

July 8, 2009

Attention USTSF State and Regional Directors:

The United States Table Soccer Federation will be holding elections this year for positions on the USTSF Board of Directors. A portion of the voting will take place via e-mail so that all State and Regional Directors have a chance to vote.

BUT, first there needs to be candidates. Anyone wishing to run for one of the positions that are up for election this year on the Board of Directors, please submit your name as soon as possible. Please pass the word amongst the players in your areas that nominations/applications for Board of Directors positions are being taken and that anyone who wishes to do so is strongly encouraged to apply.

Candidate criteria for the positions on the Board of Directors are straightforward. They must be willing to participate in the discussions and decision making process of the USTSF. The candidates must also be USTSF members (all U.S. players that have played in a USTSF sanctioned tournament in the past year are automatically USTSF members). They must also agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Ethics of the USTSF, as published on the USTSF website: www.ustsf.org. All positions are for two-year terms.

The following positions are up for election this year:

Director-at-Large
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Treasurer
Secretary

The two Director-at-Large positions up for election this year are those positions held by Kathy Brainard and Jim Waterman. They, after over six years each of service to the USTSF, have stepped down to pursue other areas of table soccer promotion, and will not be running for re-election this term.

These four positions will be voted on by the State and Regional Directors.

Additionally, there are to be two (2) Athlete Representatives, one male and one female that need to be voted on **DIRECTLY BY THE PLAYERS**. That election will take place at the Tornado Worlds in Dallas, over Labor Day Weekend.

Nominations for Candidates for all of the above positions are being accepted now. Please send requests for candidate consideration to the following email address:

nominations.ustsf@gmail.com

All nominations must be submitted by 7/31/09. Please state in the request for candidacy which position you are applying to be a candidate for: Secretary, Treasurer, Director-at-Large, Male Athlete Representative, or Female Athlete Representative. If you wish, you may also submit a resume or letter stating why you would be a good selection for a position on the Board of Directors of the USTSF.

After all applications for candidates are received, the final list of candidates will be made public on the USTSF website. Ballots will be prepared for the four positions being voted by e-mail, and will be sent out to the State and Regional Directors via e-mail with instructions on the voting procedure. The ballots for the two Athlete Representatives on the Board will be available at the Worlds in Dallas.

The voting procedure for the e-mail voting will be as follows:

There will be two election judges who will be collecting votes and tallying the results. These judges will collect the votes independently from each other and make their own totals. The results of the voting as calculated by each of the election judges will then be compared for accuracy before the results are declared valid.

Each voting State and Regional director will need to e-mail their votes to a designated e-mail account (the e-mail address will be specified in the e-mail ballot sent to each of the State and Regional Directors). That account will automatically forward the ballot e-mails to the two election judges for counting.

As the two Athlete Representatives are to be voted upon directly by the players, a voting ballot box and ballot forms will be made available throughout the weekend of Tornado Worlds, at the USTSF booth.

All results for the voting will be publicly announced on the final day of Tornado Worlds, and posted to the USTSF website shortly thereafter.

Best of luck to all, as USTSF looks forward to working with our new staff members!!