

Pathway Development Team Cup 2025/26 Host Venue Criteria



This is an exciting opportunity for a Table Tennis England Affiliated Club to host the inaugural Pathway Development Team Cup on a partnership basis in the 2025/26 season, which will be taking place in May 2026.

General Event information:

The Pathway Development Team Cup comprises boy's and girl's teams in both U11 and U13 age groups. They will be representing their Area/PDC (using counties to determine Area eligibility) and will be an opportunity for priority age-groups at area level, where critical mass does not exist at club or country level, as a springboard to National Leagues.

Schedule/Timings

The event will take place over two days, with one age group playing on each day, so each age group will conclude within a single day.

On both days registration and warm up is expected to start at 08:30, with the first game commencing at 09:30 and presentations approx. 17:50.

All 7 Areas will field a team in both age groups and both genders, that will play a round robin, in a Corbillon Cup format with matches played best-of-3. Therefore, there will be 3 concurrent fixtures involving 6 teams, and each of those fixtures played across 2 tables. 12 tables are required per day.

Host venue specification:

All venues that are looking to host the Pathway Development Team Cup, would need to meet the below criteria.

General & Technical Specification			
Events:	Pathway Development Team Cup 2025		
Match date:	25 th & 26 th October 2025		
Event schedule: Approximate	Friday Evening set-up	Saturday Players onsite 08:30 Play starts 09:30 Depart 18:00	Sunday Players onsite 08:30 Play starts 09:30 Depart 18:00
Match courts:	Total of 12 courts available with court sizes of a min, 9m x 4.5m (Ideally 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.		

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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:	12 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 and officials. Suitable space for the top table to be stationed in view of all tables. A dedicated room or area to be used for the umpire rest area.
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, including any other areas of potential added value. 'One stop shop' solutions are particularly welcomed.

Should your club or venue be interesting in hosting this event, please send through your proposal, including costings, venue specific/details and any other information you wish to let us know when we consider applications to competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

Deadline: Wednesday 26th February 2025.

Tenders will be assessed by Table Tennis England during March 2025; all applications will be notified of the decision no later than the end of March.