 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships. I give my consent to participate in any and all emergency transportation associated with activities during the 2014 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships, in the event I become incapacitated or otherwise not conscious to give direct consent and I accept full responsibility for all costs associated with all emergency transportation as deemed necessary. Further, as the parent/guardian of a participating minor athlete, I hereby give my consent for complete medical treatment and emergency transportation services as deemed necessary beyond the on-site athletic trainer or emergency medical treatment provided.

**MEDIA AND PHOTO RELEASE** – Various matches will be recorded for live or on-demand online viewing. Any image, photographic, or otherwise, taken of tournament play or within the official venue is essentially the property of USA Table Tennis regardless of the Approved status of the recording instrument or photographer. Entrants agree to allow their voice and likeness in such images to be reproduced in connection with USA Table Tennis by way of any medium. USA Table Tennis is not responsible for, nor can it control, the use of camera phones inside the venue. Participants are hereby notified of this policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Participant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian  
(For Athlete of Minor Age(18 and under))**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Event #                    | Event Name              | Date | Time*   | Prize Money |      |      |     |      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|------|---------|-------------|------|------|-----|------|
|                            |                         |      |         | 1st         | 2nd  | 3-4  | 5-8 | 9-16 |
| <b>Championship Events</b> |                         |      |         |             |      |      |     |      |
| 1                          | Men's Singles           | TUE  | 2:15PM  | 7000        | 3500 | 1750 | 800 | 400  |
| 2                          | Women's Singles         | WED  | 12PM    | 7000        | 3500 | 1750 | 800 | 400  |
| 3                          | Men's Doubles           | WED  | 3PM     | 1200        | 600  | 300  | -   | -    |
| 4                          | Women's Doubles         | WED  | 3PM     | 1200        | 600  | 300  | -   | -    |
| 5                          | Mixed Doubles           | THU  | 12PM    | 1200        | 600  | 300  | -   | -    |
| 6                          | U-21 Men's Singles      | THU  | 9AM     | 1200        | 600  | 300  | -   | -    |
| 7                          | U-21 Women's Singles    | THU  | 9AM     | 1200        | 600  | 300  | -   | -    |
| 8                          | Over 30 Men's Singles   | THU  | 6PM     | 400         | 200  | 100  | -   | -    |
| 9                          | Over 30 Women's Singles | THU  | 6PM     | 200         | 100  | -    | -   | -    |
| 10                         | Men's Over 40 Singles   | THU  | 9AM     | 400         | 200  | 100  | -   | -    |
| 11                         | Women's Over 40 Singles | TUE  | 3PM     | 200         | 100  | -    | -   | -    |
| 12                         | Men's Over 50 Singles   | FRI  | 6PM     | 400         | 200  | 100  | -   | -    |
| 13                         | Women's Over 50 Singles | FRI  | 6PM     | 100         | 50   | -    | -   | -    |
| 14                         | Men's Over 60 Singles   | WED  | 10:30AM | 200         | 100  | 50   | -   | -    |
| 15                         | Women's Over 60 Singles | WED  | 10:30AM | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 16                         | Men's Over 65 RR        | TUE  | 9:45AM  | 200         | 100  | 50   | -   | -    |
| 17                         | Women's Over 65 RR      | TUE  | 9:45AM  | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 18                         | Men's Over 70 RR        | THU  | 3PM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 19                         | Women's Over 70 RR      | THU  | 3PM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 20                         | Men's Over 75 RR        | WED  | 12PM    | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 21                         | Women's Over 75 RR      | WED  | 12PM    | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 22                         | Men's Over 80 RR        | THU  | 9AM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 23                         | Women's Over 80 RR      | THU  | 9AM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 24                         | Over 85 RR              | FRI  | 2:15PM  | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 25                         | Over 40 Doubles         | FRI  | 3PM     | 300         | 200  | -    | -   | -    |
| 26                         | Over 50 Doubles         | WED  | 3PM     | 300         | 200  | -    | -   | -    |
| 27                         | Over 60 Men's Doubles   | FRI  | 11:15AM | 200         | 100  | -    | -   | -    |
| 28                         | Over 60 Women's Doubles | FRI  | 11:15AM | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 29                         | Over 60 Mixed Doubles   | FRI  | 4:30PM  | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 30                         | Over 65 Men's Doubles   | WED  | 6PM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 31                         | Over 65 Women's Doubles | WED  | 6PM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 32                         | Over 70 Men's Doubles   | TUE  | 6PM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |
| 33                         | Over 70 Women's Doubles | TUE  | 6PM     | A           | A    | -    | -   | -    |

