

# JOOLA TEAMS SOUTH 2016

# ON THE 2016 JOOLA NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

# JULY 30-31, 2016 George R Brown Convention Center Houston, TX

Last year NATT decided to try expanding our Teams tournment to locations across the country, with the winners of each division advancing to the annual DC Teams event in November. The events were very successful so we are doing it again this year. This years' Teams South will be held in conjunction with the Junior Olympics.

Team tournaments are different. They're more dramatic with more hinging on your match than just your own success. The appeal of Teams is simple: plenty of high quality play. You'll get to play *lots* of matches against players of similar level. Teams are three, four, or five players with three taking part in any given team match. Sign on with a group of five and you'll have some time off to rest or watch the top division. Be a part of a team of three and you'd better be ready for a strenuous two days.

Team matches are Swaythling cup format: five matches out of nine. Each of the nine potential individual matches is a singles match played best three of five.

Since this is a two day tournament, we're diving straight into the divisional play. Teams will be seeded based on the combined rating of the three top players on the team and placed into division 1, 2, or 3. Each division will consist of two groups (1A and 1B, 2A and 2B, and 3A and 3B) of eight teams playing a round robin to determine who advances to the semifinals on Sunday afternoon. Two teams will advance from each group (so the top two teams from 1A will advance to the semifinals of division 1 against the top two teams from division 1B, etc.)
\*\*Division and group sizes are subject to change depending on number of entries.

Division 1 champions will get to divide \$1500. Division 1 runners-up share \$750. Each team losing in division 1 semifinals gets \$375. In addition, \*every\* divisional champion receives a free entry to the North American Teams in DC in November (one per team).

Entry fee: \$499. Early bird discount of \$399 if you enter by June 24, 2016. All athletes are required to pay a \$14 AAU Membership fee in order to compete in the tournament. So get your friends together and enter today!

\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\* Teams South is being held in conjunction with the AAU Junior Olympics, so players will need to PURCHASE an AAU membership before the event. Memberships CANNOT be purchased at the event. Sign up here: https://play.aausports. org/joinaau/membershipapplication. At the event players and spectators will need to sign in with AAU and receive credentials before they are permitted to enter the venue. Please allow adequate time for registration. If possible, players should pick up their credentials on Friday afternoon.

Spectators and coaches will need to purchase passes from AAU to enter the venue.

#### Referee:

Scott Ryan, IU/CR.

#### **Event Staff:**

John Miller, Steven Chan, Rich Heo

#### **Proof of Membership:**

All participants must be able to show proof of current membership with USATT or an ITTF recognized body. Membership can be renewed or purchased at the event.

#### Venue:

George R Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas Houston, TX 77010. Concrete floors and good lighting.

# Official Tournament Equipment:

JOOLA Tables, Nets, Barriers and White 40+mm 3 star balls.

#### **Team Information:**

Ratings of the top three players on each team from July 15th will be used for seeding. To help ensure close matches, the spread between a team's highest rated player and the teams qualifying rating as of June 24th (the average of the three middle players; the bottom three in a four person team) will be capped:

Team Qualifying Rating	Maximum Spread
0 – 1200	500 points
1201 – 1999	400 points
2000 – 2199	300 points
2200 +	250 points

#### **Entry Deadline:**

Entries must be postmarked by FRIDAY, July 8, 2016.

#### Check-in:

Starts at 7:30AM on July 30, 2016.

#### **Refunds:**

After the entry deadline, no refunds.

#### Airport:

IAH (George Bush Intercontinental) HOU (William P. Hobby)

#### Official Tournament Hotel:

Discounted rooms can be booked through the AAU's Junior Olympics website. Visit http://aaujrogames.org/Hotels.aspx.

#### **Entries Received:**

For entry confirmation, please visit www.natabletennis.com

# **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Teams must be paid in full before start of tournament!

Saturday	9:00AM - 9:00PM	Divisional Play
Sunday	9:00AM - 7:00PM	Divisional Play/SE Rounds

# Prizes (Awards for all champions and finalists in all divisions)

	Champion	\$1,500 + Free entry		
Division 1	Finalist	\$750		
	Semifinalist	\$375		
Lower Divisions	Champion	Free entry to NA Teams		

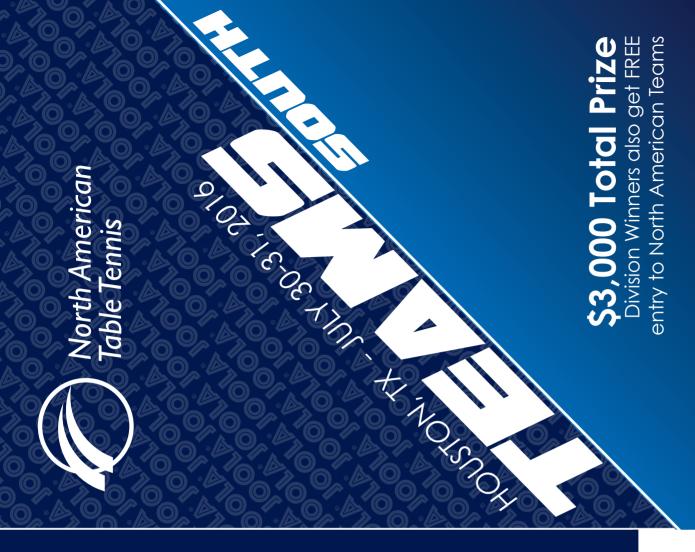
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