



# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2015

To: ESTTA Officials & County Secretaries, School Games Organisers/Development Managers  
Table Tennis England National & Area Development Teams, Participating Schools  
and to all who have an interest in the development of School Based Table Tennis

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### Welcome

On behalf of ESTTA, welcome to the 2015/16 School Year and Table Tennis Season - a special year which sees the staging of the 50th National School Team Championships. Once again, the Norman Cook Cup, first won in 1967 by Malory School (Lewisham) and the Claud Kitchenside Cup by Rectory Manor School (Newham) will be presented to the winning teams at the Butterfly National School Team Championships to be held on 16th April 2016 at Hinckley Leisure Centre. Will your school be the fiftieth to win this prestigious event?

Of course, winning is not everything - taking part is just as important and achieving your personal best even more so. Without the participation of so many schools at county level, this event would not be so significant in the table tennis calendar. We look forward to seeing good competitions at every round of this year's championships.

### Adoption of Plastic Balls

ESTTA will be using the new Butterfly 3 star 40+ plastic table tennis ball in the Zone, Regional and National Finals of the Butterfly School Team Championships and the Butterfly Schools' Individual Championship Final. We would encourage all County Secretaries to adopt the use of plastic balls for their tournaments.

### ESTTA Handbook 2015/16

Recipients of this Newsletter by post will have received a copy of the ESTTA 2015/16 Handbook. We hope you find the Handbook interesting and informative. The style and quality of this publication would not be possible without major support from **Butterfly** and **Table Tennis England**.

The Handbook consists of three main sections:

- **Contact details** of Officials/County Secretaries.
- **Calendar of events** for 2015/16 with important dates for affiliation and registration.
- **Results of events** held in the 2014/15 season – the Butterfly School Team and Individual Championships along with the Invitation Internationals.

Also included – Website Information, Selection Policy, Disability Table Tennis, Table Tennis England Contacts, Flickr Photo Gallery and Q & A about 'Organising a Schools' League' – intra or inter.

Of course, a handbook is only up to date on the day it is printed. The ESTTA website ([www.estta.org.uk](http://www.estta.org.uk)) is regularly updated with News, Change of Contact Details and Competition Results.

*(If you have viewed this Newsletter electronically and would like a copy of the Handbook, please send your name and postal address to me by email)*

**The Team & Individual Championship Regulations**, together with the **ESTTA General Constitution**, are not included in the Handbook but can be found in the 'About ESTTA' section of the ESTTA website. The Championships' Roll of Honour (past winners 1967/2015 of team, individual and international events) can also now be found in the same section of the website ([www.estta.org.uk](http://www.estta.org.uk)).

### **Dates for your diary - 2016 - ESTTA Championships**

- Butterfly School Team Championships
  - Zone Finals - 30th/31st January (8 venues)  
(Entry via County Team events held in late 2015)
  - Regional Finals - 19th/20th March (4 venues)
  - National Finals - 16th April (Hinckley Leisure Centre)
- Butterfly Individual Championship Finals - 23rd April (Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton)  
(Entry via County Individual events)

*Note: I recommend that schools and SGOs **contact their County Secretary to ascertain when and where their events will be held** in order to plan their participation. A reminder that winners of the County Finals progress to take part in the Butterfly Schools' Championships.*

### **International School Sport Federation (ISF) World Schools' Table Tennis Championships**

The ISF has published preliminary information about the above biennial championships to be held on 2nd/8th April 2016 in Eilat, Israel. The event is in four categories:

- Boys' School Team (all players from the same school)
- Girls' School Team (all players from the same school)
- Boys' Nationally Selected Team (players may be from different schools)
- Girls' Nationally Selected Team (players may be from different schools)

Players must be born in 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001. ESTTA looks forward to taking a full delegation of 16 players with their NPCs. More information about application and selection will be posted on both the ESTTA and Table Tennis England websites by the end of September 2015.

### **Press Cutting Competition**

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Press Cutting Competition:

Team Winners: St. Bede's RC High School, Blackburn (Dave Pilkington)

Individual Winners: Ormiston Endeavour Academy, Ipswich (Lucy Curtis/Ian Bullock)

Each will receive prizes of equipment, kindly donated by Butterfly, for both the author of the article and for their school. Consolation prizes have been awarded to the next best entries.

