

MEDIA GUIDE



THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Web site: champs.nctta.org
- April 12-14, Greensboro, NC at the Greensboro Coliseum
- Athletes - The 300+ top college table tennis players in the US and Canada, representing 50 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 US & Canada that represented Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, India, New Zealand, Mexico, Italy and USA just to name a few

Defending champions:

- Men's/Coed Team: **New York University**
- Women's Team: **Texas Wesleyan University**
- Men's Singles: **Kai Zhang, Binghamton University**
- Women's Singles: **Yue "Jennifer" Wu, Texas Wesleyan**
- Men's Doubles: **Bruno Ventura/Zhe Feng, Texas Wesleyan**
- Women's Doubles: **Wenting Zha/Yue Wu, Texas Wesleyan**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 12

- 9:00 am Men's/Coed and Women's Teams, qualifying rounds
- 4:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
- 4:30 pm Men's and Women's Doubles, Women's Singles, qualifying rounds
- 9:00 pm End of competition day

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 am Men's Singles, qualifying rounds continued
- 10:30 am Men's/Coed and Women's Teams, early rounds
- 2:00 pm Men's/Coed and Women's Teams, quarterfinals, semifinals and finals
- 7:00 pm End of competition day

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 am Men's and Women's Singles, knockout rounds
- 12:00 pm Men's and Women's Singles, semifinals and finals
- 5:00 pm End of competition day

THE SPORT OF TABLE TENNIS

- 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 40mm in diameter and 2.7 grams in weight, traveling nearly 100mph and spinning at nearly 10,000rpm
- 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.

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 2018-2019 NCTTA League
- Over 200 participating colleges, competing in 6 regions, subdivided into 29 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
- <https://www.facebook.com/CollegeTT/>
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PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- A total of 24 Men's/Coed teams & 15 Women's teams qualified through regional events
- Men's/Coed teams:
 - **New York University** (New York, NY) – 2019 NYC Division Team winners, 2019 Northeast Regional Champions and 2018 National Champion Team winners, features two USA Table Tennis National team stars, Adar Alguetti and Tom Feng. Coach Yan Jun Gao is former NCTTA 2010 Men's Singles Champion
 - **Mississippi College** (Clinton, MS) – 2015 Champion, runner-up 4 out of 6 years, broke Texas Wesleyan's streak of National Championships
 - **Texas Wesleyan University** (Forth Worth, TX) – 13 time men's/coed team; 2017 Champion; led by 2017 Men's Singles Champion Jishan Liang as well as Jinxin Wang former US Open champion and #7 seed in Men's Singles
 - **University of California at Irvine** (Irvine, CA) – 2019 West Region Champion; Led by #1 player Krish Avvari is 2015 North American Junior Team Champion and #2 player Newman Cheng 2016 US National Doubles Champion
 - **University of California, Berkeley** (Berkeley, CA) – 2017, 2018 West Region Men's/Coed Champions, led by US National team player, Angela Guan (chopper)
 - **University of California, Davis** (Davis, CA) – led by #1 player Kunal Chodri, former US National Team member; Bryant Lin former US National Under 21 Champion



Kunal Chodri of UC Davis, pic by Grant Bergmann

- **SUNY Buffalo** (Buffalo, NY) – Led by Joseph Baptista; 2nd place in Upstate NY Division
- **University of Texas at Austin** (Austin, TX) – Led by Andrew Chen
- **Pillar College** (Newark, NJ) – features #1 Men's singles player, Kaden Xu; 2019 Mid-Atlantic Region Men's/Coed Runner up;
- **Brown University** (Providence, RI) – led by Charles Deng and Julian Woo
- **Duke University** (Durham, NC) – Led by New Zealand international Roger Rao and Michael Zhang
- **University of Wisconsin at Madison** (Madison, WI) - 2019 Midwest Region Men's/Coed Team Champion, led by Peter Yang
- **University of California-Los Angeles** (Los Angeles, CA) led by Former US Junior national team Allen Wang and Women's player, Isabel Chu
- **Santa Monica College** (Santa Monica, CA) – Only community college in the team competition, 2019 Socal West Division Champs, led by Tiziano Aiello a Sicilian (Italy) junior champion



