



2010 U.S. National Team Trials Fort Worth, TX PROSPECTUS

DATE – March 4-5, 2010
VENUE- Texas Wesleyan University - Sid Richardson Gymnasium,
1100 S. Collard Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105

EVENTS

- **Men's singles**
- **Women's singles**

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, March 4th and Friday, March 5th, 2010.

The Hall will be open for practice on March 3rd, 2010 from 6:00PM till 11:00 PM.

PLAYING FORMAT

Based on number of entries playing format will be: Round Robin or combination of Round Robin and Single Elimination.

All matches will be played best of seven games

Any athlete that defaults a match in any stage of the competition for any reason other than documented injuries, illness or emergency will be disqualified from the Trials and will not be selected as member of 2010 National Team. Players requesting exemption from this clause due to reasons of above nature must appeal to Tournament's Referee at least three hours prior to start of the next match or immediately after the match played (whichever is later). The Head Referee shall use his or her sole discretion to decide whether the player shall be disqualified or not. Failure to follow the above said protocol shall result in automatic disqualification from the Trials.

Top 2 finishers in Women's Singles and top 3 finishers in Men's Singles will qualify for the 2010 Women's and respectively Men's team. The rest of the slots will be allocated per "2010 National Team selection procedure"*

EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment will be used:

Tables: **Stiga blue**
Balls: **Nittaku white**
Floor: **Wood**

ELIGIBILITY:

- Top 16 finishers at the 2009 US Nationals in Men's and respective Women's Singles
- U.S. Citizens eligible to represent USA at the World T.T. Championships under ITTF eligibility rules
- Athletes must be members of USA Table Tennis (USATT).

FEES: - \$100/athlete.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the USATT office by and no later than February 1st, 2010.

The entry form should be accompanied by signed waiver, signed code of conduct, entry fee and copy of the passport.

Entries sent with missing documentation/entry fee will not be accepted.

Send entry form, proof of citizenship, entry fee, signed code of conduct and signed waiver to:

USA Table Tennis
ATTN: Doru Gheorghe
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO- 80909

RATINGS:

For seeding and draw purpose the most current USATT ratings as of the date of the draw will be used.

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

Trinity Inn Suites Price, 2000 Beach Street City/State/Zip: Fort Worth, Texas 76103

Phone: (817) 534-4801 Fax: (817) 534-3761

Distance from Airport: 23.5 miles

Rates: Single room: \$59+tax, Double room: \$65+ tax

The deadline to book your room with the Hotel is February 1st, 2010. The code to reserve the rates above is: **TWU World Team Trials Extra**

ACCOMODATION:

Top 6 athletes /gender entered to the Trials will receive free accommodation half room for 3 nights at the Official Hotel: Check in March 3 and check out March 6, 2010 before 11:00 AM. If an athlete(s) entitled to free half room, requests a single room, he/she will be responsible for paying half of the room. For more details please contact Jasna Rather, Tournament manager.

TRANSPORTATION: Courtesy van from DFW airport to Trinity Inn and Suites will be provided only for the players and officials staying at the Trinity Inn Suites.

Shuttle bus between the Venue and the Trinity Inn and Suites will be provided.

CANCELLATION:

Reimbursement of the entry fee for cancellation will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before **February 15, 2010.**

ORGANIZERS:

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***2010 National Team Selection Procedure**

The 2010 National Men's and Women's Team will be selected as follows:

1- ITTF World Ranking-

USA athletes ranked among the top 30 in the November 2009 Men's and Women's ITTF World Ranking will qualify as members of the 2010 National Team and will be offered a spot on the team roster.

Jun Gao qualifies under this provision, and has accepted a roster spot.

2- Trials- Organized in two stages:

Stage One:

Qualification Event: US Nationals, December 16-19, 2009, Las Vegas, NV.

Athletes reaching the round of 16 at the US Nationals in Men's and Women's Singles and eligible to represent USA at the World T.T. Championships under ITTF eligibility rule 4.1.3. will qualify for the 2010 National Team Trials.

Stage Two:

2010 National Team Trials- Please see above.

The qualified athletes for stage two will have to fill out and submit their entry by the deadline set in the entry form in order to be considered for this stage.

3- Coaches' pick-

One roster spot on each team will be reserved for a player selected by a panel consisting of USATT National Coaches, and approved by the High Performance Advisory Committee. The coaches will make their selection within one week after the Trials are complete.

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