

# NATIONAL COLLEGIATE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

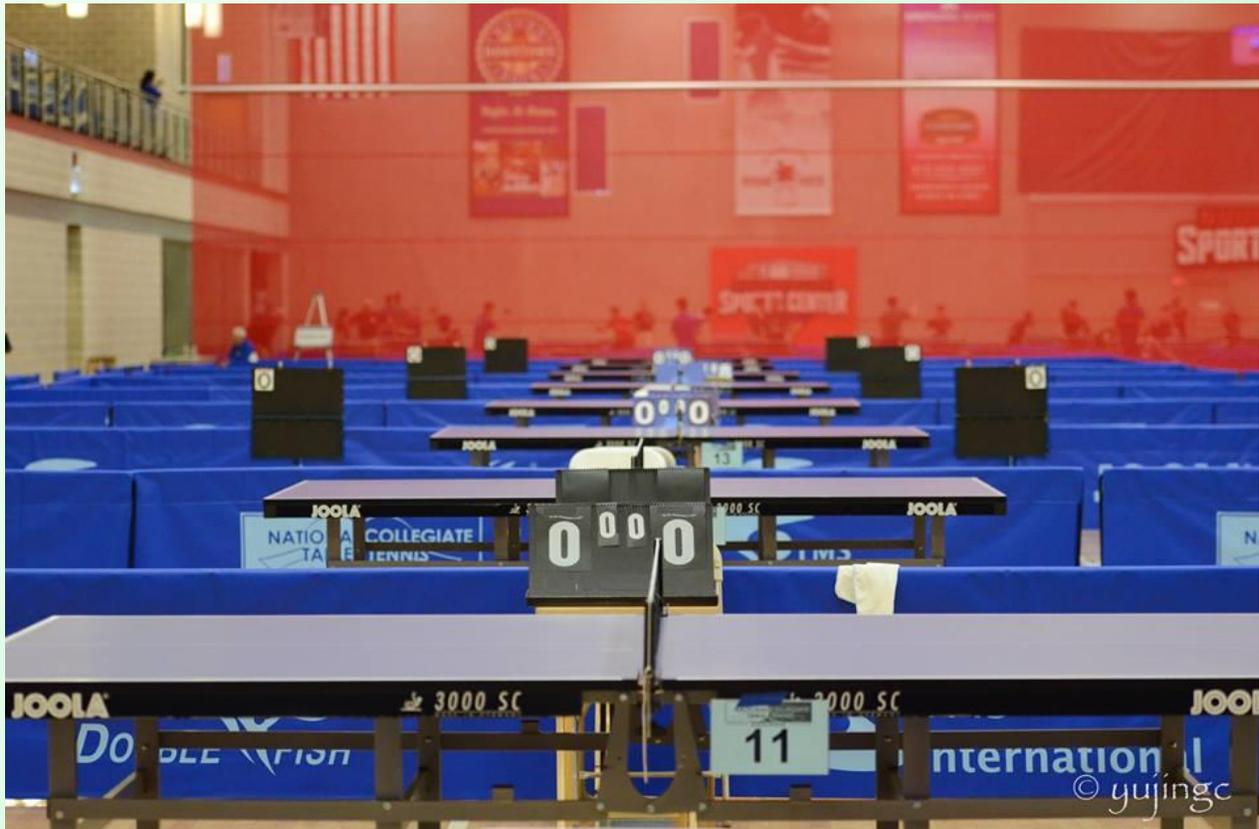


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2016 Annual Report

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## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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NCTTA is the governing body of collegiate table tennis in the US and Canada. It is a US government-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established with the mission of the development and promotion of table tennis as a collegiate sport.

NCTTA is a National Organization Member of USA Table Tennis, the National Governing Body of Table Tennis as designated by the US Olympic Committee and the International Table Tennis Federation.

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President - Willy Leparulo

Vice President - Joseph Wells

Treasurer - Randy Kendle

Athlete Representative - Kevin Li & Tae Kim (voted in July 2016)

