

REQUEST FOR REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER PROPOSAL

Request for Proposals USATT Regional Training Centers

Description: This is a solicitation for proposals for the establishment of 2 USATT regional training centers, the first of a proposed national network of regional training centers. The primary focus of these regional training centers is to create a new generation of players able to reach a high international level and compete for medals in the 2012-2016 Olympics. Each training center will be expected to develop elite players and juniors, and to become financially independent within three years.

USATT Contribution: USATT expects to contribute \$1,250/month up to total \$15,000 per year toward coaching fees for the first three years of operation. However, other allocations of the contribution will be considered. After three years, it is expected that each center will become financially independent through local sponsorship, fees collected from non-elite program participants, or some combination. Creativity is encouraged.

The successful bids will include free training time for members of USATT National Teams and partially subsidized training for other athletes in the Elite Athlete Development Program.

Proposal Requirements: The proposal submitted for review and consideration should include at a minimum the following:

- verification and description of a full-time facility (including, as a minimum, the brand & number of tables, lighting strength measurement, flooring type, ceiling height, size of the hall, climate control, and number of players that may be accommodated);
- letter of commitment from proposed full-time coach(s);
- verification of proper conditions for full-time practice;
- description of current or proposed junior program;
- verification of accessibility for disabled athletes;
- address of facility;
- description of specific availability of medical services for the athletes.

Include additional information you think will assist in the selection of your facility as one of the regional training centers.

Secondary Considerations: The following are not mandatory for a facility to be selected; however, they are factors that would assist in the evaluation of the facility:

- listing of high level and other significant developed local players, including the most current USATT rating;
- play for housing arrangements for out-of-town athletes; listing of colleges and universities in the locale; and
- local sponsorship commitments.

This information should be included as attachments.

Rationale: Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your facility and the reasons why your club should be selected as one of the regional training centers. This may be part of your cover letter or a separate attachment.

Completed Proposal: A completed proposal will address and include all proposal requirements, rationale, selected secondary considerations, a cover letter which states that all aspects of the proposal requirements are submitted and delineates appropriate attachments, i.e. Attachment 1, Attachment 2, etc. Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.

Submission of Proposal: All completed proposals should be mailed to:

USA Table Tennis
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs
Colorado 80909

In the alternative, the proposal may be emailed as a Microsoft Word attachment to ed@usatt.org. Any questions regarding the proposal should be sent to the same email address.

Proposal Deadline: Complete proposals should arrive by April 30, 2006.

Mandatory Programs and Activities

The successful bids will have to follow the required programs and activities for Regional Training Centers that are listed below:

- The RTC must operate a Cadet and/or a Junior program.
- Cadets and Juniors must compose a minimum of 12 players counted together.
- Minimum 20 hours/week practice, with free coaching, for the players nominated and approved in the Regional Training Center.
- Availability for free practice for anyone in the top 25 in the USA (criteria TBD).
- Availability of a doctor (possibility of USOC volunteers) in case of injury or illness. Annual complete physical examination required for all nominated and approved players.

- The Regional Training Center coach must attend all the coaching seminars or courses held by USATT or USOC.
- The Regional Training Center coach must cooperate and comply with the training program established by the National Team Coach if one of his/her athletes is a member of the National Team.

Selection Procedure

The Training Center Committee will analyze the application and will make recommendations to the Elite Athlete Committee (EAC). The EAC will then make recommendations to the USATT Board of Directors, which has the final decision. The EAC must also approve the list of players for each center.

Once the USATT Board of Directors approves the application, the club will be nominated as a USATT Regional Training Center.

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