Tiziano Aiello from Santa Monica College

- **Columbia University** (New York City, NY) – Led by Amon Tokoro
 - **University of Southern California** (Los Angeles, CA) – Led by former University of Minnesota product, Ming Curran
 - **University of California at San Diego** (San Diego, CA) – led by Anthony Chu (brother of UCLA's Isabel Chu)
 - **University of Texas at San Antonio** (San Antonio, TX) – 1st time appearance at the National Championships
 - **Iowa State University** (Ames, IA) – Led by Ved Prakash
 - **University of Illinois Chicago** (Chicago, IL) – Led by Pakistan player, Hamza Godil
 - **University of Illinois Urbana Champaign** (Champaign, IL) – Led by Mohit Vyas
 - **University of Washington** (Seattle, WA) – Led by Reda Ali
 - **Wright State University** (Dayton, OH) – 1st time school in the College Table Tennis Championships
 - **University of Texas at Dallas** (Dallas, TX) – Led by Ketan Parmar
- Women's teams:
 - **Texas Wesleyan University** (Forth Worth, TX) – 2017, 2018, 2019 South Region Women's Champion; 8 time championship winners
 - **University of California, Berkeley** (Berkeley, CA) – 2018, 2019 West Region Women's Champions; Led by US National team member Angela Guan
 - **Duke University** (Durham, NC) – Led by Claire Xiao, Carolina Division Women's Champion



by Grant Bergmann *Claire Xiao, Duke, (picture by Grant Bergmann)*

- **University of California, Los Angeles** (Los Angeles, CA) - Social West Division Champion



by Grant Bergmann Isabel Chu (picture by Grant Bergmann)

- **University of Wisconsin** (Madison, WI) – 2019 Midwest Region Women’s Champions
- **New York University** (New York, NY) – NYC downtown division champion
- **University of Texas** (Austin, TX) – Led by former US Junior, Joy Li



by Grant Bergmann Joy Li of UT Austin (Pic from Grant Bergmann)

- **University of Washington** (Seattle, WA)- Led by Reda Ali
- **Arizona State University** (Tempe, AZ)
- **University of Texas** (Dallas, TX)
- **University of Southern California** (Los Angeles, CA)
- **Florida State University** (Tallahassee, FL) – Led by Pengpeng Wang
- **George Washington University** (Washington DC)
- **University of Massachusetts** (Amherst, MA)

TEAMS AND PLAYERS OF NOTE

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (FORTH WORTH, TX)



- 13-time Men's/Coed Team Champion
- 2017 Men's/Coed and 2018 Women's Team Champion
- 2nd place in Men's/Coed Teams at the 2015, 2018 College Table Tennis Championships
- 2019 South Region Runner up –and 2019 South Region Team Champion in Women's
- Coached by Jasna Rather – Olympic bronze medalist (Yugoslavia) and Doru Gheorge (former Romanian International)
- Offers table tennis scholarships
- **Jishan Liang** (Graduate)
 - 2017 NCTTA Men's Doubles Champion (with Zhe Feng)
 - 2017 NCTTA Men's Singles Champion
 - 2018 NCTTA Men's Singles Runner Up



(Photo courtesy of Yujing Cen)

- **Wenting Zha** (Graduate)
 - 2019 Women's Regional Singles
 - #1 seed in Women's singles
 - https://ramsports.net/roster.aspx?rp_id=4150



(Photo courtesy of Grant Bergmann)

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE (CLINTON, MS)

- 2015 Men's/Coed Team Champion; ended Texas Wesleyan's 11-year run at the title
- 2nd place in Men's/Coed Teams at the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 NCTTA College Table Tennis Championships
- 2019 South Regional Men's/Coed Team Champion



- **Qingwei Sun** (Undergraduate) – Runner up in Men's Singles, 2016 College Table Tennis Championships
- **Tomotaka Yoshitomi** (Undergraduate) – highest rated player on team at (2690), 3rd seed in Men's Singles



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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (BERKELEY, CA)



- 2nd place in Women's Teams at the 2014, 2015 College Table Tennis Championships
- 2nd place in Men's/Coed Teams at the 2017 College Table Tennis Championships
- 2017, 2018 West Region, Men's/Coed Team Champion
- Men's/Coed Team seeded #5; Women's Team seeded #2

- **Angela Guan** (Undergraduate)
 - 2014-15 USA World Team member
 - 2016 Pan American Junior Championships Team Champion; Junior Girls Bronze
 - 2016 US National Championships—Women's Singles Semifinalist
 - 2018 West Region Women's Singles Champion



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NEW YORK CITY, NY)



- 2019 Northeast Region Championship (Men's/Coed Team)
- **Tom Feng** (Undergraduate)
 - 2016 Olympic USA Team member; NCTTA Male Player of the Year in 2018, 2018 World Team Championships USA Team, #2 seed in Men's Singles
- **Adar Alguetti** (Undergraduate)
 - 2017 USA National Team member, USA National Team doubles with Tom Feng, #6 seed in Men's Singles



- **Mudit Dani** (Undergraduate) – Indian international, Top 10 standing in ITTF World Junior Circuit; has his own [TED Talk](#)



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