

Willoughby Hills Table Tennis monthly* competition

Organizing committee: Kenneth Pinili, Amir Hamrahian, Ron Arcaro (advisor)

Aim: To promote Table Tennis play at the Lake/Geauga Table Tennis Club in an atmosphere of friendly competition.

Who can participate: All ages and levels are welcome to participate.

Time and location: The matches will be held on 4th Saturday of each month (including the months with 5 Saturdays). The dates will be listed on the club website: <http://www.LGTT.org> and on the bulletin board in the club. Warm-up begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by competition on 6 tables at 2:30 p.m. There will not be any regular practice sessions on the day of competition. Management may modify, combine, or cancel events based on the number of entries.

Format: Players will be divided into groups of 6-8 players each. Current USATT ratings will be used to place individuals in different groups. Players without an initial rating will be placed by decision of the organizing committee. Participants will compete in a round-robin format against all other players within the same group. The winner of each group will be the player finishing with the best match record among his/her competition. Matches will be the best of 5 games. At the conclusion of the day's play: The two highest finishing players in each group will advance to the next higher group (if available), and the two lowest finishing players in each group will move to the next lower group (if available) for the next competition; middle finishing players will stay in the same group. Each player will be given a club rating at the end of their first participation. This club rating will then be used for group placements of participants in their next competition. This is not an official USATT sanctioned tournament and players' USATT ranking will not be affected by the result of these events. In the case of new players joining future tournaments, the organizing committee may modify the number of players in a particular group but will assure that the two top and bottom finishers in a group will move to other groups (if available) as described above. The players will use their own balls for each game. The amount of warm-up time prior to each match is limited to no more than 5 minutes.

Fee & Prizes: The cost to participate is \$5 per player. From this money \$2 will be paid to Willoughby Hills Table Tennis club and the rest (\$3) will be divided among the top winners of each group.

Clothing and shoes: Only respectable non-orange clothing (with a single color as obviously dominant) and non-marking gym shoes are permitted.

How to enter: All players should register and pay the event fee by 2:00 p.m. on the day of competition. Advance registration for players out of the Cleveland area is strongly advised since there is a limit of 35 players per competition. All players need to sign in their name on the day of competition. Contact Amir for advanced registration.

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