

# THE 2006 U.S. OPEN

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 Butterfly JULY 5-8, 2006 - CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USATT ID: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ RATING \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: Male | Female Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

**Please send completed entry form with payment to:**

USATT  
 One Olympic Plaza  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80909

**Entry Deadline:**  
 Postmarked No Later than May 25, 2006

**Late Entry Deadline:**  
 Postmarked after May 25, 2006 will be accepted with a \$75 Late Fee  
 Entries Postmarked After June 1, 2006 Will Not Be Accepted!!!

Events Entered	Cost		Event #	Event Name	Doubles
	Adult	Junior+			
			+ A Junior must be born on or after January 1, 1988		
1	\$85	\$60			
2	\$110	\$85			
3	\$135	\$110			
4	\$160	\$135			
5	\$175	\$150			
6	\$190	\$165			
7	\$205	\$180			
8	\$220	\$195			

Total Event Entry Fee:	\$
Late Fee: (\$75 for entries postmarked after May 25)	\$
Rating & Registration Fees: Those entering only doubles and/or hard bat pay \$2	\$8.00
USATT Membership Fees: All players must be current members of USATT or must include payment for the appropriate membership for their entry. Memberships must be valid through July 2006  Adult Membership: \$40 (1 year) or \$100 (3 years) Junior Membership: \$20 (1 year - 17 or younger) or \$50 (3 years - 14 or younger) Collegiate Membership: \$20 Over 70 (Lifetime): \$100 Millennium: \$650 (Lifetime)	\$
Tournament Tickets/Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - \$5 per day Saturday including Semis and Finals - \$20 4 Day tournament Package - \$25 Each entrant/USATT active certified coach will receive free entry for the entire tournament.	\$
Tournament T-Shirt: Limited quantity available at the tournament. \$15 each (\$17 for XXL) when purchased with entry.  Quantity: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL	\$
Tax-Deductible Donation For: \$ ___ Youth Programs \$ ___ National Table Tennis Team \$ ___ Paralympic Team \$ ___ Floor Mats	\$
Total Fees: Including ALL Fees and Donations	\$

What Kind of TT Equipment Do You Use ?	
Forehand Rubber	_____
Backhand Rubber	_____
Blade	_____
Shoes	_____

USA Table Tennis - Release and Waiver of Liability,  
 Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

1. IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in USA Table Tennis sanctioned events, I and/or my minor child, our personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:  
 2. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I and/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions or equipment to be unsafe, I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.  
 3. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) TABLE TENNIS ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by me and/or my child's own actions, or inactions, or the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.  
 4. HEREBY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES, COSTS, AND/OR DAMAGES FOLLOWING SUCH INJURY, DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW;  
 5. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE USA TABLE TENNIS, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, officials, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I and/or my minor child, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.  
 6. I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
 (only if age 18 or over)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if participant is under age 18)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Minor Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to USA TABLE TENNIS  
 Pay by Credit Card: VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 I agree to pay the above TOTAL amount.  
  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED**

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT  
 FAXED ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

# 2006 U.S. OPEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event #	Event Name	Date	Time*	Prize Money				
				1st	2nd	3-4	5-8	9-16
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS+</b>								
01	Men's Singles	WED	12PM	2800	1400	750	400	175
02	Women's Singles	WED	12PM	1800	900	500	200	-
03	Men's Doubles	THU	5:15PM	600	300	200	-	-
04	Women's Doubles	THU	5:15PM	400	200	A	-	-
05	U-21 Men's Singles	THU	9AM	250	100	50	-	-
06	U-21 Women's Singles	THU	9AM	250	100	50	-	-
07	Over 30 Men's Singles	THU	6PM	300	150	75	50	-
08	Over 30 Women's Singles	THU	6PM	200	100	50	-	-
09	HARD BAT Over 40 Singles	THU	12PM	A	A	-	-	-
10	Men's Over 40 Singles	THU	12PM	200	100	75	-	-
11	Women's Over 40 Singles	THU	12PM	150	75	-	-	-
12	Men's Over 50 Singles	FRI	6PM	150	75	-	-	-
13	Women's Over 50 Singles	FRI	6PM	A	A	-	-	-
14	Men's Over 60 Singles	WED	10:30AM	100	50	-	-	-
15	Women's Over 60 Singles	WED	10:30AM	A	A	-	-	-
16	Over 65 RR	THU	9AM	A	A	-	-	-
17	Over 70 RR	THU	3PM	A	A	-	-	-
18	Over 75 RR	WED	12PM	A	A	-	-	-
19	Over 80 RR	FRI	3PM	A	A	-	-	-
20	Over 40 Doubles	FRI	3PM	150	100	50	-	-
21	Over 50 Doubles	WED	6PM	150	100	-	-	-
22	Over 60 Doubles	FRI	11:15AM	100	50	-	-	-
23	Over 70 Doubles	WED	9AM	100	50	-	-	-
24	Hard Bat RR	SAT	9AM	150	100	50	-	-
25	Hard Bat Doubles	WED	9:45AM	A	A	-	-	-
<b>JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS+</b>								
26	Junior Boys' Singles	FRI	11:15AM	A	A	-	-	-
27	Junior Girls' Singles	FRI	11:15AM	A	A	-	-	-
28	Cadet Boys' Singles	WED	6PM	A	A	-	-	-
29	Cadet Girls' Singles	WED	6PM	A	A	-	-	-
30	Boys' 13 and Under Singles	THU	12PM	A	A	-	-	-
31	Girls' 13 and Under Singles	THU	12PM	A	A	-	-	-
32	Boys' 11 and Under Singles	FRI	3PM	A	A	-	-	-
33	Girls' 11 and Under Singles	FRI	3PM	A	A	-	-	-
34	Boys' 9 and Under Singles	THU	3PM	A	A	-	-	-
35	Girls' 9 and Under Singles	THU	3PM	A	A	-	-	-
36	Cadet Doubles	THU	6PM	A	A	-	-	-
37	13 and Under Doubles	THU	11:15AM	A	A	-	-	-

