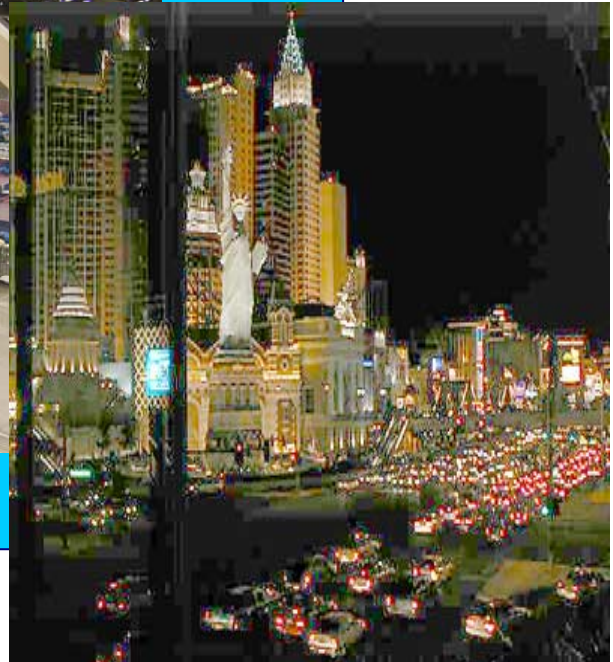
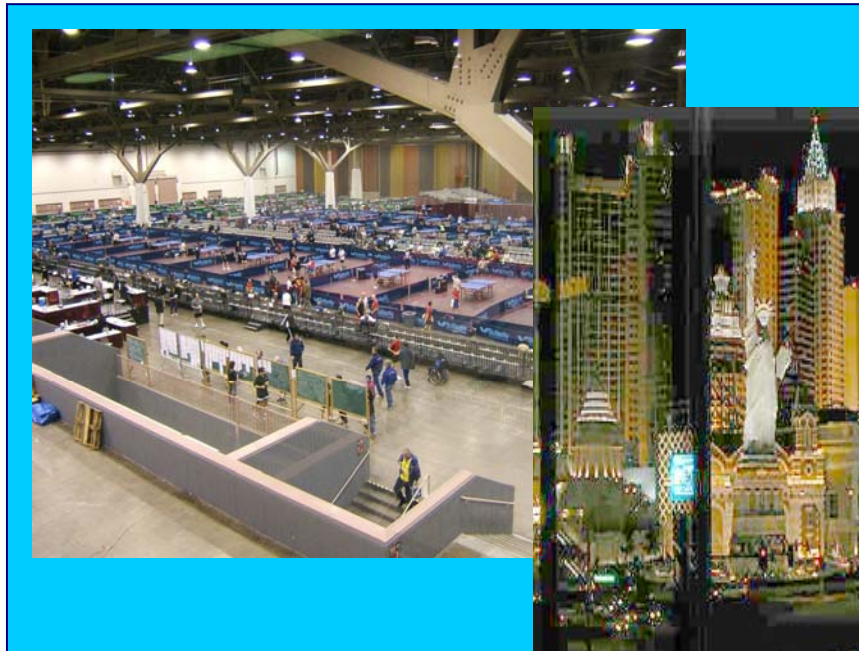




## **Bulletin No. 1**

2007 International Veterans Championships  
December 19-22, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **International Non-rated Veterans' Championships**

### **Time and place**

The 2007 International Veterans Table Tennis Championships (IVC) will take place between December 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 in the Las Vegas Convention Center, 3150 Paradise Road, Hall C 5, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109.

### **Entry Deadline**

**The entry deadline is November 5, 2007.** Entries postmarked after November 5, 2007 will not be accepted. The number of entries will be limited to 200 entries.

### **Eligibility**

The IVC is open to all interested players aged 40 years and over, who will reach their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday during the year the event will take place.

