



July 14, 2021

Dear Presidents and General Secretaries,

Congratulations on the athlete qualifications for the 2021 World Table Tennis Championships.

The tournament is truly the most important sporting competition in the world of Table Tennis. The Houston Local Organizing Committee, which includes USA Table Tennis, is privileged to welcome you to our wonderful country and city for this very prestigious occasion.

A kind reminder, preliminary entries are officially open and will close on July 16, 2021. We are encouraging all Member Associations to input entry information for your delegation by the deadline, as it is critical to process visa applications.

Please begin the process of securing your travel visas for entry into the United States by applying online at <u>http://www.travel.state.gov</u>. Please note that all team/delegation members will need to file individual applications; however, due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, some countries will require a National Interest Exemption Waiver for travel. Part of the application process also requires that each person schedule an appointment to appear in person for an interview at the Embassy or Consulate where they have filed their application. In order to ensure that your delegation's application process is as efficient as possible, please ensure that each member carries a copy of this letter with them to the interview date and that they also present it to the U.S. Customs official when they enter the United States.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Pardue at <u>Accreditation@houstonsports.org</u>. We look forward to your participation in this event and wish you safe travels.

Sincerely,

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