

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

- 1 The Championships will be conducted on behalf of Table Tennis England (TTE) by a sub-committee of the TTE Schools Committee.
- 2 The Committee will appoint a National Organiser, whose decision shall be final on all questions concerning the interpretation of these Regulations.
- 3 The Championships will be open to teams from all schools, academies and colleges (hereafter referred to as 'schools') in England, whether or not part of the State System.
- 4 Players representing a school must be full-time pupils at that school, except that a player transferring to another school may continue to represent the former school provided he or she was on the school roll when Form T3 (see 20 below) was received by the National Organiser, but no player may represent more than one school in the same Membership Year.
- 5 The country will be divided into eight Zones for Stage 1 (Zone Finals) of the Championships and into four Regions for Stage 2 (Regional Finals); the initial composition of Zones may be amended by the National Organiser to take account of the entries received.
- 6 For each Zone the Committee will appoint a Zone Organiser, whose duties will include obtaining and equipping a venue and supplying the National Organiser with details of the teams qualifying for the Regional Finals.
- 7 For each Region the Committee will appoint a Regional Organiser whose duties will include obtaining and equipping a venue and supplying the National Organiser with details of the teams qualifying for the National Finals.
- 8 At Zone and Regional Finals the relevant Organiser will act as Referee unless he or she has any connection with one or more of the competing teams, in which case the Committee will appoint a Referee.
- 9 There will be eight separate events, for boys and girls aged Under 11, Under 13, Under 16 and Under 19 on 31st August preceding the Championships.
- 10 No player may compete in more than one age group in the same Membership Year and at each stage of the Championships at least one member of each team shall be playing in the lowest age group for which he or she is eligible.
- 11 In each event
 - 11.1 not more than one team from each Schools County may take part in the Zone Finals except by invitation of the National Organiser;
 - 11.2 the winner and runner-up of each Zone Final will progress to one of the four Regional Finals;
 - 11.3 the winner of each Regional Final will progress to the National Finals.
- 12 For each team match, the team listed first in the schedule will be designated Team A and the other team will be designated Team B; each team shall then list its players in ranking order as A1, A2 etc or B1, B2 etc.
- 13 Except in the Girls' Under 19 event -
 - 13.1 a team shall consist of 4 players;
 - 13.2 a team match shall consist of 8 individual matches, all of which shall be played, each being the best of 5 games;
 - 13.3 the order of play shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B4, A4 v B3, A1 v B1, A3 v B2, A2 v B3, A4 v B4.
- 14 In the Girls' Under 19 event -
 - 14.1 a team shall consist of 2 players;
 - 14.2 a team match shall consist of 5 individual matches, all of which shall be played, each being the best of 5 games;
 - 14.3 the order of play shall be A1 v B1, A2 v B2, doubles (A1/A2 v B1/B2), A1 v B2, B2 v A1.
- 15 Two or more individual matches may be played at the same time at the discretion of the Organiser; where this results in a player having to play two individual matches in succession, he or she may claim an interval of up to 5 minutes between those matches.
- 16 Play in all stages of the Championships will be on a group basis, where
 - 16.1 all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall score 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match;
 - 16.2 the ranking order in the group shall be determined primarily by the number of match points scored; if two or more members of the group have scored the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the numbers of match points, the ratios of wins to losses first in individual matches (for a team event), then in games and in points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order;

- 16.3 if at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities;
- 16.4 if after this procedure there is still equality between the two top-placed teams their relative positions shall be determined by an individual doubles match in which any pair of their players may represent each team; where there is equality between teams other than the top two, they shall be ranked equally.
- 17 Each Schools County Association (SCA) shall nominate on Form T1 the events in which it will be represented and send it to the National Organiser to arrive by the specified date, which shall normally be not later than 2 calendar months before the date of the Zone Finals.
- 18 Form T1 shall be accompanied by the specified entry fee for each team, unless the completed form indicates that schools representing their SCA will be paying the fee themselves.
- 19 Each SCA shall list on Form T2 the names of the schools representing it in the Zone Finals and send it to the National Organiser, to arrive by the specified date, which shall normally be not later than 1 calendar month before the date of the Zone Finals.
- 20 Each school nominated for the Zone Finals shall complete Form T3, giving the names and dates of birth of eligible players in ranking order and details of the school and the teacher-in-charge, signed by the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher, and send it to the National Organiser to arrive by the specified date, which shall normally be not later than 1 calendar month before the date of the Zone Championships.
- 21 A team may submit to the National Organiser a revised ranking list of eligible players after each stage of the Championships to arrive not later than 14 days before the date of Regional or National Championships; a suitable form is available from the appropriate Regional Organiser or the National Organiser.
- 22 Every school team competing in the National Finals shall be accompanied by a member of the teaching staff of their school or other adult nominated by the school.
- 23 The Championships will be played in accordance with the TTE Regulations for Competitive Table Tennis.

Details of venues, dates, entry fees etc for current season are available on the TTE website under Schools Competitions