

Facilities

Playing Grades and Space Requirements

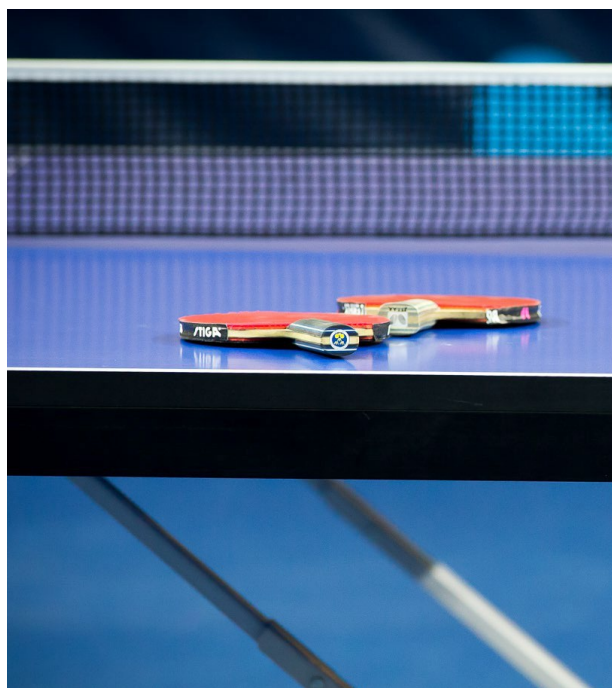
The grid below shows the playing area and lighting levels required for different levels of table tennis competition.

	Length of playing area (m)	Width of playing area (m ²)	Clear height over entire playing area (m)	Minimum maintained average illuminance over playing area (lux)
Grade 5 ITTF minimum standard for World Title events (including Olympic Games). ITTF minimum standard for other international events	14	7	5	1500
Grade 4 English standard for English National Championships, Senior 4-Star Open Tournaments, and Premier Division matches in Senior/ Veterans/ Women's British Clubs League and County Championships	12	6	4	500
Grade 3 English standard for Cadet/ Junior 4-Star Open Tournaments, 3-Star Open Tournaments, Grands Prix, Youth British Clubs League, ELCC Finals, and lower division matches in Senior/ Veterans/ Women's British Clubs League and County Championships	10	5	3	500
Grade 2 English standard for 1- and 2-Star Open Tournaments, Cadet & Junior National Clubs League, and ELCC rounds. Recommended minimum for local league/club matches and tournaments	9	4.5	3	500
Grade 1 English standard for Development Open Tournaments. Recommended minimum for recreational play, practice and coaching	8	4	3	300

Notes

The dimensions shown are for the playing area. Space for spectators and circulation between tables is in addition to this area. Competition requirements for British Clubs League, County Championships and Table Tennis England Star-graded tournaments should be checked with Table Tennis England's Events Department as they are periodically updated.

1. The width shown is the minimum required between surrounds for the playing area. Where the side of a playing area abuts a wall or other solid obstruction, a one metre aisle width should be allowed between wall and surround.
2. The clear height shown is the minimum required over a given playing area. For larger multi-table venues, a greater height is desirable to avoid any claustrophobic effect and to allow for the use of tiered spectator seating for major events.
3. The colour-rendering properties should be as good as is practicable for a given light source above the stated minimum.



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