

2008 Wichita Team+
Table Tennis Tournament
Saturday, March 22, 2008
at the
Wichita Table Tennis Center
The Midwest's Finest Table Tennis Facility

When: Saturday, March 22, 2008. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. - play begins at 10:00 and should end by 8:00 p.m.

Sanctioned by: USA Table Tennis (USATT) as a 1 Star Open tournament. You must be a member of the USATT to participate. If you do not have a membership (which includes a subscription to the USA Table Tennis magazine), you can buy one on the day of the tournament: \$40 for 1 year; \$105 for 3 years; \$20 for 1 year (junior 17 years and younger); \$50 for 3 years (junior 14 years and younger); \$60 for 1 year (household); \$150 for 3 years (household); \$20 for 1 year (full-time college student; requires proof); All USATT regulations will apply.

Where: Wichita Table Tennis Center (W TTC), 1407 E. Harry, Wichita KS 67211, (316) 262-7914. The Center is located 4 blocks west of I-135 (the Canal Route) on Harry. Entrance and parking are to the rear.

Facilities and Equipment: The Wichita Table Tennis Center has a tile-over-wood floor, lockers (bring your own lock), dressing rooms, and concession area. Tables are Stiga (7 Expert Roller and 2 Privat Roller) with Stiga Clipper VM nets. Each court will be at least 15.5' by 35' and fully enclosed with regulation barriers. Nittaku orange 3-star Premium 40mm balls will be used.

Format: **Over-2000 Singles.** This event is reserved for the first eight players (rated 2000 or higher) from whom we receive an entry fee of \$45. The event format is a single round robin; match format is determined by the number of players (see below). The entry deadline for this event is Sunday, March 16. After the deadline, we reserve the right to allow players rated less than 2000 to participate in order to fill out the event. We also reserve the right to cancel the event if there are not at least five players participating. All of the entry money (except for the rating fee) will be paid out in the following manner:

5-Players	1 st : \$160	2 nd : \$40	Matches are <u>best-of-seven</u> games
6-Players	1 st : \$180	2 nd : \$60	Matches are <u>best-of-seven</u> games
7-Players	1 st : \$200	2 nd : \$80	Matches are <u>best-of-five</u> games
8-Players	1 st : \$220	2 nd : \$100	Matches are <u>best-of-five</u> games

Note that players participating in the Over-2000 Singles cannot play in the U-3700 Team Event because they are happening concurrently.

U-3700 Team Event. The overall format of this tournament is patterned after the **Davis Cup** Team Tennis Tournament. Teams will consist of either three or four players, where the combined rating for the two highest rated players must be less than 3700. The tournament format actually requires only two players per team, but we have been forced to set a minimum of three since many two-player teams are not properly conditioned to play in a tournament with this many matches. Note that we do reserve the right to permit two-player teams to compete, but will do so only if certain that the team will not adversely impact the overall tournament schedule. (**Important note: if you would like to play in this tournament but do not have a team, call or e-mail me, and I will help you find one.**) A team match consists of one doubles and as many as four singles matches played in a prescribed order. All individual matches are best-of-five games; the first team to win three individual matches wins the team match.

Teams will be seeded into preliminary round robins of 4 to 6 teams. The top two teams from each round robin will advance into a single elimination championship bracket. The remaining teams will advance into a single elimination consolation bracket. The target number of team matches is six, with a

minimum of five and a maximum of nine. You can have up to four players on your team, but if more than two of them want to play singles, you must pay for extra rating fees. Cash prizes will be awarded in as follows (with \$24 from each entry fee going to the prize fund):

Nbr of Teams	Prize Money	Championship		Consolation	
		1st	2nd	1st	2nd
10	\$240	\$120	\$60	\$60	--
11	\$264	\$132	\$66	\$66	--
12	\$288	\$144	\$72	\$72	--
13	\$312	\$144	\$72	\$72	\$24
14	\$336	\$156	\$78	\$78	\$24
15	\$360	\$168	\$84	\$84	\$24

Order of Play. When the team match is called, each captain will report to the Control Desk where one team will be designated the A/B team and the other X/Y. Each captain will then secretly name his two singles players, who are then obligated to play the matches or be defaulted. The order of play will be **A vs. X**, then **B vs. Y**, then **doubles**, then **A vs. Y** (if necessary), then **B vs. X** (if necessary). Note that the doubles players do not have to be named until after the first two singles matches, and can be any two players from your team.