League Director Representative - Chris Wang

Vice President External Affairs - Kagin Lee

Human Resources Coordinator - Xian Meng (Sam) Huang

MAJOR SPONSORS

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AFFILIATES

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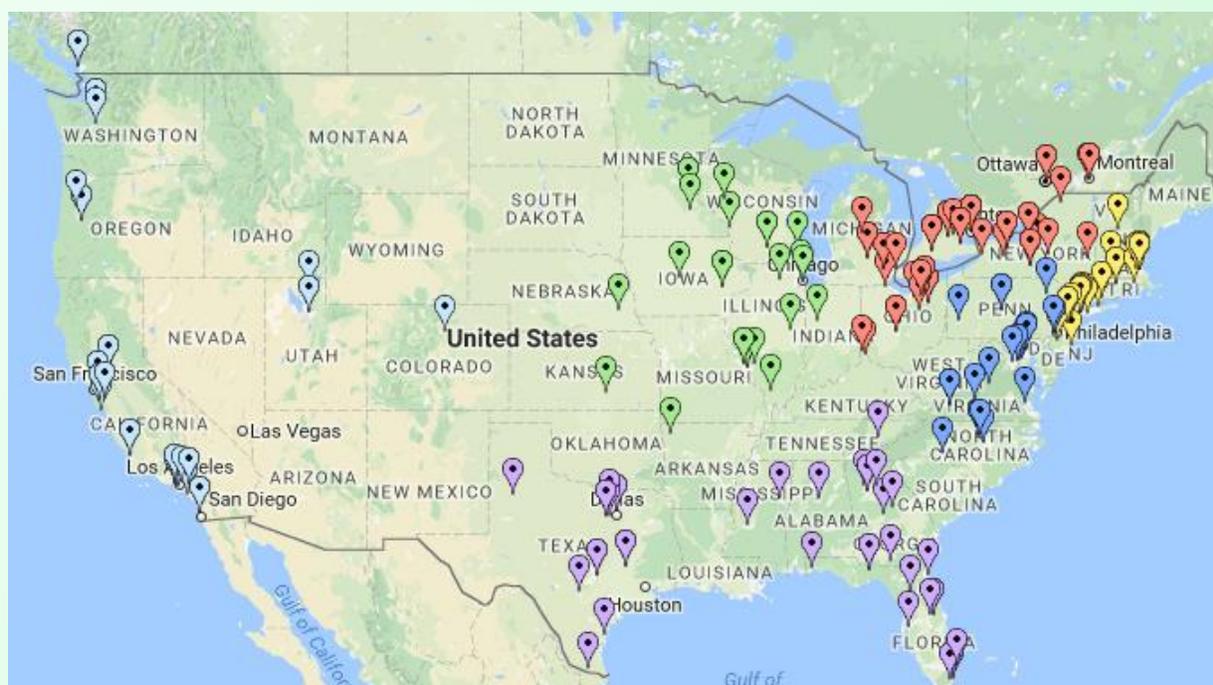


## LEAGUE

The NCTTA league is the organization's main activity. The league consists of intercollegiate varsity team competition among Coed/Men's teams and among Women's teams. Varsity teams consist of at least 4 players; up to 8 players may be on a roster at any given time. Junior varsity teams and alumni teams are also invited to compete in scrimmage competition, and separate singles competitions are also held.

In the 2015-2016 season, regular season competition took place both in the fall and the spring, in six regions subdivided into 29 divisions. Over 1500 athletes participated, forming 191 Varsity Coed and 59 Varsity Women's teams.

Immediately following the regular season, the strongest teams were invited to 6 regional championships which also served as qualification events for the National Championships.



## CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# 2016

## TMS College Table Tennis Championships

The College Table Tennis Championships is NCTTA's premier event and the most professionally run table tennis event on the continent. Held over three days each spring, the 2016 Championships were held in Round Rock, Texas (near Austin). A record 261 athletes from 50 colleges competed for team, singles, and doubles championship titles. This year's champions were:

Women's Team - Texas Wesleyan University

Coed Team - Texas Wesleyan University

Women's Singles - Ying Wang, Ohlone College

Men's Singles - Yichi Zhang, Mississippi College

Women's Doubles - Edina Haracic/Anastasiia Rybka, Texas Wesleyan University

Men's Doubles - Bruno Ventura Dos Anjos/Shuai Wang, Texas Wesleyan University



The 2017 Championships will be held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

## MEMBERSHIP

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NCTTA is a membership organization formed by college table tennis clubs in North America. Individual athletes who wish to participate join NCTTA by forming a club at their college, and subsequently registering their college with NCTTA.

Member colleges vary widely in their size, level of activity, and degree of support from their college administration. They include clubs which are organized as:

- Small clubs of few members, self-funded by students, peripherally recognized by their college.
- Medium-sized clubs which receive partial funding by the college.
- Large clubs with both Coed and Women's teams, with most expenses paid by the college.
- Fully funded clubs with established and continuing college support, sometimes offering scholarship programs.



Of particular note, two member schools offer full table tennis programs and formal scholarships: Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX) and Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO) (pictured on the left).

## MEDIA

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NCTTA publishes a monthly e-mail newsletter that includes all current topics related to college table tennis. The newsletter reaches 3100 e-mail addresses, thereby providing exposure for sponsors and affiliates throughout the year.

