

# 2010 Update

## **Hello Players,**

To start let me wish everyone a Happy New Year! Almost a month into 2010 and what a year it has been for foosball so far. TEAM USA WINS!!! TEAM USA WINS!!! I do not have the words to express how proud I was of our players in Nantes this year. I am so lucky that I got to go and cheer them on ... they all played so well. This is a TOUGH event ... switching back and forth from one table to the next ... single elimination ... not being able to communicate 100% all the time ... the time change AND the competition. Let me tell you ... ALL the players at this event play GOOD on the Tornado table thus making it extra hard on our players. Our team could not let up ... not for a single ball. PLAY HARD was the cry, every ball, PLAY HARD TEAM! Congratulations to **all** our TEAM USA players.

## The Results Are In

Hats off to everyone for their work getting the results submitted to be incorporated into the ELO system. A special thanks needs to go out to Mark Winker for making his tournament software available to our promoters across the country. If you want your next regional tournament included in the ELO ratings get in touch with Mark at [Netfoos.com](http://Netfoos.com) and he can make it happen.

The ELO system is indeed starting to work ... I knew it would take some time for players to balance out but I can see it happening. While at a local DYP the other night listening to the players clatter about their points, it became clear the system was working when Ed mentioned "About half of the players think their points are too high and the other half think their points are too low and none of them think they are where they should be". Also, kudos to Ron Escobar for removing ALL OF THOSE INACTIVE PLAYERS. Here is what we did ... players who have not been a member or have not been involved in an ELO rated event since 2004 were taken out of the book. There were a few exceptions of past World Champions that were left on but the rest is in an inactive file and when they show back up we can evaluate where they should be ranked based on where they previously were and

go back into the system at a new rating. Now to be clear this is not a “mother may I go back to an Amateur ranking”, however, in most cases you will be reset at a lower points/rank.

## **VEGAS BABY!**

**WE’VE MOVED!** This year’s Vegas event will be at the remarkably fun and festive Harrah’s Hotel & Casino located in the center of all the action on the Las Vegas Strip. I am sure most of you already know how much fun this location is with tons of activities going on around the clock. Bringing the Hall of Fame Tournament there was a natural fit. The Tournament itself has a new look. With a Pro-Am Doubles, Senior events and more league players playing in the newly formatted TFL Leagues this is sure to be a **FUN-FILLED FOOS FEST** that you don’t want to miss. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

**A FRESH, NEW TORNADO SEASON...**

**A HOT & FESTIVE NEW TOURNAMENT LOCATION...**

**POSITIVE TOUR CHANGES FOR OUR DEDICATED PLAYERS!**