

National Series 2025/26 **Host Venue Criteria**



There are exciting opportunities for Table Tennis England Affiliated Clubs to host a national table tennis competition on a partnership basis across the 2025/26 season, as the National Series continues to grow next season.

This document will detail information on the National Series and the requirements for hosting one or multiple weekends of the series.

General Event information:

The National Series will be played over 3 weekends with a projected 24-32 top ranked players within each of the Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 19s boys and girls age-groups. Play will be in groups of 7 or 8 players, with a promotion and relegation system between groups after each round, to provide a regular high-quality competition opportunity for the top ranked players in each GB youth age-group.

The competition will be run on an invitation-only basis.

Dates of events

The three weekends for the National series will take place on 18-19 Oct, 15-16 Nov 2025 and 24-25 Jan 2026. Venues can apply for all or individual event days, as venues can rotate throughout the season, and can either host all or individual age groups each weekend.

Preferred Venues: To host all age groups during a weekend, this would require a venue of 18+ tables.

Alternative Venues: We would also welcome tenders from venues that can hold a minimum of 5 tables and up to 12 tables, to host one or two individual age groups during a weekend.

Based on the rotational element of venues, we would be looking for a geographical spread where possible.

Host Expectations

- To run and the delivery the event independently.
- To provide a qualified Table Tennis England Referee for each competition.
- To provide a suitable number of Table Tennis England day, and an appropriate number of umpires.
- Hosts would need to pay for officials expense (travel, food and hotel if required) of which Table Tennis England will reimburse.
- Hosts would have to ensure first aid cover and safeguarding procedures are in place during the weekend.

Table Tennis England will support all hosts across all weekends in all areas required as part of a partnership within this event.

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Host venue specification:

All venues that are looking to host the inaugural National Series competition would need to meet the below criteria.

General & Technical Specification		
Event schedule: Approximate. Based on groups of 8 played on 2 tables @ 35mins	Saturday (Girls) Players onsite 08:00 Play starts 09:00 Play ends 17:15	Sunday (Boys Only) Players onsite 08:00 Play starts 09:00 Play ends 17:15
Match courts:	Court sizes: Under 13s & Cadet – 10m x 5m Junior – preferred 12m x 6m (min of 10m x 5m)	
Catering:	Ability for the venue to provide suitable catering and refreshments for officials, players, and spectators.	
Lighting:	Preferred 1,000 lux (min 500 lux) consistent over the playing areas.	
Spectators:	Minimum spectator seating capacity of 50, in addition to the players and officials; refreshments to be available for purchase.	
Flooring:	ITTF Approved flooring on all courts is preferable.	
Equipment:	5 x ITTF Approved tables , nets, barriers, score machines and umpire tables.	
Conditions:	Daylight through windows or other openings or apertures must be covered.	
Changing:	Minimum 2 dedicated changing rooms of good standard, with sufficient showers and toilets.	
Other rooms:	A dedicated room or area exclusively for the event staff, official and umpires. Suitable space for the top table to be stationed in view of all tables.	
Parking:	Suitable and proximal parking for events workforce, officials, players, and spectators.	
PA & TV Displays	An integrated PA system and/or TV displays are preferred but not critical	
Connectivity	Please provide details of internet bandwidth for streaming purposes	

Expression of Interest:

Partnership proposals are invited from interested venues of TTE affiliated clubs, including any other areas of potential added value. 'One stop shop' solutions are particularly welcomed.

Should your club or venue be interesting in hosting one of these events, please send through your proposals or questions to competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

Deadline: **Wednesday 26th February 2025**

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