Publicity is good for your school, your county, ESTTA and our sponsor - Butterfly. Why not enter the competition next year and win equipment worth some £100. We look forward to receiving your entries from the local press, school website, newsletter ... or other media outlets.

### **Home Countries Schools' International - Perth, Scotland - 26th/28th June 2015**

It was 'six of the best' for the ESTTA teams as they won all team trophies in the Home Countries Schools' International playing against teams from Jersey, Guernsey, Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales. Congratulations also to Individual Championship medal winners.

- Under 18 Boys: 1st Jack Bennett; 2nd Mitchell Jones; 3rd= Billy Forster.
- Under 18 Girls: 1st Eva Wang; 2nd Lois Peake; 3rd= Emily Bolton & Denise Payet.
- Under 16 Boys: 3rd= Matthew Leete & Alex Ramsden.
- Under 16 Girls: 3rd= Kate Cheer & Letitia McMullen.
- Under 14 Boys: 2nd Ethan Walsh; 3rd= James Smith.
- Under 14 Girls: 1st Charlotte Bardsley; 2nd Gauri Duhan; 3rd= Mollie Patterson.

## Sainsbury's 2015 School Games - Manchester - 3rd/6th September 2015 - Results

- Boys' Team - England Midlands retained their title.
- Girls' Team - England South East also retained their title.
- Mixed Disability Team - England North East were crowned champions.
  
- Boys' Individual - Alex Ramsden (England Midlands).
- Girls' Individual - Rebecca Finn (Northern Ireland).
- Learning Disability Individual - Adam Gittings (England North East).
- Standing Disability Individual - Billy Shilton (England South West).
- Wheelchair Disability Individual - Daniel Bullen (England Midlands)
  
- Overall Team Trophy - England Midlands.

Reports on the event can be found on the Table Tennis England website ([www.tabletennisengland.co.uk](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk)) - 'News' section.

Full results of all matches can be found on the Sainsbury's School Games website ([www.2015schoolgames.com](http://www.2015schoolgames.com)) - click on Results then Table Tennis.

### Support

- As we start a new season, ESTTA formally acknowledges the assistance given to the Association by Table Tennis England (National Governing Body), Ransome Sporting Goods (Official Table Tennis Equipment Supplier) and Heritage Oil Limited (supporting ESTTA International squads). Their help is vital and gives security to the Association and allows it to plan ahead with confidence.
- Equally important to the Association is the army of volunteers who give freely of their time to support our plans. Since the 2014/15 Handbook was printed, that is during last season or for this season, we welcome several new County Secretaries:  
Richard Edwards (Bedfordshire); Cookie Liu (Berkshire); Mark Mitchell (Cambridgeshire); Simon Morgan (Herefordshire); Jon Kaufman (London Central); Simon Hoang (London East); Helen Ramsden (Northamptonshire); Shaun Alvey (South Yorkshire); Claire Lee (Tyne & Wear) and John McKay (Worcestershire - **note correct email: [johnmckay1213@gmail.com](mailto:johnmckay1213@gmail.com)**).  
Thanks are also due to all those who in whatever capacity have recently retired from office. We also welcome Steve Burge in his new role as ESTTA Vice Chairman.

**And finally** – IF THE RECIPIENT NAMED ON THE ENVELOPE IS NO LONGER IN POST, IS AT A DIFFERENT ADDRESS, HAS A DIFFERENT TITLE/REMIT OR NO LONGER WISHES TO REMAIN ON THE ESTTA MAILING LIST – PLEASE INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY.

**!!! STOP PRESS!!!** School Sport Magazine September/October 2015 edition - Table Tennis News.

- Praise from the Editor: "Several School Sport Associations such as Table Tennis are thriving ... they go out of their way to communicate their achievements ... they are lucky to have a keen official (TTE) and volunteer (ESTTA) who recognise the importance of publicity."
- Featured interview with John Arnold (ESTTA) and others about the state of school sport.
- 'From Car Wash to Top of the Class' - table tennis at London Academy.
- ESTTA secures long term sponsorship with Ransome Sporting Goods.

**Keep in touch [www.estta.org.uk](http://www.estta.org.uk)**

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