Event #	Event Name	Date	Time*	Prize Money		
				1st	2nd	3-4
<b>USATT RATING EVENTS<sup>1</sup></b>						
38	Under 2600 Singles	WED	5:15PM	300	200	100
39	Under 2400 Singles	FRI	12PM	200	100	50
40	Under 2200 RR	THU	3PM	150	100	50
41	Under 2050 RR	WED	3PM	125	100	50
42	Under 1900 RR	FRI	9AM	125	100	50
43	Under 1750 RR	FRI	6PM	A	A	-
44	Under 1600 RR	THU	6PM	A	A	-
45	Under 1450 RR	THU	9AM	A	A	-
46	Under 1350 RR	WED	12PM	A	A	-
47	Under 1200 RR	FRI	12PM	A	A	-
48	Under 1000 RR	FRI	3PM	A	A	-
49	Under 800 RR	THU	12PM	A	A	-
50	Unrated RR	THU	9AM	A	A	-
51	Under 4200 Doubles <sup>2</sup>	WED	9AM	200	100	-
52	Under 3700 Doubles <sup>2</sup>	WED	9AM	100	50	-
53	Under 3200 Doubles <sup>2</sup>	WED	9AM	100	50	-
54	Under 2100 Women's RR	SAT	9AM	100	75	-
55	Under 1800 Over 40 RR	SAT	9AM	A	A	-
56	Under 2000 Hard Bat RR	WED	3PM	A	A	A
57	Under 1500 Hard Bat RR	THU	9AM	A	A	-
<b>DISABLED EVENTS</b>						
58	Wheelchair Open (Classes 1-5) RR	SAT	12PM	A	A	-
59	Standing Open (Classes 6-10) RR	SAT	12PM	A	A	-

<sup>1</sup>Players may enter any number of rating events, not necessarily in sequential order, from a maximum of any 5 sequential rating events that are above his/her rating used for the 2006 U.S. Open. For example, if a player's rating is 1346, he/she may participate in the U-1350, U-1450, U-1600, and U-1900 events. He/she may NOT also participate in the U-2050 and above events. Players may NOT participate in both Senior Men's Singles 40 Years and Older and Senior Hard Bat Singles 40 Years and Older; U-2050 RR and U-2000 Hard Bat RR; or U-1450 RR and U-1500 Hard Bat RR. He/she must choose between the two events. Events may be combined if insufficient entries.

<sup>2</sup>Players MUST be rated under 2500 to participate in the U4200 Doubles, under 2250 to participate in the U3700 Doubles, or under 2000 to participate in the U3200 Doubles.

+Age events: 9 and Under - must be born on or after 01/01/1997; 11 and Under - must be born on or after 01/01/1995; 13 and Under - must be born on or after 01/01/1993; Cadet Events - must be born on or after 01/01/1991; Junior Events - must be born on or after 01/01/1988. Under 21 - must be born on or after 01/01/1985; Players must be at least 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75 or 80 as of December 31, 2006 to enter the corresponding events: Over 30, Over 40, Over 50, Over 60, Over 65, Over 70, Over 75, and Over 80 events.

\* Earliest Start Time

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## Eligibility:

The 2006 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships is open to all members of USATT and to members of ITTF-affiliated associations. USATT membership MUST be valid through July 2006. USA residents who are non-members or those with memberships that have expired must enclose membership fees with their entry forms.

