



NCTTA 2023 CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIAL MEDIA GUIDE

I. OVERVIEW

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Date: April 14-16, 2023

Location: Texas at the Round Rock Sports Center, Round Rock, Texas.

Who: Athletes from the 250+ top college table tennis players in the US and Canada, representing 50 and more of the top college teams; qualifying through divisional and regional play

Why: NCTTA National Champs is an annual event since 1993. This year's competition will include international players attending college in the United States that represented Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, India, New Zealand, Mexico, Taiwan and Hong Kong just to name a few.

Defending champions:

Men's/Coed Team	New York University
Women's Team	Texas Wesleyan University
Men's Singles	Sharon Alguetti, Indiana University
Women's Singles	Angela Guan, University of California - Berkeley
Men's Doubles	Sharon Alguetti & Gal Alguetti, Indiana University
Women's Doubles	Zhen Deng & Jiaqi Lin, Texas Wesleyan University

II. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 14	
9:00 am	Men's Doubles <i>Qualifying rounds</i>
9:30 am	Women's Singles <i>Main Draw</i>
11:00 am	Men's Singles and Women's Doubles <i>Preliminary Rounds</i>
1:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
2:00 pm	Women's Team
3:00 pm	Coed Team
7:00 pm	Men's and Women's Doubles Semifinals and Finals

Saturday, April 15	
10:00 am	Men's/Coed and Women's Teams Main draw
2:30 pm	Men's/Coed and Women's Teams Finals
7:00 pm	End of competition day

Sunday, April 16	
9:00 am	Men's and Women's Singles Knockout rounds
1:00 pm	Men's and Women's Singles Semifinals and Finals
5:00 pm	End of competition day

III. HISTORY OF THE SPORT

- » Started as an upper-class parlor game in 19th century England
- » Developed into a competitive sport in the early 20th century; the first World Championships of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was held in 1926
- » An Olympic sport since 1988
- » The second most played sport in the world after soccer
- » Professional table tennis leagues exist in many countries; the most prominent are in China, Germany, Japan, Russia
- » The top table tennis players in the world earn ~\$1 million including endorsements
- » The table is 9 feet long, 5 feet wide, 2.5 feet high; the net is 6 inches high; the court space is 1000 square feet minimum
- » The ball is 40 mm in diameter and 2.7 grams in weight, traveling nearly 100mph and spinning at nearly 10,000 rpm
- » Matches consist of the best 4 out of 7 games (singles semifinals and finals) or best 3 out of 5 games (doubles events, early rounds of singles events, or team events). Games are first to 11 points, alternating serve every two points.

IV. ABOUT NCTTA COLLEGE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

- » The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) is the governing body for college table tennis in the US and Canada
- » A non-profit organization, run purely by volunteers
- » The Championships is the culmination of the 2022-2023 NCTTA League
- » Over 150 participating colleges, competing in 6 regions, subdivided into 27 divisions, played in fall and spring academic semesters or quarters.
- » NCTTA offers college scholarships, and some colleges offer their own table tennis scholarships
- » Many international student-athletes
- » Primary competition format is teams: 4 singles plus 1 double
- » Categories are Men's/Coed Teams and Women's Teams; women may play in both
- » [NCTTA Official Website](#)
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V. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

A total of 24 Men's/Coed teams & 16 Women's teams qualified through regional events.

MEN'S/ COED TEAMS

New York University (New York, NY) – 2022 Defending Coed Team Champions, 2019 NYC Division Team winners, 2019 Northeast Regional Champions and 2018 National Champion Team winners, features Canadian Team star, Jeremy Hazin (World Rank #170). Coach Yan Jun Gao is former NCTTA 2010 Men's Singles Champion.



Fig. 1: Jeremy Hazin

Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ) – 2022 Northeast Regional Champion, 2022 New York City Downtown Division Champion.

Texas Wesleyan University (Forth Worth, TX) – 13 time men's/coed team; 2019 Champion; led by a powerful women's duo of Zhen Deng and Jiaqi Lin. Texas Wesleyan Women's team has 10 women's team titles. They are currently the only scholarship school in the team competition.

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Northwestern University (Chicago, IL) - Led by former US Junior phenom, Jack Wang and Michael Wolski. Northwestern were 2023 Upper Midwest Division Champions.

University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA) – 2017, 2018 West Region Men's/Coed Champions, led by US National team player and

USATT Board member, Nikhil Kumar (World Rank #245). Kumar represented the USA in the Olympics in 2020 Tokyo and is the current US National Champion.

University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA) – Led by US National Team member, 2018 Men's Singles Champion, Kai Zhang (World Rank #239) and current #1 seed in Men's Singles.



Fig. 2: Kai Zhang

University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX) – Almost the home team, only 20 minutes away from the Championships, led by a collection of young talent like Zixiang Meng and Jonathan Li.

University of Washington (Seattle, WA) - Led by former junior US champion, Sahil Puri. University of Washington was the 2023 Pacific Northwest Champions.

University of Maryland (College Park, MD) – UMD are champs of DC Division and MidAtlantic Regionals and are led by the brother duo of LeTuanKhoi and LeTuanKhai Dinh.

Columbia University (New York City, NY) – Finished in 1st in the NYC Division this year. Led by Tiancheng Wang who is 14-4 on the season.

Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) - 1st place in the 2023 Upstate NY West Division this year led by former US based youth stars, Emilie Lin and Nathan Wu.

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) – Undefeated in the 2022, 2023 Division campaign; led by State of Michigan Champion, NCTTA World University Games Team and US junior team member, Eliel Sosis.

University of Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX) – 3rd place in 2022 NCTTA South Regional Championships led by US Based, Oliver Wang.

Washington University in St. Louis (St Louis, MO) – Led by former USA Cadet Boys team member, Shawn Fong.

Western University (London, ON, Canada) – Varsity sport program in Canada, led by Indian international and #1 player Manik Singh who is 21-1 in the season.

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA) – 2023 Pennsylvania Division Champions led by Van Hu and Nathan Xu.

Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA) – 2nd appearance at the National Championships.

Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) – Led by #1 player Tianming Xie who consequently is a National Master in Chess! Harvard was 2022, 2023 Upper New England Division Champions and 2023 Northeast Regional Champions.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Amherst, MA) – By far one of the most passionate schools in NCTTA, 2020 Northeast Regional Champions, qualified this year by Wildcard. Led by US based player, John McDermott.



Fig.3: UMass Amherst (picture by Dennis Yanga)

Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA) - 2023 Georgia division champions and runner up to the Table Tennis giants of Texas Wesleyan in the South Region. Led by USA Juniors, Daniel Ng and Matthew Lu.

University of California Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA) - 2023 West Region Champions featuring a star studded team led by US Junior and National Team players, Amy Wang and Kai Zarehbin.

University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC, Canada) - Led by Canadian National Team member Edison Huang and Ivy Liao.

Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN) - Wildcard team to the 2023 NCTTA Championships led by Bay Area Table Tennis junior star, Avery Chan.

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX) – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022 South Region Women’s Champion; 9-time championship winners.

University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA) – Women’s West Regional Champions. Led by US National team members Amy Wang (World Rank #69), Rachel Sung (World Rank #346) & Joanna Sung (World Rank #681).

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA) – led by former US Junior phenom, Rachel Ou.

University of Maryland (College Park, MD) - 2022, 2023 DC Division Champions.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Boston, MA) – 2022 Northeast Region Women’s Team Champions, 2023 Upper New England Division Women’s Champs.



Fig. 5: MIT Women’s Team (picture by Sophie Wu)

University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC, Canada) – Led by Canadian Team international Ivy Liao (World Rank #177).

University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL) – 2nd place in 2023 NCTTA Midwest Regionals.

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) - 2023 NCTTA Ohio East Women’s Team Champions.

Columbia University (New York City, NY) - Led by Brazilian International, Daniela Yano.



Fig. 4: Daniela Yano (picture by Dennis Yanga)

University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX) - Finished 2nd to Texas Wesleyan in Division and Regional competitions, led by Kelly Zhao, #9 seed in Women’s Singles.

Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA) - Led by former USA Cadet/Junior champ, Sabrina Zhu.

University of California at Davis (Davis, CA) - Led by #1 player Evelyn Ng.

Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ) - NCTTA 2023 NYC Downtown Women’s Team Champion.

Western University (London, ON Canada) - Led by Canadian International Joyce Xu.

Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) - 2023 NCTTA Upstate NY West Women’s Champion.

University of California at San Diego (San Diego, CA) - 2023 NCTTA Southern California Women’s Team Champion.

VI. TEAMS AND PLAYERS OF NOTE

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Fort Worth, TX

- » 14-time Men's/Coed Team Champion; 9 time Women's Team Champion.
- » 2019 Men's/Coed and 2019, 2022 Women's Team Champion.
- » 2nd place in Men's/Coed Teams at the 2015, 2018, 2022 College Table Tennis Championships.
- » 2022, 2023 South Region Coed Champion –and 2022, 2023 South Region Team Champion in Women's.
- » Coached by Jasna Rather – Olympic bronze medalist (Yugoslavia) and Doru Gheorghe (former Romanian International).
- » Offers table tennis scholarships.



Fig. 6: Jiaqi Lin (picture by Grant Bergmann)

Jiaqi Lin (Undergraduate)

- » 2023 NCTTA Women's South Regional Singles Champion.



Fig. 7: Eduardo Tomoike (picture by Grant Bergmann)

Eduardo Tomoike (Undergraduate)

- » 2022 & 2023 Men's South Regional Singles Champions.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

New York City, NY

- » 2022 NCTTA Men's/Coed Team Champions.
- » 2019 Northeast Region Championship (Men's/Coed Team).
- » 2018 NCTTA Men's/Coed Team Champions.



Fig. 8: Jeremy Hazin (left), Mudit Dani (right)

Jeremy Hazin (Graduate)

- » Canadian National Team member, former #1 Junior from Canada.
- » 15-1 record in 2 years of College Table Tennis play.

Mudit Dani (Undergraduate)

- » Indian international, Top 10 standing in ITTF World Junior Circuit; has his own [TED Talk](#).

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, CA

- » 2023 Southern California Division Men's Coed Champions and West Regional Team Champions.
- » Featuring the New Jersey-based Amy Wang who is a US National Team member.
- » Amy Wang is 16-2 on the season.
- » UCLA is also led by sisters Rachel and Joanna Sung who have won many titles together.



Fig. 9: UCLA Coed Team (picture by Peter Cao)

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