

Name: Tae Kim
Position: Athlete Rep
Education: Cal Poly Pomona

I would like to run for the Athlete Representative position. I am an NCTTA alum and have participated as a player representing both a 2-year transfer college and a state university.

I first started playing table tennis at Santa Monica College under Bella Livshin until I transferred to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona [Cal Poly Pomona or CPP] and started the table tennis club there.

Despite many issues with bureaucracy and scheduling conflicts with the recreation center, I was able to recruit members and send out a Varsity team and multiple JV teams to the SoCal Divisionals for 2 years. Over the last 6 years, I have been an active member and leader for USC's Ping Pong Posse as well. Of all the tasks I fill in for them, I feel strongly that my most important role is to keep a welcoming and lively atmosphere for all players to experience a positive time playing table tennis.

With my strong social and communication skills, I am confident that I can continue to broaden my reach and become the channel of representation athletes need. I also believe that my diverse experience with the many different team environments makes me a strong candidate to well represent the diversity of participating players and teams as I have first-hand experience in the situations school teams of various sizes may go through. I will serve as the intermediary between athletes and the Board with the utmost integrity.

Best,
Tae Kim