Ratings: Your official rating for this tournament will be the one listed on the USATT web-site (see www.usatt.org) as of Saturday, March 15. (Note that ratings are updated every Thursday evening.) The Tournament Committee will give unrated players an appropriate estimated rating in order to seed the teams fairly.

Dress: You must follow USATT guidelines. Specifically, do not wear a shirt that is predominantly "ball colored" (in this case orange). Nor should you wear sleeveless shirts or unhemmed jean shorts. Please wear shoes with non-marking soles.

Entry Deadline: Teams **MUST** preregister and prepay (no exceptions). All team entries (mailed and phoned-in) must be received by **Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. CT**. If you enter by phone you must pay by credit card (Mastercard, Visa, or Discover). If we receive an out-of-town team's entry by the Tuesday before the tournament, we will mail out a postcard or send an e-mail to confirm the entry. Note that I have had several sell-outs for this tournament format in the past, so enter early to be sure you get to play.

Entry Restrictions: We must have a minimum of 10 teams to hold the tournament; we will accept no more than 15. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make last second changes to the format to accommodate late players, no shows, injuries, etc. On the day of the tournament you must check-in by 9:30 a.m.

Entry Refunds: If you withdraw your team before the team entry deadline (Thursday, March 20) we will give you a complete refund. If you withdraw after the entry deadline you will not receive a refund of any kind (subject to review by the Tournament Committee).

Entry: Send completed entry form and check (payable to the **Wichita Table Tennis Association**) to:
John Potochnik, 6927 Woodbury Ct, Wichita, KS 67226
 Phone entries can be called into John at (316) 681-3667. You may also contact him at:
johnpot@cox.net

Tournament Committee:

John Potochnik, <i>Tournament Director</i>	Don Beckstrom, <i>Asst Tournament Director</i>
John Potochnik (R.U., C.R.), <i>Tournament Referee</i>	Don Beckstrom, <i>Asst Tournament Referee</i>
Pete Phachantry, <i>Venue Manager</i>	P.J. Phachantry, <i>Asst Venue Manager</i>

Schedule: The U-3700 Team event and the Over-2000 Singles event will both start at 10:00 a.m. Note that there will be no scheduled lunch break on the day of the tournament (for either event), but we will send out for pizza, per our normal policy.

2008 Wichita Team+ Table Tennis Tournament Entry Form

Team Name (20 characters or less):		
Captain's Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-Mail:	

Team Members	Club	Rating	Playing Status
#1			Singles only Doubles only Both
#2			Singles only Doubles only Both
#3			Singles only Doubles only Both
#4 (Optional)			Singles only Doubles only Both

Calculate the overall team rating by summing the ratings of the two highest rated players. → ← Must be less than 3700.

Team Fee:	\$95.00	\$24.00 goes toward prize fund.
Additional Rating Fee(s):		Your team fee covers <u>two</u> players playing singles. Please add \$5.00 for each additional singles player.
USATT Membership Fee(s):		See entry form for details on the cost.
Total:		

I agree to abide by all USA Table Tennis (USATT), Wichita Table Tennis Association (WTTA), and Wichita Table Tennis Center (W TTC) rules and regulations, in consideration of the acceptance of my entry. I hereby release the USATT, the WTTA, and W TTC from any and all actions, claims or demands for any loss, damage or injury sustained to my person or property. I am assuming full risk and responsibility for my participation in this tournament. I agree that the USATT, WTTA, or W TTC may use any videotape or photographs of my participation in this tournament for promotional purposes. All other videotapes or photographs will be for private (non-commercial) use only.

Signatures (if you are under 18, have a guardian sign for you)

#1	#2
#3	#4

Make checks payable to **Wichita Table Tennis Association**. Mail completed entry form and check to *John Potochnik, 6927 Woodbury Ct., Wichita, KS 67226*.

***** Special Instructions for the OVER-2000 Singles Event *****

- 1) Fill out the form above, putting your name in the "Captain's Name" box.
- 2) Sign the waiver agreement using any of the four boxes above.
- 3) Send me a check for \$45.00 (made out to the **Wichita Table Tennis Association**).