

## Tournament Bulletin #3

Friday, September 3, 2021

Tournament Day is here!

Welcome to 888 TTC, your new home for table tennis in the Bay Area! We hope you enjoy your experience this weekend at the 888 TTC \$15K Butterfly/Xiom Labor Day Challenge.

Our team is committed to providing you a world-class facility on and off the table, and are here to assist you with any questions you may have during your stay with us.

A few tournament related notes...

### Check-In

Players are asked to check in at least one hour prior to their first match. Once you check in at the front desk, you will not be required to check-in again during the tournament.

At check-in, for those of you that choose to take the rapid test (so you don't have to wear a mask when at the table), you will receive a wrist band. Please wear that wrist band all weekend – it is our way of ensuring proper COVID compliance and safety.

Check-In will be open at 7:30am daily.

### Draws

Draws will be posted in the venue and updated on a regular basis. We will do our best to post updated draws as frequently as possible – however we strongly recommend you visit our tournament website (QR codes are posted around the venue), which will be updated in (almost) real-time.

### Match Check-In

*For round robin groups*, please go directly to your table at the start of the event. Do not check-in at the tournament desk. Please be prompt! Players will be defaulted if they are not at the correct group of tables 5 minutes after the start of the group (except when there is a match conflict).

*For single elimination rounds*, please check-in at the tournament desk. Once both players have checked in, the clipboard will be sent with one of the players to the table. Again, we ask your assistance in being prompt checking in. Do not go to the table on the draw, as often we have to change table assignments due to time constraints.

### Match Play – General Guidelines

Please limit warm-ups to 3 minutes each match. We have a lot of matches to play and would *really* like to run on time...so your assistance is both needed and appreciated!

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All matches (except the semi-finals and finals of the Open) are best-of-five to eleven points.

The match sequence is important, so please do not “skip” matches. Play in the order on the score sheet!

Please print the scores clearly on the score sheet and circle the winner of the match! The more accurate the score sheet, the faster we can process the results! Also please don't forget to record the point accurately. With multiple players advancing in each group, points can be a key tiebreaker!

The “don'ts” of match play:

- Do not shake hands before the match
- Do not change sides during the match
- Do not blow on the ball
- Do not shake hands after the match (paddle taps are acceptable!)

## Awards and Prize Money

All events have awards (really nice custom medals) for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place. Please make sure to take lots of pictures and tag “888TTC” on your social media!

For the Open, prize money is awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place. For all other events except the U750, U500, and U250, prize money is awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place. Special thanks to our tournament sponsors, 888 TTC, Butterfly, and Xiom for providing the support necessary to make this event one of the highest prize money events in the United States!

Awards and prizes can be picked up at the tournament desk following the completion of the event. We ask that 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers wait until the finals are concluded to join us so we can take a few group shots!

## Pro Shop

Our Xiom Pro Shop is fully stocked and ready to fill all of your table tennis equipment and apparel needs! Ask our equipment experts about our amazing line-up of blades, rubbers, apparel, and shoes! It's never too early (or late) to stock up! The pro shop is open daily from 8am – 9pm.

## Food and Beverages

We ask that you please be respectful and help keep our beautiful ITTF approved flooring looking brand new! Only water and sport drinks are permitted in the field of play. No food or other beverages (especially coffee) are allowed in the field of play.

## Questions or Assistance

We are here to help! Find one of our friendly staff members if you need any help! We are here to make sure you have a great 888 experience!

**WIFI INFORMATION:**                      Network – 888 Guest                      Password – pingpong (all lowercase)