



Coaching and Training at SATTC

In order to provide table tennis training, and to ensure that club activities are conducted within appropriate guidelines, the SATTC Board of Directors approved this policy statement, effective May 1, 2017.

San Antonio Table Tennis Club offers and encourages training for all who seek to improve their performance and enjoyment of the sport regardless of motivation, whether from a desire to improve mental and physical fitness, for recreational pleasure and/or increased ability, or to compete in tournament play ... or other personal goals. Individual training is available within the following guidelines:

- Each individual is responsible for contacting and making arrangements with an instructor / coach / trainer, approved by the SATTC Board of Directors for fee-based training onsite at the SATTC Club venue, regarding program focus, scheduling session time(s) and for negotiating payment, if such a fee is to be involved.
- SATTC club is not involved in whether or not instructing / coaching involves a monetary fee paid to the coach - or instead is a voluntary (no fees) arrangement. Nor the amount of fees, if any, and leaves this to individual agreements. However, if a coach-client monetary fee arrangement is involved, SATTC is to receive a payment of a \$7 "table fee" for use of club equipment. Such payment is made to SATTC either from the coach or from the trainee but not from both. This \$7 fee is in addition to the student/trainee's SATTC club dues, whether monthly or daily, which must be current as of the date of the lesson – i.e., the trainee must be a current club member.

Informal, non-fee coaching is encouraged but even if no fees are involved, the SafeSport / background check requirements (next paragraph) are required of any SATTC member involved with non-family youth regarding club events and activities.

- If you are a dues-paid SATTC member, and you desire to become qualified / authorized as a fee-paid club coach at SATTC, you must inquire with the SATTC Board of Directors about placing your name on the approved list of SATTC instructors / trainers / coaches. The SATTC Board has final authority based on informal guidelines such as aptitude, experience, skill level, personal integrity, current club membership, and / or length of time as a club member. In addition, prior to approval, coaches and would-be coaches are required:

- 1) to achieve and maintain compliance with USATT SafeSport policy
- 2) to successfully pass the USATT approved background check (every two years)
- 3) to maintain USATT membership (the minimal USATT courtesy membership is acceptable)
- 4) to achieve and maintain USATT coaching certification

- A dedicated 2-hour segment of time is set aside on most Saturdays and Sundays, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, for coaching and/or practice time on an appointment basis with the fee-based coach / trainer of your choice. The coach must make certain the facility will be unlocked as this is not a regularly scheduled key-duty time(s).

Personal coaching / training / practice sessions may be scheduled and conducted during other regularly scheduled open play time whenever a table is available, but not when other players are waiting to use the same table for open match play. Other than the dedicated coaching times on Saturday / Sunday mornings (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM), it's best to schedule coaching / practice during times of comparatively low use, such as Monday through Friday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Robot Drill. For SATTC club members (either monthly or daily dues-paid basis), individual drill time is available using the club's robot machine, cost is \$10/half hour, under the supervision of Norman Everston; advance appointment is required.