## Rules:

The 2006 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships will be conducted under the Laws of Table Tennis and the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions, except for hard bat events (see below). All decisions made by the Tournament Committee will be final and contestants, upon entering, agree to abide by them.

## Venue:

Play will be held mostly on concrete. **Display and/or distribution of any brochures, posters, literature, or written material at the tournament venue is strictly prohibited unless previously approved in writing by USA Table Tennis.**

## Equipment:

The official table supplier is Butterfly. White Nittaku three star balls are the Official Approved balls for the 2006 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships.

## Registration:

Players must check-in with the tournament officials at least 30 minutes before their first match and be ready to play each match 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

## Entries:

Players may enter a maximum of eight events, **but may not enter two events starting at the same time.** All matches, both singles and doubles, will be scheduled in advance in each event. Players will receive notification when they register.

## RATING EVENTS

- 1) Players may enter any number of rating events, not necessarily in sequential order, from a maximum of any 5 sequential rating events that are above his/her rating used for the 2006 U.S. Open. For example, if a player's rating is 1346, he/she may participate in any or all of the following: U1350, U1450, U1600, U1750, and U1900, but not U1350, U1450, U1750, U1900, and U2050; because the player skipped U1600 and added U2050.
- 2) Players that are over the rating limit of an event will automatically be entered in the next higher rating event.

## RATING DOUBLES EVENTS

- 1) Players may enter only one rating doubles event.
- 2) Players MUST be rated under 2500 to participate in the U4200 Doubles, under 2250 to participate in the U3700 Doubles, and under 2000 to participate in the U3200 Doubles.
- 3) Each person must enter with a doubles partner. USA Table Tennis will NOT be able to arrange for doubles partners.

## Event Scheduling:

**Events are not guaranteed to complete on the same day that they begin. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR EARLY DEPARTURE. Any event may be canceled and the entry fee for that event refunded if the event contains less than four players, pairs or teams as appropriate. In case of event conflicts, the player is responsible for notifying the Control Desk as soon as possible.** In the case of an inadvertent error, liability is limited to the refund of the event fee for the event(s) involved.

## Championship Age Events:

+Age events: **9 and Under** - must be born on or after 01/01/1997; **11 and Under** - must be born on or after 01/01/1995; **13 and Under** - must be born on or after 01/01/1993; **Cadet Events** - must be born on or after 01/01/1991; **Junior Events** - must be born on or after 01/01/1988. **Under 21** - must be born on or after 01/01/1985. Players must be at least 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 as of December 31, 2006 to enter the corresponding events: Over 30, Over 40, Over 50, Over 60, Over 65, Over 70, Over 75, and Over 80 events.

## HARD BAT EVENTS

- 1) Hard Bat Rules, as adopted by the USATT Hard Bat Committee, will be used for all hard bat events: a) short pips, no sponge, b) wood bats only, c) any color rubber is acceptable, d) no foot-stomping during service, and e) hats, long pants, long sleeves, etc. are acceptable. See [www.hardbat.com](http://www.hardbat.com) for the complete list of official rules.
- 2) As in all events, a question of racket legality is the decision of the Tournament Referee.
- 3) These events do not count for USATT rating points.
- 4) Eligibility for the hard bat rating events will be determined by the player's USATT rating. However, draws for the hardbat events will be conducted on the basis of the ratings maintained by the Hard Bat Committee.
- 5) Players may **NOT** participate in both the U2050 RR and U2000 Hard Bat RR or both the U1450 RR and the U1500 Hard Bat RR. He/She must select which events he/she wishes to play.
- 6) If a participant enters the U2000 Hard Bat RR or U1500 Hard Bat RR and there are insufficient entries, he/she will automatically be moved into the next lowest non-hardbat rating event according to the player's rating.
- 7) All Hard Bat matches will be played to 21 points. All matches will be the best of 3 games, with the exception of the Hard Bat Singles. For the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, the Hard Bat singles will be the best of 5 games to 21 points.

## Matches:

### Men's and Women's singles:

In men's singles top 16 players will be seeded into the main draw of 64 players. In women's singles top 8 players will be seeded into the main draw of 32 players. Depending on the number of entries, all other players will be drawn into qualification RR groups to advance into the main draw. The main draw will be played in a single elimination format. All matches will be played best of 7 games. Semis and Finals will be played at 5 P.M. on Saturday, July 8.

### Men's/Women's Doubles:

8 pairs will be seeded into the main draw in these events. The rest of the teams will play qualification matches in a single elimination format. The main draw will consist of 16 doubles pairs and will be played in a single elimination format. Matches in qualification rounds will be played best of 5 games, and in the main draw best of 7 games.