### **Event Age Categories**

- **40-49 years**
- **50-59 years**
- **60-64 years**
- **65-69 years**
- **70-74 years**
- **75-79 years**
- **80-84 years**
- **Over 85 years**

### **Events**

***Women's and Men's Singles:*** Each single event player will play in his/her age category. Each single player can also choose to play in a single event one age below their age category. The IVC Tournament Director has the right to cancel an event with less than 4 participants or to determine a reasonable alternative for all concerned.

***Random Draw Doubles:*** Each player can choose to participate or not in the Random Draw Doubles (RDD). RDD is an event whereby partners will be selected by random draw from two age categories: 40-64 years and 65 years on up without regard to sex. Doubles' partners will not be assigned per a player's request. The Random Doubles Draw will result in random partner combinations.

### **Format**

Singles events will begin with qualifying round robins having a maximum of 4 players in each group. The first and second place finishers in each group will advance into a single elimination Championship competition while the third and fourth place finishers will advance into a single elimination Consolation competition. The Random Draw Doubles events will begin as qualifying round robins with a maximum of 4 players in each group. The first and second place finishers will advance into a single elimination Championship competition. All matches will be played as best-of-five (5) games to eleven (11) points each.

### **Draw**

The draw for the Qualifying Competition will take place about 14 days before the beginning of the International Veteran's Championships. The draw for the Championship and Consolation Championships will take place immediately after completion of each age category's qualification matches.

## Event Schedule.

<u>December 20</u>		
Singles: 75-79	Thursday	9 AM
Singles: 85 +	Thursday	9 AM
Singles: 40-49	Thursday	12 PM
Dbls: 65+	Thursday	3 PM

<u>December 21</u>		
Singles: 70-74	Friday	9 AM
Singles: 80-84	Friday	9 AM
Singles: 50-59	Friday	12 PM
Dbls: 40-64	Friday	3 PM

<u>December 22</u>		
Singles: 60-64	Saturday	9 AM
Singles: 65-69	Saturday	12 PM

## Match Officials

The Organizer will provide umpires for the Championships competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition. In the group play, members of the groups not playing shall make themselves available as umpires. In the Consolation Competition, the loser of the match shall be umpire in the next match at the table where he/she played

## Fees

The registration fee for the IVC is \$45 plus the entry fee per event of \$10. The payment of the registration fee into the IVC will include a free tournament shirt. USATT members, who enter the US Nationals and wish to play in the IVC, **will not** be charged the IVC registration fee of \$45. USATT members playing in both the US Nationals and the IVC events will be required to pay the IVC entry fee of \$10 per event. USATT members playing in both the US Nationals and the IVC will receive one free Nationals T-shirt as part of the US Nationals registration fee. They will not receive a free Veterans' tournament shirt.

## Payment

**No entry registration form will be accepted without full payment of registration and event fees.**

Payment can be made through wire transfer to the USATT bank or via Credit Card.

- **Wire transfer to USATT Bank:**

*Bank Name:* JP Morgan Chase  
4 NY Plaza, Floor 15  
New York, NY 10004

*Account Name:* USA Table Tennis

*Routing Number:* 021000021

*Account Number:* 634274821

*Swift Code:* CHASUS33XXX

- **Credit Card Information**

**Visa and Master Cards will be accepted. (NO Discover or American Express will be accepted)**

Please provide on the entry form:

- your Credit Card Company,
- The Credit Card Number

- The name of the Credit Card Holder
- The expiration date.
- No credit card payment will be accepted without signature of the card holder and the date of signature.

### **Waiver Form**

For insurance purposes, **all** entry forms **must** have the Waiver of Liability form signed.

### **Confirmation of Receipt**

Confirmation of Receipt of entry will be placed online at the [www.usatt.org](http://www.usatt.org) on the US Nationals information site. Names will be posted within 14 days after receiving the IVC entry. USATT will not be responsible for IVC entries which are lost in mailing. If your name is not posted within the 14 days, contact USATT headquarters at [admin@usatt.org](mailto:admin@usatt.org) or call 719-866-4583 x 5.