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|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------------|-----|-----|
|  |                             |      |        | 1st         | 2nd | 3-4 |
| <b>Championship Events (continued)</b> |                             |      |        |             |     |     |
| 34                                     | Over 75 Men's Doubles       | THU  | 6PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 35                                     | Over 75 Women's Doubles     | THU  | 6PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 36                                     | Over 80 Men's Doubles       | SAT  | 12PM   | A           | A   | -   |
| 37                                     | Over 80 Women's Doubles     | SAT  | 12PM   | A           | A   | -   |
| 38                                     | Junior Boy's Singles        | FRI  | 9AM    | 300         | 150 | 75  |
| 39                                     | Junior Girl's Singles       | FRI  | 9AM    | 300         | 150 | 75  |
| 40                                     | Junior Boy's Teams          | TUE  | 9:45AM | A           | A   | -   |
| 41                                     | Junior Girl's Teams         | TUE  | 9:45AM | A           | A   | -   |
| 42                                     | Cadet Boy's Singles         | WED  | 6PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 43                                     | Cadet Girl's Singles        | WED  | 6PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 44                                     | Boy's 13 and Under Singles  | THU  | 12PM   | A           | A   | -   |
| 45                                     | Girl's 13 and Under Singles | THU  | 12PM   | A           | A   | -   |
| 46                                     | Boy's 11 and Under Singles  | FRI  | 3PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 47                                     | Girl's 11 and Under Singles | FRI  | 3PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 48                                     | Boy's 9 and Under Singles   | THU  | 3PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 49                                     | Girl's 9 and Under Singles  | THU  | 3PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| <b>Hardbat Events</b>                  |                             |      |        |             |     |     |
| 74                                     | Hardbat RR Championship     | SAT  | 9AM    | 350         | 150 | 100 |
| 75                                     | Hardbat Doubles RR          | WED  | 1:30PM | 200         | 100 | -   |
| 76                                     | Hardbat Over 40 RR          | WED  | 9:45AM | 200         | 100 | -   |
| 77                                     | Under 2000 Hardbat RR       | THU  | 9AM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 78                                     | Under 1500 Hardbat RR       | TUE  | 9:45AM | A           | A   | -   |
| 79                                     | Hardbat Over 60 RR          | THU  | 3PM    | A           | A   | -   |
| 80                                     | Hardbat Over 50 Doubles RR  | SAT  | 12PM   | A           | A   | -   |
| <b>Specialty Events</b>                |                             |      |        |             |     |     |
| 81                                     | Liha Sandpaper RR           | FRI  | 9AM    | 400         | 200 | 100 |
| 82                                     | Open Sandpaper RR           | TUE  | 2:15PM | 400         | 200 | 75  |
| 83                                     | U1700 Sandpaper RR Singles  | WED  | 6PM    | A           | A   | -   |

\* Earliest Start Time

Age: **9 and Under** – must be born on or after January 1, 2005; **11 and Under** – must be born on or after January 1, 2003; **13 and Under** – must be born on or after January 1, 1999; **Cadet Events** – must be born on or after January 1, 1999; **Junior Events** – must be born on or after January 1, 1996. **Under 21:** must be born on or after January 1, 1993; **Players must be Over 30, Over 40, Over 50, Over 60, Over 65, Over 70, Over 75, and Over 80 as of December 31, 2014. Proof of age must be readily available at the tournament.**

