

TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH OFFICIAL TRAVEL FUNDING

The Board of Table Tennis England has agreed to support travel necessary to attain and/or maintain the highest level of International recognition and will support reimbursement of travel costs following attendance at agreed events. International events will be recognised as Blue Badge events or non- Blue badge events. **This support will be limited to ONE application (for a BB or non-BB event) per individual per financial year (April – March) to the Blue Badge Event Travel Fund and one application to the Tom Blunn Fund.**

Technical Officials Committee (TOC) will determine those Technical Officials (TO) who are accepted as current advanced International Officials and those who are actively progressing to this status. A list of these TOs shall be maintained and updated by the Chair of TOC at least every 12 Months (Appendix 1).

Funding will **only** be available to those who are active at Table Tennis England's events and applying for selection to at least one National event per season.

Expenses for which a claim can be submitted:

All Technical Officials should attempt to keep their Blue Badge(BB) applications within Europe. All conditions of support are subject to the prescribed maximum quoted in the section "LEVEL OF FUNDING", except that examination fees are excluded from this restriction.

- WTTC & ETTU Championships – Cover for all appointed BB, and White Badge to take AUT (see additional information in section "LEVEL OF FUNDING")
- Europe – Cover for all appointed TOs, with the exception of overnight accommodation and parking,
- Rest of the World – Cover up to the amount expected from a visit within Europe
- Exception – Final attempt to retain BB qualification - Committee decision.
- 2nd Class rail fare (using a Rail Card if possible) from local station to airport.
- Return air travel, by cheapest route, from UK to Destination Airport specified by the Local Organisers/ITTF/ETTU,

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- 2nd Class Rail fare (using a Rail Card if possible) from UK to Destination Railway Station specified by the Local Organisers/ITTF/ETTU.
- Car mileage from UK to tournament venue but not greater than 2nd class rail fare.
- One extra night's accommodation at event necessary to take AUT/ARE examination.
- Accommodation, when taking an ITTF examination, if not provided free by host.

Expenses that will not be covered

- Parking.
- Car Mileage greater than 2nd Class rail fare.
- Overnight accommodation (Except as specified above).
- Food during travel.

ITTF EXAMINATION FEES

Those TOs that have been accepted by TOC as actively progressing towards the status of an advanced international official will have the appropriate ITTF examination fees paid for by Table Tennis England.

LEVEL OF FUNDING

Officials may receive up to a maximum of £200 per financial year (April – March); additional support for World Championships and European Championships may be provided and this will be considered on a case by case basis. On a similar basis, funding in excess of the aforementioned maximum may be considered, taking into consideration the location of the event and the total number of umpire applications within a financial year.

Where there is a shortfall in the amount of financial support provided compared to the total financial outlay by an official then that official may make an additional application for support from the Tom Blunn Fund.

Officials may also acquire funding from sources that do not fall within centralised Table Tennis England budgets. Any external financial assistance received from such sources must be disclosed when making any application for financial support from Table Tennis England.

NON BLUE BADGE EVENTS

Officials selected for ITTF or ETTU events in which Blue Badge evaluations are not taking place may apply for assistance with travel expenses from the Tom Blunn Fund. This support will be limited to ONE application per Individual per financial year (April – March).

APPLICATIONS

Applicants MUST contact the Chairman of TOC or Head of Development and Volunteering with accurate costings at least 3 WEEKS BEFORE travelling to an international event; the claim for financial support should be submitted on completion of the event. Failure to adhere to this may result in applications being rejected

If in doubt ask and do not assume support before you travel.

S.E. Sherlock – Chair TOC

13 December 2019

APPENDIX 1 – Eligible Applicants as at 13 December 2019

A. ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

Stuart SHERLOCK
Karen TONGE

B. NATIONAL REFEREES – IDENTIFIED INTERNATIONAL REFEREE CANDIDATES

David COCHRANE
Brian JACKSON
Steve SMITH

C. BLUE BADGE UMPIRES

David EDWARDS
Tom PURCELL
John MACKAY
Harry JUTLE
Lyndon GRIFFITHS
Nico CALTABIANO
Joshua REYNOLDS

D. UMPIRES – BLUE BADGE IN PROGRESS

Brian JACKSON

E. INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES – IDENTIFIED BLUE BADGE CANDIDATES

Alex MERCER
Lester SMITH