



Bulletin No. 3

2010 International Veterans Championships
June 30 – July 3, 2010 in Grand Rapids, MI

Grand Rapids



De Vos Convention Center

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GENERAL INFORMATION

International Non-rated Veterans' Championship

Time and place

The 2010 International Veterans Table Tennis Championships (IVC) will take place between June 30 and July 3, 2010 in the DeVos Place Convention Center, 303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Entry Deadline

The entry deadline is May 25, 2010. Entries postmarked after May 25, 2010 will not be accepted.

Eligibility

The IVC is open to all interested players aged 40 years and over, who will reach their 40th birthday during the year the event will take place.

Event Age Categories

- ?? **40-49 years**
- ?? **50-59 years**
- ?? **60-64 years**
- ?? **65-69 years**
- ?? **70-74 years**
- ?? **75-79 years**
- ?? **80-84 years**
- ?? **Over 85 years**

Events

Women's and Men's Singles: Each single event will play in his/her age category. Each single player can also choose to play in a single event one age below their age category. The IVC Director has the right to cancel an event with less than 4 participants or to determine a reasonable alternative for all concerned.

Random Draw Doubles: Each player can choose to participate or not in the Random Draw Doubles(RDD). RDD is an event whereby partners will be selected by random draw from two age categories: 40-64 years and 65 years on up without regard to sex. Doubles' partners will not be assigned per a player's request. The Random Doubles Draw will result in random partner combinations.

Format

Singles events will begin with qualifying round robins having a maximum of 4 players in each group. The first and second place finishers in each group will advance into a single elimination Championship competition while the third and fourth place finishers will advance into a single elimination Consolation competition. The Random Draw Doubles events will begin as qualifying round robins with a maximum of 4 players in each group. The first and second place finishers will advance into a single elimination Championship competition. All matches will be played as best-of-five (5) games to eleven (11) points each.

Draw

The draw for the Qualifying Competition will take place about 14 days before the beginning of the International Veteran's Championships. The draw for the Championship and Consolation Championships will take place immediately after the completion of each age category's qualification matches.

Event Schedule:

June 30
Singles: 60 - 64 Wednesday 3 PM
Singles: 70 - 74 Wednesday 6 PM

July 1
Singles: 80 - 84 Thursday 9 AM
Singles: 65 - 69 Thursday 12 PM
Singles: 40 - 49 Thursday 3 PM
Singles: 75 - 79 Thursday 6 PM

July 2
Singles: 50 - 59 Friday 9 AM
Singles: Over 85 Friday 12 PM

July 3
Doubles: Saturday 9 AM

Match Officials

The Organizer will provide umpires for the Championships competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition. In the group play, members of the groups not playing shall make themselves available as umpires. In the Consolation Competition, the loser of the match shall be umpire in the next match at the table where he/she played.

Fees

The registration fee for the IVC is \$45 plus the entry fee per event of \$10. The payment of the registration fee into the IVC will include a free tournament shirt. USATT Members, who enter the US Open and wish to play in the IVC, **will not** be charged the IVC registration fee of \$45. USATT members playing in both the US Open and the IVC events will be required to pay the IVC entry fee of \$10 per event. USATT members playing in both the US Open and the IVC events will receive on free US Open t-shirt as part of the US Open registration fee. They will not receive a free Veterans' tournament shirt.

Payment

No entry registration form will be accepted without full payment of registration and event fees.

Payment can be made through wire transfer to the USATT bank or via Credit Card.

*** Wire Transfer:**

Entry form must be submitted before Wire Transfer information is released. For Wire Transfer information, please contact USATT at admin@usatt.org

*** Credit Card Information:**

Visa and MasterCard will be accepted. (No Discover or American Express will be accepted)

Please provide the following information on the entry form:

- ?? Your Credit Card Company
- ?? The Credit Card Number
- ?? The name of the Credit Card Holder
- ?? The Expiration Date
- ?? No credit card payment will be accepted without signature of the card holder and the date of the signature

Waiver Form

For Insurance purposes, **all** entry forms **must** have the Waiver of Liability form signed (Page 2)

Confirmation of Receipt

Confirmation of Receipt of entry will be placed online at the web site – www.usatt.org on the US Open information site. Names will be posted within 14 days after receiving the IVC entry. USATT will not be responsible for IVC entries which are lost in the mailing. If your name is not posted within the 14 days, contact USATT headquarters at admin@usatt.org or call 719-866-4583 x 5.

Cancellation

A cancellation fee of \$45 will be charged for all cancellations after the closing entry date of May 25, 2010. Reimbursement will be issued by the USATT Association within 4 weeks after the event.

General Registration Check In

IVC registration will begin at the IVC control desk in the DeVos Convention Center, June 29 at 12:00PM through 8:00PM. USATT members playing in both the US Open and the IVC events must register at both the US Open registration desk for the US Open events and the IVC control desk for the Veterans events.

Event Check In

Event check-in will be at the IVC Control desk, 30 minutes before each player's scheduled match. For late arriving players, event coordination are empowered to declare a forfeit 5 minutes after an event is scheduled to start.

NOTE: For USATT members playing in both the US Open and the IVC events, the US Open matches take precedence over the IVC events. See the IVC Tournament Director, John Miller if you find a scheduling conflict. John Miller, the TD, will try and adapt the IVC schedule, if possible.

Dress

Solid color shirts are to be worn during play. No orange shirts or tracksuits can be worn during play.

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each event.

Daily Entry Tickets

Tickets for spectators to the IVC will be sold at the US Open registration desk.

Rates: For Individual Days, \$5.00. For admittance to the entire tournament, a 4-Day Pass, which includes admittance to the semi-finals and finals matches in the Main Arena, purchased with the entry form is \$20.00 and on-site is \$25.00. Admittance to attend only the semi-finals and finals matches purchased with entry form is \$15.00 and on-site is \$20.00. Ticket for the semi-finals and finals matches will be on sale at the registration desk throughout the tournament and on Saturday, July 3, 2010, the day of the semi-finals and final matches.

Hotel Accommodations:

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel: 187 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

To make your reservations: Call inside the U.S. 1-800-253-3590; Outside the U.S. 00-1-616-774-2000.

Reservations Hours: Mon-Fri. 7:00AM – 11:00PM, Sat. 9:00AM – 4:00PM, & Sun. 9:00AM – 2:00PM ET.

Web site: www.amwaygrand.com Reference Code: 10C452. Room Rate: \$99.00 plus 14% tax. Reservations must be made by June 8, 2010.

Transportation:

The Gerald F. Ford International Airport is located about 20 minutes from the event hotel. Shuttle services to/from the airport are available for \$12.00 one way or \$22.00 round trip. Shuttle tickets will be available near the Baggage Claim area. Online Advanced Shuttle Tickets will be available to purchase from the U.S. Open web site. Further information will be available on USATT web site – www.usatt.org on the U.S. Open Home Page.

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