



Luton U11 Development Competition



Themes: children and young people, events

After being tasked with delivering three competitions per year in each of Table Tennis England's seven Areas, Area Manager for the East Chris Bryden has worked in conjunction with Luton Table Tennis Club to deliver a development competition for under 11's.

On 1st December 2024, after initial plans were agreed with Luton TTC in June 2024, a competition was run at the club to provide under 11's with the opportunity to compete in a fun, friendly environment.

Spaces for the competition were limited to 25 players, with an entry fee of £15 per player. To ensure the competition maintained its development focus, the top 100 boys and top 50 girls in the Cadet rankings were not eligible to compete. The competition was advertised on social media, on the Table Tennis England website and to clubs and leagues within an hour radius of Luton.

A total of 22 entries were received, delivering £330 in entry fees, with 50% of the revenue going to the club for hosting the event. On the day 20 young people took part in the competition, many of whom were taking part in a competitive event for the first time. There were five groups of four players being drawn at random after the entry closing date. Each group played three matches, at the halfway phase placings were used to draw later matches.

Each player was awarded a medal, and trophies were awarded to the 'winner' of each group, both were sourced from a company in the East.

Due to the success of the event in December, another U11 development competition is planned for 6th April 2025.



"This was a fantastic example of how competition can be introduced to young people for the first time. The ethos of the event focussed on fun and enjoyment, and I'm glad it was so well received by the club and people in the East area".

Chris Bryden, Area Manager (East)

If you would be interested in delivering a development competition in your area, please [get in touch](#).