

# 2024 MEDIA GUIDE

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## THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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- Web site: [champs.nctta.org](https://champs.nctta.org)
- April 12-14, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire
- Host University competes (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire)
- Athletes - 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
- 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, Turkey, India, New Zealand, Serbia, Mexico, Taiwan and Hong Kong just to name a few
- Defending champions:
  - Men's/Coed Team: **New York University**
  - Women's Team: **University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)**
  - Men's Singles: **Nikhil Kumar, University of California - Berkeley**
  - Women's Singles: **Amy Wang, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)**
  - Men's Doubles: **Mudit Dani & Jeremy Hazin, New York University (NYU)**
  - Women's Doubles: **Amy Wang & Rachel Sung, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)**

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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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### Friday, April 12

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| 9:00 am  | Men's Doubles Main Draw                             |
| 9:30 am  | Women's Singles Preliminary Round                   |
| 11:00 am | Men's Singles Preliminary Round and Women's Doubles |
| 1:00 pm  | Opening Ceremonies                                  |
| 2:00 pm  | Women's Team Event                                  |
| 3:00 pm  | Coed Team Event                                     |
| 7:00 pm  | Women's & Men's Doubles Semifinals and Finals       |

### Saturday, April 13

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| 9:00 am | Men's/Coed and Women's Teams main draw |
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1:00 pm Men's/Coed and Women's Teams, Finals  
7:00 pm End of competition day

**Sunday, April 14**

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

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## THE SPORT OF TABLE TENNIS

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- Started as an upper-class parlor game in 19th-century England
- Developed into a competitive sport in the early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 40mm in diameter and 2.7 grams in weight, traveling nearly 100 mph and spinning at nearly 10,000 rpm
- Matches at these Championships are best 3 out of 5 games, except for singles semifinals and finals, which are best 4 out of 7 games. consists of the best 4 out of 7 games. Games are first to 11 points, alternating serve every two points.

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## NCTTA COLLEGE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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- 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 2023-2024 NCTTA League
- Over 175 participating colleges, competing in 6 regions, subdivided into 28 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 doubles
- Categories are Men's/Coed Teams and Women's Teams; women may play in both
- [www.nctta.org](http://www.nctta.org)
- <https://www.facebook.com/CollegeTT/>
- [www.instagram.com/nctta](http://www.instagram.com/nctta)

## PARTICIPATING TEAMS

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- 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) – 2023 Defending Coed Team Champions, 2019 NYC Division Team winners, 2019, 2024 Northeast Regional Champions and 2018, 2022, 2023 National Champion Team winners, features Coach Yan Jun Gao a former NCTTA 2010 Men's Singles Champion and Canadian Team star, Jeremy Hazin who was in the 2020 Olympics .



- **Indiana University** (Bloomington, IN) - 2022 Upper Midwest Division, 2024 Ohio West Division Champion and 2022, 2024 Midwest Regional Champions. Featuring the New Jersey-based brother duo of Sharon and Gal Alguetti. Sharon has a 60-2 record and has been a member of the US National Team. Gal Alguetti also a former member of the US National Team and has a 17-1 record this season.
- **Texas Wesleyan University** (Fort Worth, TX) – 13 time men's/coed team champion; 2024 South Regional Champions. They are featuring 2 players (Senura Silva and Jonatan McDonald) in Major League Table Tennis. They are currently the only scholarship school in the team competition.



- **University of Virginia** (Charlottesville, VA) - 2023, 2024 Virginia Division Champions; 2024 Mid Atlantic Regional Champions, led by Jie Lu, #12 seed in Women's singles and Aadil Anand #45 seed in Men's Singles
- **University of California, Berkeley** (Berkeley, CA) – 2017, 2018, 2023 West Region Men's/Coed Champions, led by US National team player and USA Table Tennis board member, Nikhil Kumar. Kumar represented the USA in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- **Western University** (London, ON Canada) – 2024 Great Lakes Region Champion, Varsity sport program in Canada, led by Indian international and #1 player Manik Singh who is 20-1 on the season



- **Duke University** (Raleigh, NC) – 2023, 2024 Carolina Division Champions, led by Yee Lam Isabelle Xiong and Evan Zhong. 2024 Mid Atlantic Region Runner-up
- **Columbia University** (New York City, NY) – 2023 NYC Uptown Division Champions, 2024 Northeast Regional Runner-up, Led by Zhou Zhang and Zery Chan
- **University of Texas at Dallas** (Dallas, TX) – 3rd place in 2022 NCTTA South Regional Championships; Runner-up in 2024 NCTTA South Regionals led by US Based star and #26 in Men's singles, Oliver Wang
- **University of Chicago** (Chicago, IL) - 2024 Upper Midwest Division Runner-ups, 2024 Midwest Regional Runner-ups. Led by Chinese international Chenxi Sui and Former Canadian Junior phenom, Kenny Jiang

