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## PARALYMPICS JOINS THE COLLEGE RANKS

The 2006 National Collegiate Table Tennis Association's College Table Tennis championships will feature a new event on the slate. The first ever Paralympic Collegiate Singles event will take place during the famed Championships weekend in Ft. Worth, Texas at the Texas Wesleyan University campus.

Table Tennis is inclusive rather than exclusive and the NCTTA feels that including our paralympic brothers and sisters is a right step in the direction of this principle. Whether you are 8 or 80 man or woman, Table Tennis is the sport for you. The first 24 athletes in a first come first serve basis will be allowed to enter after completing an online registration form and paralympic waiver. The athlete must follow National Collegiate Table Tennis Association academic eligibility requirements as well to be able to take part in these games.

International Paralympic Table Tennis Committee Rules for wheelchair and standing disabled play will be used. Participants must either:

(a) provide proof of minimum disability (such as a Table Tennis International Classification Card from a certified classifier)

*or*

(b) accept the judgment of minimum disability made by suitably qualified officials at the championships.

Come out and support ALL of the Collegiates on April 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Wesleyan University campus in Ft. Worth Texas.