### **Cancellation**

A cancellation fee of \$45 will be charged for all cancellations after the closing entry date of November 5, 2007. Reimbursement will be issued by the USATT Association within 4 weeks after the event.

### **General Registration Check In**

IVC registration will begin at the IVC control desk in the Las Vegas Convention Center, Hall C 5, Tuesday, December 18, at 4:00 pm through 8:00 pm. USATT members playing in both the US Nationals and the IVC must register at both the US Nationals registration desk for the US Nationals events and the IVC control desk for the Veteran events.

### **Event Check In**

Event check-in will be at the IVC Control Desk, Hall C 5, 30 minutes before each player's scheduled match. For late arriving players, event coordinators are empowered to declare a forfeit 5 minutes after an event is scheduled to start.

**NOTE:** For USATT members playing in both the Nationals and IVC events, the National matches take precedence over the IVC events. See the IVC Tournament Director, Craig Krum, if you find a scheduling conflict. Craig Krum, the TD, will try and adapt the IVC schedule, if possible.

### **Dress**

Solid color shirts are to be worn during play. No orange shirts or tracksuits can be worn during play.

### **Medals**

Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each age category. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each event.

### **Daily Entry Tickets**

Tickets for spectators to the IVC will be sold daily at the US Nationals registration desk. Rates: For Individual Days, \$5.00. For admittance to the entire tournament, a 4-Day pass, which includes admittance to the semi-finals and finals matches in the Main Arena, is \$25.00. Admittance to attend only the semi-finals and finals matches is \$20.00. Tickets for the semi-finals and final matches will be on sale at the registration desk throughout the tournament and on the Saturday, December 22, 2007, the day of the semi-finals and final matches.

### **Hotel Accommodations:**

The Riviera Hotel and Casino: [www.rivierahotel.com](http://www.rivierahotel.com)  
2901 Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV

To make reservations from outside the USA, call 702-734-5110. The reservation center is open from 7 am to 11 pm central USA time. To make reservations within USA, call 1-800-634-6753

For reduced room rates, use the USATT reference code-word; **US Table Tennis Association**

Room Rates vary from \$49 a night to as high as \$399 for a Deluxe Penthouse Suite. There will a 9% sales tax. Ask the reservation person for the room options available under the USATT arrangements.

**Room Reservations must be made by November 29, 2007 for the discounted room rates.**

**IVC Cocktail Party**

An IVC Cocktail Party will be held Friday, December 21, 2007. More details will be posted as we get closer to the time of the event.

**Transportation**

The Las Vegas McCarran International Airport is located about 15 minutes from the event hotel. Shuttle services to/from the airport are available for around \$15.00 round trip via the Greyline/Coach USA service or the Bell Tran shuttle service. Shuttle services are located outside the Airport baggage claim area through doors 8 and 9.

Access to waiting taxis service is outside of the baggage claim area. Look for Taxi signs to direct you to the specified Taxi loading/unloading area. The Taxi cost can range from \$13 to \$20 per trip.

Rental Cars are available at airport baggage claim area. For driving directions to The Riviera Hotel from McCarran Airport, go to the [www.rivierahotel.com](http://www.rivierahotel.com) under Rooms, then under Guest Services.

Free Shuttle bus service will be offered between the hotel and the Las Vegas Convention Center.

**Contact Information:**

**For IVC information and Letters of Invitation:**

Dana Schnell, Event Director, at [programs@usatt.org](mailto:programs@usatt.org) : Tel: 719-866-4583 x 6: FAX 719-632-6071

*Olga and Stanley Kahan, USATT Senior Committee*

*Craig Krum, Tournament Director.*

**Organizing Committee:**

*Olga and Stanley Kahan, Craig Krum, Dan and Marina Cravens, Joyce Grooms, Felisa Huggins, and Dana Schnell.*

