



SATTA TOUR description

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SATTA Tour is a USATT sanctioned series of for-rating tournaments. All four tournaments this year are limited to 8 players per event. Players are advised to sign-up early. First 8 paid entries will be accepted and event will be closed. If a player is rejected due to the event being full, s/he can decide to go on the waiting list and, if not accepted by the entry fee deadline, will get a full refund or will be able to keep the entry fee in the SATTA account. Priority of registration will be given to such player for the next SATTA Tour Tournament.

FORMAT

All events in the SATTA Tour (Open Singles, U1700, U1450, and U1200), which feature eight players, begin as round robin events with two RR groups. The top 2 players in each group of four move on to the semifinals. The first-place player in Group 1 meets the second-place player in the Group 2, and vice versa. The winners of each semifinal meet in the final match and losers in the 3rd place match. Based on table and time availability, group composition may be increased to 5 or 6 players in a group with 2 players advancing.

RACE TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Every player will start the year at 0 and accumulate points as the year proceeds.

The breakdown of points is based on the USATT regulations as follows:

Win – 2pts, Loss – 1 pt, Loss by default – 0 pts.

An undefeated player can earn as many as 10 pts (4-player RR + semifinal + final), 12 pts (5-player RR) or 14 pts (6-player RR) in any SATTA Tour event. The finalist and 3rd place winner will get 1 point less (9, 11, and 13 respectively); however, the Open Singles finalist will be rewarded with higher cash prize money compared to the 3rd place winner.

There will be a minimum of 4 SATTA Tour events (March – November). The first tournament is scheduled for March 14, 2009; 32 players will be accepted. Future dates and locations - TBA.

SATTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The **SATTA Tour Championship** will be the end-of-season tournament; this will be played in December 2009. The top 8 players in the Race to Championship are invited to compete based on results throughout the 2009 season. Player standings will be published on the website at www.sattaonline.org and will be updated after every completed tournament.

AWARDS

Trophies will be given to the top 3 players in each of the four categories (Open Singles, U1700, U1450, and U1200). Cash awards will be presented to the top 3 Open Singles players. Five dollars from every Open Singles entry fee throughout the season will go to the Championship event to increase its prize money fund.

Three dollars from all U1700, U1450, and U1200 player entry fees will go to the cash award fund for the respective winners and finalists of the SATTA TOUR Championship in a 3:2 ratio.

LOCATION

The SATTA Tour, March 14 tournament, will be held at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 5th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701. Other tournament venues could be added in order to accommodate the minimum requirements.

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