- **University of California Los Angeles** (Los Angeles, CA) – 2023 West Region Champions; 2024 West Region Runner-ups featuring a star-studded team led by US Junior and National Team players, Angie Tan, Joanna Sung and Kai Zarehbin
- **Cornell University** (Ithaca, NY) - 1st place in the 2023 Upstate NY West Division and wildcard in this year's event, 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
- **Washington University in St. Louis** (St Louis, MO) – 3rd place in 2024 Midwest Regional; Led by former USA Cadet Boys team member, Shawn Fong
- **University of Maryland** (College Park, MD) – 2023, 2024 DC Division Champions and 2023 Mid-Atlantic Regional Champions and are a wildcard to the 2024 event and are led by Stephanie Zhang
- **Purdue University** (West Lafayette, IN) - Winner of 2024 Upper Midwest Division Led by Zhiyang Wang and Adit Shah
- **Emory University** (Atlanta, GA) - 3rd place in the NCTTA South Regional, was coined the Cinderella team for big wins in the South Regional. Led by US National team player, Crystal Wang



- **Boston University** (Boston, MA) - 2024 Lower New England Division Champions, 3rd place in 2024 Northeast Regionals, led by Jonny Hu and Jinyi Wei
- **University of California, Irvine** (Irvine, CA) - 2019 West Region Champion; Led by William Bai; Wildcard in this event.
- **Georgia Institute of Technology** (Atlanta, GA) - 2024 Georgia division champions and wildcard in 2024 event; Led by USA Juniors, Daniel Ng, Sabrina Zhu and Matthew Lu

- **University of California, San Diego** (San Diego, CA) - Wildcard in this event, led by former US National Junior team player, Victor Liu
- **University of British Columbia** (Vancouver, BC Canada) - One of two Canadian schools in these championships. Led by Suzhou China native, Lak Zhang
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** (Champaign, IL) - 2024 Lower Midwest Division Champions; wildcard in this event. Led by David Sun and Akash Pardeshi
- **University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire** (Eau Claire, WI) - Host school, plays out of Minnesota Division.

### Women's teams:

- **Texas Wesleyan University** (Fort Worth, TX) – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024 South Region Women's Champion; 10-time national champion. Led by Zhen Deng and Jiaqi Lu pictured here.



- **University of California, Los Angeles** (Los Angeles, CA) –2023, 2024 Women's West Regional Champions. 2023 Women's Team National Champions. Led by US National team members Angie Tan & Joanna Sung



- **Western University** (London, ON Canada) - 2024 Women's Great Lakes Region Champion, Led by former Canadian junior player, Jiayi Nie

- **University of Wisconsin-Madison** (Madison, WI) - 2024 Women's Midwest Region Champion, led by Madison Chao
- **New York University** (New York City, NY) - 2024 Women's Northeast Region Champion, Led by former US Junior team player, Tiffany Lam
- **University of Maryland** (College Park, MD) - 2022, 2023, 2024 DC Division Champions; 2024 Mid Atlantic Regional Champions, led by Stephanie Zhang, winner of the 2021/2022 NCTTA Scholarship



- **University of British Columbia** (Vancouver, BC Canada) – 2024 Women's West Region Runner-up; Led by Grace Zhang and Akkshita Gupta
- **Emory University** (Atlanta, GA) - 2024 Women's South Region Runner-up; Led by Crystal Wang
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** (Champaign, IL) – 2024 Women's Midwest Region Runner-up
- **University of Michigan** (Ann Arbor, MI)- 2024 NCTTA Ohio East Women's Team Champions; 2024 Great Lakes Region Runner-up; Led by Yijia Gao
- **Columbia University** (New York City, NY) - 2024 Women's Northeast Region Runner-up

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



Champs; Led by chopper extraordinaire Sophie Wu, 2023 Women’s Singles semifinalist

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



- **University of California at Davis** (Davis, CA) - Wildcard team in this event; Led by #1 player Evelyn Ng
- **Rice University** (Houston, TX) - Wildcard team in this event; Led by former Columbia University player and Brazilian international, Daniela Yano





- **Duke University** (Raleigh, NC) - 2024 Women's Mid Atlantic Region Runner-up; Led by former Canadian National team player, Isabelle Xiong
- **University of California, Berkeley** (Berkeley, CA) - 2018, 2019 West Region Women's Champions, a wildcard team in this event led by Kylie Lam and Lavanya Maruthapandian



## TEAMS AND PLAYERS OF NOTE

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### TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (FORT WORTH, TX)

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- 14-time Men's/Coed Team Champion; 10 time Women's Team Champion
- 2019 Men's/Coed and 2019, 2022 Women's Team Champion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Men's/Coed Teams at the 2015, 2018, 2023 College Table Tennis Championships
- 2022, 2023, 2024 South Region Coed Champion –and 2022, 2023, 2024 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

- **Jiaqi Lin** (Undergraduate)
  - 2023, 2024 NCTTA Women's South Regional Singles Champion



*(Photo courtesy of Grant Bergmann)*

- **Senura Silva** (Undergraduate)
  - 2024 Men's South Regional Singles Champion



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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (BERKELEY, CA)

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- 2017, 2018, 2023 West Region Men's/Coed Champions,
- Led by Nikhil Kumar who represented the USA in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics
- Ved Sheth, freshman, #7 in Men's Singles, top 8 finisher at the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials

**Nikhil Kumar (Undergraduate)**

- #1 in Men's Singles
- US National Team player, USATT Board member



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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (UCLA) (LOS ANGELES, CA)**

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- 2024 Southern California Division West Men's/Coed Champions and West Regional Team Champions
- Women's team led by former US Junior team players Joanna Sung, Faith Tung and Angie Tan



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