



2012 U.S. Olympic Trials & Qualifying Tournament

PROSPECTUS

DATE

February 9-12, 2012.

Venue:

Bond Park Community Center, 150 Metro Park Dr., Cary, NC 27513

EVENTS

- Men's singles
- Women's singles

SCHEDULE:

The Hall will be open for practice starting at 1:00 PM on February 8, 2012.

February 8, 2012, 6:00 PM-*Jury meeting for officials, athletes and coaches- Embassy Suites*

February 9, 2012- Starting at 9:00 AM – *Qualifying tournament- top two finishers per gender, will qualify to 2012 US Olympic Trials.*

Playing format & schedule TBD* based on the final number of entries.

* If there are five or fewer entrants per gender, a round robin group will be held. The top two finishers will advance.

* If there are 6-8 entries per gender, two round robin groups with crossovers will be held. The winners of crossover matches will advance.

* If there are nine or more entrants per gender, a Single Elimination event will be conducted. The finalists will qualify for 2012 US Olympic Trials.

Each match will be played best of seven games.

February 9, 2012, 6:00 PM- *Jury meeting for 2012 US Olympic Trials followed by Athlete Reception at Embassy Suites*

February 10-12, 2012 – *US Trials*

Giant robin competition of 12 athletes/ gender in which each athlete will compete against every other athlete.

Tentative playing schedule:

February 10, 2012

- 10:00 AM - Women's singles 1st round

- 10:45 AM - Men's singles 1st round
- 11:30 AM - Women's singles 2nd round
- 12:15 PM - Men's singles 2nd round
- 4:00 PM - Women's singles 3rd round
- 4:45 PM - Men's singles 3rd round
- 5:30 PM - Women's singles 4th round
- 6:15 PM - Men's singles 4th round

- *February 11, 2012*

- 10:00 AM - Women's singles 5th round
- 10:45 AM - Men's singles 5th round
- 11:30 AM - Women's singles 6th round
- 12:15 PM - Men's singles 6th round
- 4:00 PM - Women's singles 7th round
- 4:45 PM - Men's singles 7th round
- 5:30 PM - Women's singles 8th round
- 6:15 PM - Men's singles 8th round

- *February 12, 2012*

- 10:00 AM - Women's singles 9th round
- 10:45 AM - Men's singles 9th round
- 11:30 AM - Women's singles 10th round
- 12:15 PM - Men's singles 10th round
- 1:00 PM - Women's singles 11th round
- 1:45 PM - Men's singles 11th round

Each match will be played best of seven games.

A player who is defaulted from a match for any reason other than injury or illness, attested by USATT appointed doctor and approved by the referee, will not be selected to the World or Olympic Team and will default all remaining matches. The results will be recorded according to ITTF rules.

RACKET TESTING

Any match may be selected for pre-match racket testing. A player whose racket fails racket tests may bring a backup racket to be tested. If the backup racket fails, the player may play with a third racket, to be tested after the match. A player who fails a post-match racket test will be disqualified from the Trials.

DRAW

- The draw for the Qualifying Tournament will be conducted by the referee on February 6, 2012, and will be reviewed at the Jury Meeting at 6:00 PM, February 8, 2012.
All players entered in the Qualifying Tournament must attend the Jury Meeting or call USATT at 719-201-5327 not later than February 8, 2012, 6:00 PM EST and announce their arrival at the qualifying tournament.
We understand that any athlete not attending the Jury meeting or calling USATT at the above number by February 8, 2012, 6:00 PM EST, decided not to participate at the 2012 Qualifying tournament, and will be removed from the draw.
- The Trials will be a giant round robin with no draw. The final schedule of play will be reviewed at the Jury Meeting at 6:00 PM, February 9, 2012.
All players entered in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials must attend the Jury Meeting or call USATT at 719-201-5327 not later than February 9, 2012, 6:00 PM EST and announce their arrival at the Trials.
We understand that any athlete not attending the Jury meeting or calling USATT at the above number by February 9, 2012, 6:00 PM EST, decided not to participate at the 2012 US Olympic Trials, and will be removed from the draw.

- For seeding and draw purpose, the most recent USATT ratings posted on the website will be used.
- The referee will have final decision on situations not covered in this Prospectus including but not limited to replacement of players or change of the draw.