## U21 Men's/U21 Women's Singles:

Born on or after January 1, 1985. Top 8 players will be seeded into the main draw in these events. Depending on the number of entries, all other players will be drawn into qualification RR groups to advance into the main draw. The main draw will be played in a single elimination format. For U21 Men's Singles, the main draw will consist of 32 players, and for U21 Women's Singles, the main draw will consist of 16 players. Matches in qualification rounds will be played best of 5 games, and in the main draw best of 7 games.

## Events 07 - 59:

Events 07 - 59 will be best of 5 games to 11 points with the exception of hard bat events(see above)

## Doubles Partners:

Players **MUST** enter with a partner in all doubles events. **USA Table Tennis will NOT be able to arrange for doubles partners.**

## Age Restrictions:

Players assume the responsibility of entering the appropriate age events. Players who are over/under the age limit of an event will be automatically entered in the correct age event.

## Rating Restrictions:

A player's rating eligibility and seeding for the 2006 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships are based on his/her rating as shown on the ratings list generated May 1, 2006. Players assume the responsibility of entering the proper events. **Players that are over the rating limit of an event will automatically be entered in the next higher event.** Canadian Table Tennis Association members (without a current USATT rating) will be assigned a USATT rating based upon the conversion chart from their most current CTTA rating. Players may obtain their ratings by emailing [ratings@natabletennis.com](mailto:ratings@natabletennis.com).

## U.S. Unrated Players (players without a USATT rating):

Unrated U.S. Players may enter any championship event for which they are otherwise eligible. Unrated players **will not** advance in rating-limited events. Unrated players may not enter ratings doubles events. The Tournament Director will be the final authority on a player's rating status.

## Films/Videotapes:

Anyone wishing to make films or videotapes of their own matches or any other matches must receive written permission from USATT, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

## Likeness Release:

Any image, photographic or otherwise, taken of tournament play or within the official venue is essentially the property of USA Table Tennis regardless of the Approved Camera status of the recording instrument. Entrants agree to allow their voice and likeness in such images to be reproduced in connection with USA Table Tennis by way of any medium.

## Deadline:

Entries for the 2006 U.S. Open Table Tennis Championships must be postmarked no later than Thursday, May 25, 2006. Late entries postmarked after May 25, 2006 will require a \$75 late fee. Entries postmarked after June 1, 2006 **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

## Withdrawal:

A \$25 processing fee will be charged to any participant who withdraws **IN WRITING** from the tournament prior to May 25, 2006. **There will be no refunds after this date. There will be no refunds given at the tournament.** A \$20 processing fee will be charged on all returned checks.

## Umpires:

**If an umpire is available,** a certified umpire will be assigned by the Chief Umpire at the request of any player in a match.

## Official HQ Tournament Hotel:

Hilton Charlotte Center City  
222 East Third Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

For reservations call 1-800-445-8667 or 704-377-1500 and mention the code USATT 2006 US Open to receive the discount tournament rate of \$89.00 plus tax(13.5%) per night(single or double).

## Confirmation of Entry:

Players entered will be listed at [www.usatt.org](http://www.usatt.org). Confirmation of receipt of entry will be sent to each player. If you have not received a confirmation of receipt by **June 15**, please contact USA Table Tennis headquarters (TEL: 719-866-4583, FAX: 719-632-6071, EMAIL: [admin@usatt.org](mailto:admin@usatt.org)) **No entries will be allowed after the final deadline or at the tournament site!** USA Table Tennis cannot be responsible for entries lost in the mail.

## For Your Information:

- 1) No changes in doubles partners, addition or deletion of events, or refunds of event fees will be allowed after the final deadline or at the tournament site.
- 2) USA Table Tennis cannot be responsible for the non-participation of selected doubles partner(s). No refunds will be given for an event if a partner is not available.
- 3) Prize money checks which are not claimed at the tournament site will be mailed to the winner within one month of the conclusion of the tournament.
- 4) Trophies and award certificates not claimed at the tournament site **WILL NOT** be shipped.
- 5) A Social Security Number, or Pertinent Passport Information are required upon receipt of prize money check.

## 2006 U.S. Open

USATT President: Sheri Pittman  
USATT Executive Director: Doru Gheorghe  
Tournament President: Richard Lee  
Tournament Director: Fong Hsu  
U.S. Open Referee: Larry Kesler, IR  
Deputy Referee: Nobuyuki Shirakawa, IR, JPN  
Chief Umpire: Joseph Lee, IU  
Deputy CU: Dick Evans, IU