



## PROSPECTUS

### 2018 PTT US Open Factor 20 June 27 - July 1, 2018 Las Vegas, USA

**1. AUTHORITY:** the 2018 PTT US Open will be organized by the USA Table Tennis under the sanction of the International Table Tennis Federation (Para Table Tennis Committee ).

**2. DATE AND PLACE:**

June 25, 2018 – Arrivals for those who need classification and re-classification

June 27, 2018 – Regular Arrivals for those who do not need to be classified

June 28-29, 2018 – Singles Events

June 29-30, 2018 – Team Events

July 1, 2018 - 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 reserve 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: June 27, 2018 (June 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> morning for those who need classification/re-evaluation)

Practice days: June 27-30, 2018

Technical meeting: June 27, 2018 at 5 PM (LVCC – Hall N3, Para Control Desk)

Practice: June 27, 2018 at 5 PM (LVCC – Hall N3)

Opening Ceremony: June 28, 2018 at 11:30 AM

Competition days: June 28-30, 2018 (LVCC – Halls N3 and N4)

Departures: July 1, 2018 (possible departures on June 30, 2018 after 9pm)

Dates for the singles events: June 28-29, 2018 (awards in LVCC on 29<sup>th</sup> at the end of singles)

Dates for the team events: June 29-30, 2018 (awards in LVCC on 30<sup>th</sup> at the end of teams)

**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

Practice Tables: 20 Joola, Blue, ITTF approved (note that practice tables are not Wheelchair accessible)

Nets: Joola

Balls: Plastic, Nittaku 3 star 40+

Floor: ITTF Approved - red color

## **7. ELIGIBILITY**

The event is open to players who are eligible to represent their National Association according to the ITTF Handbook 2018.

## **8. OFFICIAL ORGANISER**

Name: USA Table Tennis

Address: 4065 Sinton Road, Suite 120  
Colorado Springs, 80907 USA

E-mail: Jasna Rather [jasna@usatt.org](mailto:jasna@usatt.org)

Andrew Horn [Andrew.Horn@usatt.org](mailto:Andrew.Horn@usatt.org)

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Phone: 719-866-4583

Fax: 719-632-6071

Event Manager: Jasna Rather

## **9. TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE EVENT**

Name: Gorazd Vecko

## **10. REFEREE**

Name: Francesco Nuzzo

### **DEPUTY REFEREE**

Name: Joseph Yick

## **11. CLASSIFIERS**

Classifiers will be appointed by the ITTF PTT.

## **12. CLASSIFICATION**

All new players and players who are to have their classification reviewed should be present in time for classification. This means that all players needing classification **should arrive by 2pm on June 25, 2018. This is very important as players not present on time may not be classified.** Please note that those players not requiring classification may arrive on June 27, 2018.

All players should send with them their medical diagnosis and any other medical information relevant to their classification in English. They should report to classification with these documents, dressed as if they are going to play a match and with all their table tennis

equipment including sports chairs. All players and support staff are expected to cooperate fully in the classification process failing which, players will not be classified (not allocated a sport class or sport class status) and will not be able to compete in the event.

### **12.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSIFICATION**

ITTF-PTT classification rules state that Athlete Evaluation will take place during international competitions. All athletes to be classified internationally in 2018 need to fill in the following documents:

Consent Form (to be read and signed by Athlete. If the Athlete is under 18 or has an Intellectual Impairment, an additional signature by coach or guardian is required).

Medical Diagnostics Form (to be filled, dated and signed by a certified health professional) These are the steps to be followed by a NA (National Association) so that an athlete will be included in the list of athletes to be classified in a tournament.

1. Once the NA has sent the first entry for a player in an international tournament, scanned copies of both documents mentioned above have to be sent to [classification@ittf.com](mailto:classification@ittf.com) (no later than one month before the beginning of the competition).
  2. Athlete will give the original signed documents to the chief classifier at the beginning of the Athlete Evaluation process that takes place 2 or 3 days before the beginning of the competition.
  3. If the Athlete has any additional medical documents available that could help classifiers to understand better the nature of the impairments, he or she will show that medical information to classification panel during the Athlete Evaluation process.
- The needed forms and complete information about classification can be found at <http://www.ipttc.org/classification/documents.htm>

### **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 Factor 20 events, the maximum number of entries per association per class is 6 plus 2 extra juniors.  
The minimum entry for a team event to be played is 4 teams with 2, 3 or 4 players forming a team.
- In Factor 20 events, a maximum 2 teams per Association may be entered where all players are from the same Association.

Players from different countries may form a team in the team event in Fa40 and Fa20 competitions, but if there are 3 players in the same event from the same Association, only the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

#### 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.

For new players participating for the first time in a PTT event, please send to Georgios Seliniotakis one copy of a valid passport (see email address below).

First entry (entry by number) deadline is: **April 30, 2018 (\$295)**

The second entry (entry by name) deadline is: **May 20, 2018** (Final payment for any of selected options)

It is the first come and first serve entries. First 200 entries will be accepted and any additional entries based on TD approval. This is one of a few ITTF PTT tournaments this year that offers re-evaluation.

All entries must be sent to the organisers Jasna Rather [jasna@usatt.org](mailto:jasna@usatt.org) , Andrew Horn [Andrew.Horn@usatt.org](mailto:Andrew.Horn@usatt.org) , Teresa Benavides [Teresa.Benavides@usatt.org](mailto:Teresa.Benavides@usatt.org) and Georgios Seliniotakis: [ittfparaevents@gmail.com](mailto:ittfparaevents@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 June 27, 2018 at 5 p.m. in the venue which is in the Las Vegas Convention Center, Hall N3/4.

**18. DRAWS**

The draws will be done for the singles events on June 27, 2018 at 4 p.m. and for the team events on June 26, 2018 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**

For PTT events, the entry fees includes playing for athletes and capitation fees. The entry fees have to be paid in US Dollars to the organisers as set out below.

**Hotel, Food and Accreditation/ Playing Entry**

3 nights sharing \$625/person (June 27-June 30)

3 nights single \$725/person (June 27-June 30)

4 nights sharing \$675/person (June 27-July 1 or June 26-June 30)

4 nights single \$850/person (June 27-July 1 or June 26-June 30)

5 nights sharing \$775/person (June 26-July 1 or June 25-June 30)

5 nights single \$1,000/person (June 26-July 1 or June 25-June 30)

6 nights sharing \$875/person (June 25-July 1 or June 24-June 30)

6 nights single \$1,150/person (June 25-July 1 or June 24-June 30)

7 nights sharing \$975/person (June 24-July 1)

7 nights single \$1,300/person (June 24-July 1)

**If teams decide to take Accreditation/Playing entry only (without hotel, food, airport transportation)**

Cost per athlete: 295 USD Total (playing + capitation fee of 30 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.**

**ACCOMODATION AND FOOD**

Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino (next to LVCC venue – walking distance)

3000 Paradise Road

Las Vegas, NV 89109

**22. TRANSPORTATION**

Distance from the airport to hotels or Las Vegas Convention Center is about 15 minutes with a car. Taxi cost is about \$25 each way or \$18 roundtrip with the shuttle bus.

If you choose hotel/food package, then you would be picked up at the airport.

**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 and email them to [AndrewHorn@usatt.org](mailto:AndrewHorn@usatt.org) & [jasna@usatt.org](mailto:jasna@usatt.org) :

- Full name as in passport
- Function in the team
- Passport number
- Passport expiration 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: 38° Celsius

Average low temperature expected: 21° Celsius

## **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>.