‘Introducing disabled people to Table Tennis.’

PremierClub: What is it?

PremierClub is the English Table Tennis Association’s national programme for club development, designed to help new and existing Table Tennis clubs. It has been developed to:

- create an integrated network of clubs - working in groups supporting each other
- provide a nationwide support structure for talent identification and development
- be central to the implementation of the ETTA’s Whole Sport Plan.
- align with Clubmark

PremierClub will help to strengthen the club structure and lead to:

- larger, better organised clubs, with increased membership
- clubs that are welcoming and accessible to all
- increased playing opportunities
- better playing and social facilities
- stronger and more successful England teams
- more and better trained coaches, administrators and officials

How does it work?

The PremierClub ‘Ability’ programme is for all Table Tennis Clubs committed to becoming accessible and open to all disabled people.

The Club will commit to:

- provide a ‘Come and Try’ or ‘Free’ session for local disabled people
- provide coaching specifically aimed at disabled people
- a range of playing opportunities for disabled players

- the opportunity for young disabled players to develop to the full potential of their talent and commitment

The ETTA will commit to:

- providing continuing support to the club
- provide the necessary templates to apply for the grant to operate the programme
- provide the resources to advertise the programme
- delivering the Disability Awareness Training to all club members and coaches through approved tutors
- ensuring the club receive continuing information on disabled events and competitions

The ETTA in conjunction with the English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS), the British Table Tennis Association for people with Disabilities (BTTAD) and other disabled sports organisations will be including disability as an integral part of their competitive structure. All ‘Ability’ clubs will be linked in to the Playground to Podium programme being operated in conjunction with Youth Sport Trust.

The ETTA is promoting the ‘Ability’ programme across England to establish quality of provision and consistent standards across the whole country.

PremierClub ‘Ability’: club concept

A club offering disabled activities at the level of their Premier Clubmark registration to the local community, providing regular opportunities for all disabled players to participate and improve.

The club should be offering opportunities for any disabled player to join in the normal play and coaching sessions in addition to specific disabled coaching sessions if required.

All areas of the club should be accessible to all disabled people i.e. playing, social and meeting areas. There should be good toilet and changing facilities for wheelchair users and their carers. In addition car parking arrangements and entry into the club venue should again be accessible for all disabled people.