**PLAYERS MAY NOT ENTER 2 EVENTS WITH THE SAME START TIME**

Prize Amounts shown are minimum guaranteed amounts and may be increased after the printing of this entry form. For Updated Prize Money by Event visit the Tournament Homepage at [www.usatt.org](http://www.usatt.org)

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## Deadline:

Entries for the 2014 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships must be received no later than Monday, May 19, 2014. Entries received after May 19, 2014 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## Eligibility:

The 2014 U. S. Open Table Tennis Championships is open to members of ITTF-affiliated associations.

## Rules:

The 2014 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships will be conducted under the ITTF Laws and Rules of Table Tennis and Regulations for International Competitions, except for Hard Bat events(see below). Specifically Chapter 3 of the ITTF Handbook Section 3.5.3, 3.5.3.1, and 3.5.3.2. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee will be final and contestants upon entering, agree to abide by them.

## Equipment:

Tables and nets: JOOLA. Balls: Nittaku Premium white 3-star 40mm. Floor: Two surfaces – red rubberized floor and concrete. This is the Official Approved Equipment for the 2014 U. S. Open Table Tennis Championships. **"Rackets in all events are subject to random testing for volatile organic compounds(VOC's). Any glues containing VOC's will cause the racket to fail."** It is recommended that each player come to the table with 2 legal rackets and 2 distinctively different colored shirts (no white shirts or shorts) that are different from the color of the ball.

## Entries:

**Players should have their National Association/Federation approval to enter in the tournament. Copy of your Passport and a request for invitation letter(if necessary) should be included with entry form.** Players may enter a maximum of nine events, but may not enter two events starting at the same time. All matches, both singles and doubles, will be scheduled in advance in each event. Players WILL NOT be allowed to enter events at the tournament, nor will substitutions be allowed except for the Doubles events.

## Doubles Partners:

Players **MUST** enter with a partner in all doubles events. **USA Table Tennis will NOT arrange for a doubles partner.** USATT can not be responsible for the non-participation of your selected Doubles Partner. It is the responsibility of the players to contact his/her doubles partner about participating in the event. No refunds will be given for an event if a partner is not available. Prize money listed for all Doubles events is prize money per team. Players without rating at the qualification time can't enter the Rating Doubles events.

**Special Note:** Through June 14, Doubles Partners may be replaced by notifying USATT. After June 14, no substitutions may be made.

## Age Restrictions:

Players assume the responsibility of entering the appropriate age events. Players who are over/under the age limit of an event will be automatically entered in the correct age event.

## Rating Restrictions & Seeding:

Players assume the responsibility of entering the proper events. For draw and seeding purposes the most recent ITTF World Ranking and USATT ratings list generated May 30, 2014 will be used. As a result of later seeding, some players may have ratings higher than shown for the event.

## Event Scheduling:

**Events are not guaranteed to complete on the same day that they begin.** NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR EARLY DEPARTURE. Any event may be cancelled and the entry fee for that event refunded if the event contains fewer than four players, pairs, or teams as appropriate. In case of event conflicts, the player is responsible for notifying the Control Desk as soon possible. In the case of an inadvertent error, liability is limited to the refund of the event fee for the event(s) involved.