The College Table Tennis Championships is streamed live in high definition on YouTube, in TV quality complete with four camera angles, live commentary, and replay on the Official ITTF YouTube Channel.

In addition this year, the NCTTA live streamed all six regional championships and plans to add live commentary to some of the regions in the upcoming year.



## PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

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This past year the NCTTA Commentator Challenge was created to integrate those passionate and knowledgeable members to be a part of the production of our Championships. It was a success as two winners were selected alongside two runner-ups where all four attended the Championship event and broadcasted live throughout the event.



Bryan Song of Columbia University and Kevin Korb of USC won with Dylan Ley and Andy Nguyen as runner-ups.

The 2016 College Table Tennis Bracket Challenge was conducted for the second year and was open to the public, consisting of three contests: the NCTTA Team Bracket Challenge, sponsored by TMS International; and the NCTTA Men's Singles Bracket Challenge, sponsored by Double Fish; The NCTTA Women's Singles Bracket Challenge, sponsored by Joola. The contestants who most accurately predicted the tournament results won cash and prizes worth over \$1500.

<http://www.nctta.org/champs/2016/bracketchallenge.html>

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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In cooperation with Newgy Industries, NCTTA offers scholarships of up to \$1000 each to future NCTTA athletes (currently in high school) based on GPA, financial need, table tennis ability, and a 1000 word essay. This is a recent change to the program in the hopes of promoting high school play and continued college play. This program has been in place since 2009. In 2015-2016, scholarships were awarded to:

- Theodore Tran
- Samuel Liu
- Matthew Wu
- Hannah Lin



## MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

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The NCTTA Executive Board governs and manages the organization. The board consists of 7 volunteer directors, each with specific duties.

The six NCTTA regions are managed by Regional Directors, and the NCTTA divisions are managed by Division Directors. The number of divisions varies each year; there were 29 divisions in 2015-2016.

Committees oversee various specific areas. Current committees include: Alumni, Ethics/Grievance, Championships, Coaches, Grassroots (high school) Enrollment, Marketing, Ratings, Recruiting, Technology, and Women. <http://www.nctta.org/officers/>

## SPONSORS

NCTTA finished their second year of a three-year sponsorship agreement with TMS International, the marketing partner of the International Table Tennis Federation. TMS subsequently acquired Joola, Double Fish, and Gerflor as equipment sponsors.



Newgy Industries continues to sponsor the NCTTA Scholarship Program. The relationship with TMS clearly shows the potential of NCTTA, and this will also help NCTTA grow even bigger in the upcoming years. TMS has signed a 3-year contract to sponsor the NCTTA until the 2016-2017 season.

## FUTURE EVENTS

On the horizon, look for NCTTA to grow its Alumni base. As more students graduate from Universities and continue to play Table Tennis, the College Table Tennis Alumni grows quickly. The need for programming and planning for this population has started.



The NCTTA Alumni Committee has been charged with the task to grow the alumni in College Table Tennis and expand the database to gauge interest and provide benefit to alumni and back to the association.



Class of 2016 were awarded at the past championships a special alumni gifts. An NCTTA

Alumni league is being created in the future as well as potential team tournaments.

USA Table Tennis and NCTTA teamed up to host a Team tournament promoting team play and Alumni.



## RECRUITMENT

NCTTA is committed to growing college table tennis and attended in April 2016 the NAIA National Convention. We were invited as a part of the emerging sports symposium to present to potential NAIA schools. This is the booth set up and because of this conference we are able to attract a number of potential scholarship schools.



## REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GROWTH

NCTTA conducts six regional tournaments around the USA and Canada and this year streaming was introduced and in future years we will have commentators in every region.

NCTTA looks to expand and improve its programming every year and this past Regionals showed increased numbers in Women's play which effected all other areas of play:

2015 Regionals	2016 Regionals
Men's Singles = 133	Men's Singles = 126
Women's Singles = 44	Women's Singles = 68
Coed Teams = 64	Coed Teams = 67
Women's Teams = 24	Women's Teams = 29

The clearest indication of this growth is at our College Table Tennis Championships in 2016 where all event categories were full.

## 2016 OLYMPICS



USA Table Tennis women's Olympic team featuring 2 collegiate athletes: Jiaqi Zheng, two-time College Table Tennis Women's Singles Champion; Lily Zhang, 2015 College Table Tennis Women's Singles Champion.

Lily Zhang made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the 2016 Rio Olympic Women's Table Tennis Singles tournament and plans to return in 2016-17 to UC Berkeley.