



PROSPECTUS

**2017 PTT US Open
40 Factor
12-17 December, 2017
Las Vegas, USA**

1. AUTHORITY: the 2017 PTT US Open will be organized by the USA Table Tennis under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation (Para Table Tennis Division).

2. DATE AND PLACE:

December 12, 2017 - Arrivals
December 13-14, 2017 – Singles Events
December 15-16, 2017 – Team Events
December 17, 2017 - Departure

LVCC 3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109

3. EVENTS: the following events will be played:

Men's singles (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
Women's singles (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
Men's team (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
Women's team (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

Note 1: depending on the entries, the organisers and the Technical Delegate reserves the right to combine classes as may be necessary

Note 2: the singles events will be played first followed by the team events.

Note 3: only classified players for all classes will be allowed to play.

4. SCHEDULE:

Arrivals: December 12, 2017
Practice days: December 12-16, 2017
Technical meeting: December 12, 2017 at 8.00 p.m.
Competition days: December 13-16, 2017
Departures: December 17, 2017
Dates for the singles events: December 13-14, 2017
Dates for the team events: December 15-16, 2017

5. RULES: the event will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and specific PTT directives (which may be amended from time to time).

6. EQUIPMENT: the following equipment will be used:

Tables: 20 competition Joola 3000, Blue, Wheelchair accessible, ITTF approved
Nets: Joola
Balls: Plastic, Nittaku 3 star 40+
Floor: Taraflex - red color

Note: All 20 tables for Para tournament are wheelchair accessible. There will be set up additional tables for the US Open. US Open has many rating and open events and will start on December 17th.

7. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to players who are eligible to represent their National Association according to the ITTF Handbook 2016.

8. OFFICIAL ORGANISER

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Event Manager: Jasna Rather

9. TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE EVENT

Name: Gorazd Vecko

DEPUTY TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE EVENT

Name: TBD

10. REFEREE

Name: TBD

DEPUTY REFEREE'S

Name: TBD

11. CLASSIFIER

One classifier will be appointed by ITTF PTT for observation only.

12. CLASSIFICATION

No classification during FA 40 tournaments.

13. PARTICIPATION QUOTAS

A player may only play in the class indicated on his or her international classification card unless, due to the low number of players, his or her class is combined with the next class or classes. Then they may play in the next higher class event.

The minimum entry for a singles class to be played is 4 players.

- For Fa40 events, the maximum number of entries per association per class is 4 but the host association may enter up to 6 players. The minimum entry for a team event to be played is 4 teams with 2 OR 3 forming a team.
- In Fa40 events, each association including the host country may enter a maximum of 2 teams per class.

Players from different countries may form a team in the team event in Fa40 competitions, but if there are 3 players in the same event from the same Association, only the 3rd lowest ranked player may form a team with a player from another Association.

All other persons wishing to accompany a team (i.e. who are not members of the team) are subject to special charges and should contact the organisers for further information. These packages are limited and subject to availability of places in the official hotels. Priority will be given to the Official Party of all the delegations.

14. ENTRY PROCESS

Only entries submitted by or endorsed by the national association will be accepted (national Paralympic committees are advised to contact the national association urgently to confirm their entries).

All players must bring with them a valid passport which will be used to check information on eligibility for the ITTF online entry system.

The first entry (entry by number) deadline is: October 1, 2017

The second entry (entry by name) deadline is: November 1, 2017

All entries must be sent to the organisers and Georgios Seliniotakis: gselinio@gmail.com

In order to secure full participation, national associations failing to confirm their participation according to deadlines will be removed from the list of participants.

15. SYSTEM OF PLAY

Singles events: the first stage will be played in a round-robin basis in groups of even numbered players but there shall not be less than 3 and not more than 5 players in a group and priority will be given to groups of 4 players. If there are 5 or less players, the event will be played as a round-robin without knock-out. Two players advance from each group to the second stage which will be played in a knock-out format.

Team events: the first stage will be played in a round-robin basis with priority given to groups of 3 teams with the winner and runner-up in each group advancing to play in the knock-out rounds. If there are 5 or less teams, the event will be played in a round-robin format without knock-out. A team shall consist of 2 or 3 players. The team event will be best of 3 matches. The first winning 2 matches win the contest. All matches will be the best of 5 games. The order of play shall be:

First Match	Doubles*			
Second Match	Singles	A	Plays	X
Third Match	Singles	B	Plays	Y
*Doubles pairing (if required) could be any two team members				

General:

The numbers of groups will be decided by the referee and TD in cooperation with the organising committee. If the number of groups in an event is decided not to be a multiple of 2 (e.g. 2, 4 or 8 etc.), winners from the groups with the highest ranked seeded players shall have byes in the first round of the second stage, in ranking order.

All matches will be played to the best of 5 games.

Medals will be awarded according to the ITTF PTT directives for Para TT events.

16. SEEDING

Seeding for all the events will be done according to the latest ITTF PTT rating list at the time of the draws.

17. TECHNICAL MEETING

The technical meeting will be held on December 12, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the venue which is in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

18. DRAWS

The draws will be done for the singles events on December 13, 2017 after technical meeting and for the team events on December 14, 2017 in the LVCC.