## Championship Age Events:

Age: **9 and Under** – must be born on or after January 1, 2005; **11 and Under** – must be born on or after January 1, 2003; **13 and Under** – must be born on or after January 1, 2001; **Cadet Events** – must be born on or after January 1, 1999; **Junior Events** – must be born on or after January 1, 1996; **Under 21:** must be born on or after January 1, 1993; **Players** must be Over 30, Over 40, Over 50, Over 60, Over 65, Over 70, Over 75, and Over 80 as of December 31, 2014. **Proof of age must be readily available at tournament.**

## Withdrawal:

A \$45 processing fee will be charged to any participant who withdraws IN WRITING from the tournament prior to May 30, 2014. **There will be no refunds after this date. There will be no refunds given at the tournament.**

## Playing Format:

### **Men's and Women's Singles:**

In men's singles, the top 16 players will be seeded into the main draw of 64 players. In the women's singles, the top 8 players will be seeded into the main draw of 32 players. Depending on the number of entries, all other players will be drawn into qualification RR groups to advance into the main draw. The main draw will be played in a single elimination format. All matches will be played best of 7 games. Semis and Finals will start on Saturday afternoon, July 5.

### **U21 Men's and Women's Singles:**

**Born on or after January 1, 1993.** Top 8 players will be seeded into the main draw in these events. Depending on the number of entries, all other players will be drawn into qualification RR groups to advance into the main draw. The main draw will be played in a single elimination format. For U21 Men's singles, the main draw will consist of 32 players, and for U21 Women's singles, the main draw will consist of 16 players. Matches in qualification rounds will be played best of 5 games and in the main draw best of 7 games.

### **Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles:**

8 pairs will be seeded into the main draw in these events. The rest of the teams will play qualification matches in a single elimination format. The main draw will consist of 16 doubles pairs and will be played in a singles elimination format. Matches in qualification rounds will be played best of 5 games and in the main draw best of 7 games.

### **Junior Boys and Girls Teams:**

The USA Club or Foreign Association must send an email to [admin@usatt.org](mailto:admin@usatt.org) with Club Name or Association along with Names of Team Players. The Junior Team will not be accepted without Club or Association approval. The Club or Association along with the Names of the Team Mates must be listed on the entry form. Playing system: Corbillon Cup System:

4 singles and 1 doubles. A-X, B-Y, Doubles, A-Y, B-X. The team shall consist of 2, 3, or 4 players.

**Events 8 – 73s** will be best of 5 games to 11 points

### **Open Sandpaper Event:**

The same rules as Hardbat will apply except the equipment shall be an all-wood blade with a sandpaper only cover of the playing surface and 38mm balls. Please see [www.hardbat.com](http://www.hardbat.com) for complete list of official rules.

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## **Liha Sandpaper Event:**

The rules for this event will be easy return rules of the Philippines. The Liha event will be self-regulated by the participants. Balls: Nittaku orange 38mm

## **Hardbat Events & Open Sandpaper RR:**

Hardbat Rules, as adopted by the USATT Hardbat Committee, will be used for all hardbat events. See [www.hardbat.com](http://www.hardbat.com) for the complete list of official rules. These events do not count for USATT rating points. Eligibility for the hardbat rating events will be determined by the player's hardbat rating. Draws will be conducted on the basis of ratings maintained by the Hardbat Committee. Rules for cancellation of an event with insufficient entries and refund of money in such cases will be handled the same as sponge events. All matches will be the best of 3 games with the exception of the Hardbat Singles. For the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, the Hardbat Singles and Open Sandpaper events will be the best of 5 games. Hardbat matches will be played to 21 points. For Open Sandpaper, the same rules as Hardbat will apply except the equipment shall be an all-wood blade with a sandpaper only cover of the playing surface and orange 38mm balls. See [www.hardbat.com](http://www.hardbat.com) for complete list of the official rules.

**Event 83** - To qualify for the U1700 Sandpaper RR Singles event, your USATT rating will be used for the draw. First time unrated players with non-rating of any kind may enter this event. Your rating must be under 1700 by the entry cutoff date of 4/25/2014.

## **Registration:**

Players must check-in with the tournament officials at least 30 minutes before their first match and be ready to play each match 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

## **Tournament Tickets/Day Passes**

All persons entering the venue must obtain an entry pass:

- Tickets will be sold through TicketMaster - [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)
- Tickets will be available at the venue - DeVos Place Convention Center during the tournament
- Each entrant receives a free entry for the entire tournament.

