

# 2019 San Francisco Chinatown Ping Pong Festival

**Who This Tournament Is For:** This tournament is a free event, open to anyone interested.

**Date of Tournament:** This tournament will be held **Saturday, August 3, 2019.**

**All entries must be received by July 20, 2019**

**Online entries: [www.chinatownpingpong.org](http://www.chinatownpingpong.org)**

## **Locations:**

There will be two separate San Francisco locations where this tournament will be held: Sterne School at 838 Kearny Street, San Francisco will be the venue for the Intermediate players.

At 2225 Jerrold Avenue San Francisco will be the venue for the Advance, Beginner, Novice 1 and Novice 2 players.

## **Check-In and Start Times:**

The Intermediate Team Captains Check-In will be at 8:00 am at Portsmouth Square.

For the Advance, Beginner, Novice 1 and Novice 2 Team Captains Check-in will be at 8:00 am at 2225 Jerrold Avenue, San Francisco.

*(Locations and match start times are subject to change based on availability.)*

**Competition Start Time** is promptly at **9:00 am** for all teams.

All team members must report to their designated match locations at least 15 minutes in advance of their scheduled start time.

Players or TEAMS not following the above rules may be subjected to match forfeiture or disqualification.

## **Tournament Rules**

All entries must follow the following rules. Players or TEAMS not following the following rules may be subjected to match forfeiture or disqualification.

1. A person can only register on one team in one of five groups. Group eligibility is based on the player's USATT ratings or skill level equivalences. **Advanced:** At or above 1901 points. **Intermediate:** 1301-1900 points. **Beginner:** 701-1300 points. **Novice 2 (N2):** 201-700 points. **Novice 1 (N1):** Unrated Recreational players or those rated below 200 points. Lower rated or skilled players can play in higher ranking groups but higher rated or skilled players CANNOT play in the lower ranking groups.

2. A finding that a Team or player is registered and playing in a division below their rating or skill level by the Referees on game day will result in disqualification. On game day, if a registered team of 5 players is missing members of their team, the team can still play with the understanding that the missing members represent losses.
3. Any player who played on a team that won a championship in the level of Novice, Beginner, and Intermediate the previous year must play on a team in a more advanced level than the previous year. Example: You played in the Beginner Level in 2018 and your team won the championship. In 2019, you must advance to the Intermediate level or a level higher. A finding that you are playing in the same or a lower level is grounds for disqualification.
4. If there is any dispute during a game, the referees will make the final judgment. If a complaint or issue arises during play, players must stop play and ask a referee to resolve the issue. Once play has ended, referees will not be able to resolve the issue.
5. Competition will be team based, with 5 members on each team regardless of gender or age. Participants must register together as one 5 member team, and no player substitution is allowed once the tournament commences.
6. All participants must provide their own paddles.
7. The blade of a racket, any layer within the blade and any layer of covering material or adhesive on a side used for striking the ball shall be continuous and of even thickness pimpled in or pimpled out rubber.
8. The surface of the covering material on a side of the blade of a racket, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matte, bright red on one side and black on the other.
9. The competition format will be a mix of round robin and single elimination formats. Team match-ups will be determined by random draw.
10. In the first round each team member will be paired with one team member from the opposing team. Matches between individuals will be ONE (1) game to 11 points. The team with the best record will advance to play the other group winners in a format best suited for the number of teams in a particular level (either single elimination or round robin format).
11. Playing between individuals in the final will be best 2 out of 3 or 3 out of 5 games. Depending on the amount of time available.
12. The tournament will supply 40mm+ tournament ping pong balls.
13. Each team captain is responsible for filling in the order of play for their 5 players without looking at the other team's line-up.
14. The game must begin when the referee or tournament staff/official indicates the game begins.