19. PERSONS ON THE BENCH

The following persons on the bench are permitted:

- 19.1 In singles events, 1 seat for a coach on the playing field (behind the surrounds).
- 19.2 In the team events 5 seats for one (1) coach and up to 4 players of the team playing the match.
- 19.3 No other players or personnel may have access to the area behind the surrounds or the playing area. Special provisions and seating areas will be made for medical personnel.

20. CLOTHING

Please note that with effect from 1 January 2014, all players are expected to wear shirts with their name and 3 letter association code on the back of their playing shirts.

21. ENTRY FEES AND ACCOMMODATION

For PTT events, the entry fees include accommodation, food and capitation fees. The entry fees have to be paid in US Dollars to the organisers as set out below.

Accommodation

Hotel Name: Harrah's Las Vegas

Physical/postal address: 3475 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109, USA

Phone: +1-800-214-9110

Website address: <https://www.caesars.com>

Option 1

In double room (2 people sharing a room) from December 12-16, 2017

Cost per person 750 USD

In single room

Cost per person: 1050 USD

Option 2

In double room (2 people sharing a room) from December 12-17, 2017

Cost per person: 895 USD

In single room

Cost per person: 1195 USD

Option 3

In double room (2 people sharing a room) from December 11-17, 2017

Cost per person: 1050 USD

In single room

Cost per person: 1350 USD

Option 4

Accreditation only (without hotel, food, transportation)

Cost per person: 375 USD

Instructions for remitting U. S. Dollars (USD) wire payments to USA Table Tennis:

Correspondent Bank:	Wells Fargo Bank International
Correspondent Bank Address:	San Francisco, CO, USA
Correspondent Bank SWIFT BIC:	WFBIUS6S
(SWIFT Field 57a)	

Beneficiary Bank:	FirstBank of Colorado
Beneficiary Bank Address:	2 No. Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Beneficiary Bank SWIFT:	FBCRUS51
Beneficiary's Bank ABA:	107005047
Beneficiary's Account #:	2286002387
Beneficiary's Name:	USA Table Tennis
Beneficiary's Address:	4065 Sinton Road, Suite 120
(SWIFT Field 59)	Colorado Springs, CO 80907

All bank charges are for the cost of the party making the payment.

22. TRANSPORTATION

The organisers will provide transportation for teams and officials from and to Las Vegas Airport (LAS) if they are paying full entry fee. Airport is about 10 minutes from Las Vegas strip where Harrah's and many other hotels are located. The airport is also about 10 minutes from the venue, the Las Vegas Convention Center. Local transportation is included for teams that pay full entry fee and it is via Monorail. Monorail info:

<https://tickets.lvmonorail.com/online>

23. OBLIGATIONS

All players entered must compete against any other participating player and by entering, agree to be bound by the ITTF Anti-Doping, Anti-Harassment, Classification Illegal Betting and Corruption policies and procedures during the event. The entry forms contain an undertaking to be signed by a responsible official of the nominating association and the team member covering these matters and no entry will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

Similarly, it is the responsibility of the association, player or team member to ensure that he or she has adequate medical, travel and other appropriate insurance.

24. TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURE AND INTERNET COVERAGE CONDITIONS

By entering the event, all participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the organisers. All associations, teams and individual players agree to be abide by the rulings of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind; and hence accept such coverage during the event. Any participant, when called upon, must appear promptly to press conferences or medal presentations and follow the procedures set by the ITTF and the organisers.

25. CANCELLATION POLICY

The policy applies as follows:

- 25.1 cancellations after the first entry but before the second entry: the first entry fee is forfeited.
- 25.2 cancellations after the second entry: the first entry fee plus an additional 30% of the entry fee is forfeited i.e. a total of 60% of the total entry fee.
- 25.3 cancellations within 10 calendar days of the arrival date will be decided by the organisers in consultation with the TD.

This is provided that the player is not able to prove circumstances beyond his or her control e.g. admission to hospital.

26. VISAS

Should you need assistance to apply for a visa (e.g. a letter of invitation), please provide the organisers with the following details:

- Full name as in passport
- Function in the team
- Passport number
- Passport expiry date

Note: the requirements for visas are not under the control of the ITTF or the organisers but under the Government's jurisdiction and the association must fulfil all requirements in order to get a visa in time. In supplying this information, the person understands and acknowledges that data covered by data protection legislation will be shared in order to facilitate the application for a visa.

27. COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Average high temperature expected: 14^o Celsius

Average low temperature expected: 1^o Celsius

Average rainfall expected: .30

28. DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Together with this Prospectus, attached are the following documents:

28.1.1.1 first entry form:

28.1.1.2 entry by numbers

28.1.1.3 first entry fee payment form

- 28.1.1.4 second entry form:
- 28.1.1.5 singles and team entry forms by name
- 28.1.1.6 second entry payment form
- 28.1.1.7 rooming list
- 28.1.1.8 tournament indemnity form (to be signed by all participants)
- 28.1.1.9 transport form

Otherwise, you can download the documents from the ITTF PTT website,
<http://www.ipttc.org/calendar/index.htm>.