## **Camera/Videotapes:**

Anyone wishing to take pictures or videotape their own matches or any other matches must receive written permission from USATT. Without regard to Approved Camera or Videotaping status, absolutely no Cameras or Videotaping of the 2014 US Open - Men's and Women's Semi-finals or Finals events on July 5.

## **Cancellation Without Fault:**

USATT will refund 50% of all entry fees paid by participants if the U.S. Open event is cancelled or partially cancelled due to acts of God, force majeure, war within the continental U.S., governmental authority, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, curtailment of transportation services, that prevent at least 50% or more of the USATT participants from attending the event.

## **Credentials:**

**LOST CREDENTIALS WILL NOT BE REPLACED. A REPLACEMENT WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED AT THE VENUE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **Prize Money Checks:**

Prize money will NOT be paid for no-shows, splits, dumping or defaults (except for legitimate cases of injury, illness, or emergency). Prize money checks which are not claimed at the tournament site will be mailed to the winner within one month of the conclusion of the tournament. Prize money checks that are not cashed within 120 days will be forfeited.

## **Publications:**

Display and/or distribution of any brochures, posters, literature, or written material at the tournament venue is strictly prohibited unless previously approved in writing by USA Table Tennis.

## **Umpires**

If an umpire is available, a certified umpire will be assigned by the Chief Umpire at the request of any player in a match.

## **Official HQ Tournament Hotel:**

**Amway Grand Plaza Hotel** – 187 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**To make reservations:** Call inside U.S. 1-800-253-3590 and Outside U.S. 011- 616-776-6450.

Reservation Hours: Monday – Friday - 7:00AM – 11:00PM, Saturday - 9:00AM – 9:00PM, & Sunday, 9:00AM – 8:00PM ET. Website: [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcom\\_ei\\_new&eventID=10845135](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcom_ei_new&eventID=10845135)

Reference Code: 2014 US Open Table Tennis Championships or 10NOLE

Room Rate: \$106 plus 15% tax. Reservations must be made before June 8, 2014.

## **Transportation:**

Gail Andrus Travel offers one-way and round trip motor coach transfers from the Gerald R. Ford International Airport to the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. The transportation will depart once per hour according to the schedule listed below. After retrieving your luggage in the baggage claim area, please check in at the Information Desk located in the same area. The shuttle transfer cost is \$10.00 per person for one-way, and \$20.00 per person for round trip. Cash, MasterCard, Visa and Discover credit cards are accepted as payment upon arrival and at the hotel.

If you need further assistance, please email: [emily\\_dykema@gailandrus.com](mailto:emily_dykema@gailandrus.com) or call 1-800-532-2431.

| <u>Arrival Dates</u>   | <u>Hours of Operation - EST</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday, June 30, 2014  | 10:00 am - 12:00 am (midnight)  |
| Tuesday, July 1, 2014  | 10:00 am - 6:00 pm              |
| <u>Departure Dates</u> | <u>Hours of Operation- EST</u>  |
| Saturday, July 5, 2014 | 11:00 am - 6:00 pm              |
| Sunday, July 6, 2014   | 4:00 am - 3:00 pm               |

## **Entry Payment:**

25% of the entry fee is due with the Entry form by Wire Transfer **plus the \$10.00 Wire Transfer fee** or the Entry fee may be paid in full by credit card. Entry form must be submitted before Wire Transfer information is released. For Wire Transfer information, please contact USATT at [admin@usatt.org](mailto:admin@usatt.org).

## **Additional Information & Rules:**

1. **Prize Money – We are required by the U.S. Dept of Treasury to withhold 30% tax on all prize money recipients from countries that do not have a treaty with the U.S. Please contact USATT for further information.**
2. Trophies and award certificates not claimed at the tournament site WILL NOT BE SHIPPED.
3. **All international prize money winners are required to provide Passport/VISA. No exceptions.**

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