



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

April 12-14, 2024

The Butterfly Puerto Rico Open Teams Tournament is a USATT sanctioned 4-star tournament that will be held at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during the weekend of April 12-14, 2024.

The event is being sponsored by Bowmar Sports TTC and held with the cooperation of the Puerto Rico Table Tennis Federation.

The Tournament will be held during a three-day competition and will feature players from all over the US, Latin America and around the world.

Registration

Enter early to ensure your spot in this popular tournament with top players, lots of play, exhibits, an excited large fan base, and extensive local news coverage. Puerto Rico is a fabulously sunny & warm vacation spot after a long cold winter. Enter now and add your team players later. We'll also have a new Team Finder function in case you are looking for a team to play on or players to add to your own team.

If you have any visa questions or need an invitation letter, please contact us at propen@butterflyna.com.

Equipment

- Butterfly Centrefold 25 table with net set
- Europa 25 table with net set

The tournament will feature the following 25mm top ITTF approved tables:
The tournament will use white Butterfly R40+ 3 Star Balls.

Flooring for division 1 will be red rubberized mat. All others will be concrete.

Dress Code

White shirts or shorts/skirts during play are not allowed. All USATT and ITTF rules and regulations will be followed.

Tournament Officials

Tournament Director: Larry Thoman

Tournament Referee: Christian Tellado, NR



Registration Fee

Entries for the 2024 Puerto Rico Open Teams have closed. If you would like to inquire about entering late, please email us at propen@butterflyna.com.

All players receive a Butterfly shirt with their registration at tournament check-in (one per player).

Entry Deadline

Entries and complete team information are needed by March 15, 2024. **Waiver forms for each player must be signed and returned for entry to be final.**

Entries are eligible for a full refund through March 29, 2024. There will be No Refunds after March 29, 2024 midnight ET. If availability permits, late entries may be accepted with an additional \$100 late fee.

All confirmed additions or late entries will be notified via email. For additional information please email: propen@butterflyna.com or call 252-291-4770 to confirm that your entry was received and accepted.

Prizes

Division 1:

- Champion – \$7,000.00
- Finalist – \$3,500.00
- Semi-Finalist – \$1,750.00
- Quarter-Finalist – \$875.00

In all other divisions, finalists will receive award cups, plaques, or trophies. All prize money will be paid by company check in US dollars drawn on a US bank.

All team members who receive prize money are required to provide Social Security numbers even if one check is provided to the team captain or representative.



Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, April 11th:

4:00PM – 7:00PM Registration & Practice
5:30PM – 6:30PM Captains Meeting

Friday, April 12th:

7:30AM – 8:30AM Registration
9:00AM – 1:00PM Preliminary Rounds 1 & 2
1:00PM – 2:00PM Lunch Break
2:00PM – 6:00PM Preliminary Rounds 3 & 4

Saturday, April 13th:

8:00AM – 12:00PM Division 1–7 - Rounds 1-2
12:00PM – 1:00PM Lunch Break
1:00PM – 6:00PM Division 1–7 - Rounds 3-5

Sunday, April 14th:

8:00AM – 12:00PM Divisions 2–7 — Rounds 6–7
12:00PM – 1:00PM Division 2– 7 — Lunch Break
1:00PM – 5:00PM Divisions 2–7 — SE Crossover Playoffs
8:30AM – 1:30PM Division 1 — Quarters & 1st & 2nd Crossovers for 9–20
1:30PM – 4:00PM Division 1 — Semis & 3rd Crossover for 9–20
4:00PM – 6:30PM Division 1 — Finals

Eligibility

Open to all USATT members. All persons playing in a USATT sanctioned event must be USATT members.

Any non-USATT members are eligible to play in the tournament by paying for a Basic Membership Plan, which costs \$25/person.

All players must submit a **signed** USATT Waiver before the tournament. **Click here** to download.



Format

On Friday, teams will play 2, 3, or 4 matches (most teams will play 4) and will be placed in a division based on each team's performance. All divisions, except Division 1, will be split into 2 round robin groups of 8 teams. Most teams will play 5 matches on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Teams finishing in the top 2 places in their half of the division will play in the semifinals, and the winning teams will advance to the finals.

For Division 1, the top 4 teams are seeded directly into the division. The other 16 teams will qualify from the preliminaries. Division 1 will consist of 4 groups of 5 teams. The top 2 teams from each RR will advance to the SE Playoffs. Third place teams will play a crossover for positions 9-12; 4th place teams will play crossover for positions 13-16, and fifth place teams will play crossover for positions 17-20.

Each team match, except the SE Playoffs of Division 1, will consist of 3 players from each team (chosen from the full complement of 3-5), playing in a Swaythling Cup, best of 9 format. Individual matches will be 3 out of 5 games and must be played in order. Once a team has reached 5 matches won, no further matches will be played (and matches in progress will be abandoned). One team will be ABC, and the other will be XYZ. A coin flip determines which team captain gets the first choice between ABC and XYZ.

For Division 1, teams will play the above 9-match Swaythling Cup format for divisional matches, and the Swaythling Cup 5-match format for the SE Playoffs. The 9-match format is A v X, B v Y, C v Z, B v X, A v Z, C v Y, B v Z, C v X, A v Y. 5-match format is A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X.

Convention Center Food Policy

No outside food, drink, or coolers allowed to be brought into the convention center. There will be food, water, and concessions available inside the venue.