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Dear League Members,

Our League is becoming more and more popular among players of all skill levels. It's truly inspiring to see brand new players taking their first steps to converting from ping-pong to table tennis as well as existing USATT players enhancing their tournament skills.

We started out with 19 players for our first league play, now 62 players have registered and played since then, and 36 of them played in our last league play.

In order to improve the experience and allow all players to play more matches, while adhering to the Armory Park schedule, we would like to introduce the following rules that will be implemented at the next League play, Nov.15 and thereafter.

Please welcome Brad Boothe as a So.AZ TT League Director. Feel free to drop him a line with any comments and recommendations for this proposal. The final edition will be published on SATTA website [www.sattaonline.org](http://www.sattaonline.org) on Nov. 14th, 2008.

Thank you,

Misha Chernobelskiy  
SATTA President

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Dear League Members,

Misha asked me to introduce myself and give a little bio so you can get to know me better. I grew up all over northwest Ohio and went to high school at Arlington H.S. in Arlington, Ohio. After high school, I joined the Navy and spent about 2 years in Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina, where I first started playing table tennis. I was then stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the nuclear fast attack submarine USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) for 4 years as an Electronics Technician and Reactor Operator. After leaving the Navy, I came to Arizona and attended the University of Arizona for 4 years and graduated in May of 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Management. I am now working at Laron Incorporated as a Project Support Engineer along with Kenneth Akuoko, who some of you might know. Thanks to Kenneth, I just started playing again at Armory Center after about 8 years without playing, so I'm still working on getting back to the level that I used to be at. I look forward to being SATTA's League Director and improving my skills at table tennis along with all of you.

Sincerely,

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## **So. AZ Table Tennis League Rules**

1. Set up and practice play begins at 9am. Seeding will start promptly at 9:30 am.  
All players are advised to arrive early and register before 10am in order to be seeded into the proper Round Robin group.
2. Round Robin will normally consist of 5 players per table.
3. Seeding will start from top rated players down until all players are seeded. Based on the total number of players, groups of 4 or 6 players may be offered.
4. Please check the board before 10am to see who you will be seeded with. If there are any players that you do not want to be grouped with, reasonable changes can be made before 10am. Any changes that players want to make after 10am must be coordinated by the player with another player that wants to change groups. After a player has started playing with their group, they cannot change groups. The League Director must be notified of any changes made after 10am.
5. If you are late and your rating group is already seeded you:
  - o will be seeded as a fifth/sixth player in your rating group, or,
  - o will be placed in a recreational group in which all late players can play regardless of their league rating, or,
  - o will not be able to play in league that day if there are no available tables, all tables are full, or if there is insufficient time remaining.
6. The League Director will determine which of the 3 options above is applicable. Decisions regarding late players will be final.
7. The Armory Park ballroom can accommodate a maximum of 8 tables and 40 players. If more than 40 players are consistently showing up, we will try to make extra tables available and attempt to reserve the dining room for play.
8. Because limited time is available for League play, please minimize the length of time between matches and warm-ups to 2 min.
9. During play, please play fair and follow USATT regulations. If you have any questions about rules, ask an experienced player or the League Director.
10. Following the principle of fair play we encourage players to ask your Round Robin group members, when not playing, to assist you in keeping score.
11. Any disputes in play that cannot be resolved between two players or their group shall be directed to the League Director and USATT regulations will be implemented.
12. If for any reason two players decide not to play their Round Robin match, both of them will be defaulted for that match and both receive 0 match points.
13. All players are responsible for recording their matches in the master match card you receive from the League Director after seeding. All players are responsible for ensuring that their matches are scored correctly.
14. If you must leave before completing all of your matches, please inform the League Director before leaving. Any missed matches will result in a score of 0 match points for the absent player.
15. After League play is over, any help you can offer to clean up is appreciated.

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**IF YOU WATCH A GAME, IT'S FUN.**

**IF YOU PLAY IT, IT'S PING-PONG.**

**IF YOU WORK AT IT, IT'S TABLE TENNIS.**