RULES: The tournament will be conducted in accordance with ITTF Rules and Regulations.

EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment will be used:

Tables: **TBD**

Balls: **TBD**

Floor: **wooden/floor mat**

ELIGIBILITY:

- Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the international rules of the IOC.

Proof of Citizenship

If any of the athletes, male or female, are not U.S. citizens as of December 1, 2011, they may petition USATT in writing by December 10, 2011, to be considered for participation in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials or the 2012 U.S. Qualifying Tournament (notification must be received by USATT National Office by December 10, 2011). The notification must include copies of official documentation that demonstrates the petitioner's initiation of the USA citizenship process as well as a timeline of the anticipated "swearing in" date.

The athletes will be notified in writing by December 20, 2011, of their pre-approval for invitation to participate in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials or the 2012 U.S. Qualifying Tournament and consideration for nomination to the 2012 Olympic Team, or their denial of such.

Final approval of an athlete's request to compete in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials or the 2012 U.S. Qualifying Tournament will be contingent upon his/her proof of U.S. citizenship by the date of the Official Draw, which will occur three days prior to the commencement of the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials or the 2012 U.S. Qualifying Tournament.

- Athletes must be members of USA Table Tennis (USATT).

FEES: - \$200/athlete (refundable to the top 4 finishers/gender at 2012 US Olympic Trials).

The entries will be accepted only if include:

- Player's name, address, telephone number, entry fee, signed waiver and proof of citizenship.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the USATT office by and no later than **December 22, 2011**.

Mail entry form, proof of citizenship, entry fee and signed waiver to:

**USA Table Tennis
ATTN: Joyce Grooms
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO- 80909**

RATINGS:

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

Note: The January 10, 2012 USATT Ranking will be used to invite the top 10 players/gender at the US Trials.

OFFICIAL HOTEL*

The Embassy Suites in Cary, North Carolina, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd., Cary, NC 27513

The room rate: \$89/night can be booked online at: [hotel reservation](#)
Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast is included.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

The Embassy Suites offers a complimentary airport shuttle

SHUTTLE BUS:

A complimentary event shuttle running between the competition venue and the Embassy Suites will be provided for athletes, coaches, and officials during competition/practice hours.

CANCELLATION:

Reimbursement of cancellation will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before December 31, 2011.

ORGANIZERS:

USATT & CARY 2012 Organizing Committee

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

TBD

TOURNAMENT MANAGER:

TBD

REFEREE:

Roman Tinyszyn, NR

Invitation and qualification Procedure for Trials

1- The top ten USATT ranked male and female athletes who submit valid entry forms, will be directly qualified to the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials. Rankings as of January 10th, 2012 will be used for this selection.

- In case of a tie for the last direct qualifying position, in order to break the tie reference will be made to the January 3rd, 2012 USATT rating list and the higher ranked player would qualify. If still tied, reference would be made to the December 27th, 2011 USATT rating list and so on until the tie is broken.

2 The top two finishers per gender at the 2012 U.S. Qualifying Tournament will qualify for the remaining two spots per gender at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Qualifying to the North American Trials

The top four finishers/gender at the 2012 US Olympic Trials, will participate at the 2012 North American Olympic Trials to be held April 20-22, 2012 in Cary, NC, USA.

Qualifying to the 2012 World Team Championships

The Worlds' Teams will be selected based on the following criteria/order:

- Players qualified to the 2012 Olympic Games through the 2011 Pan Am Games and eligible to represent USA at the Worlds.
- Top 30 US eligible athletes in the January 1st, 2011 ITTF World Men and Women Ranking list will be directly qualified to the Men or Women Worlds Teams
- Top finishers at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials and eligible to represent USA at the Worlds.
- One coach's pick per each gender among eligible athletes.

The size of the Worlds team will be 5 (five) athletes/gender. USATT will fully fund 4 athletes/gender qualified through the above mentioned criteria/order and the 5th athlete/gender will be coach's pick and be responsible for his/her own expenses.

Qualifying to the 2012 Olympic Games

According to the 2012 Olympic Games athlete selection procedure posted on USATT webpage at: www.usatt.org