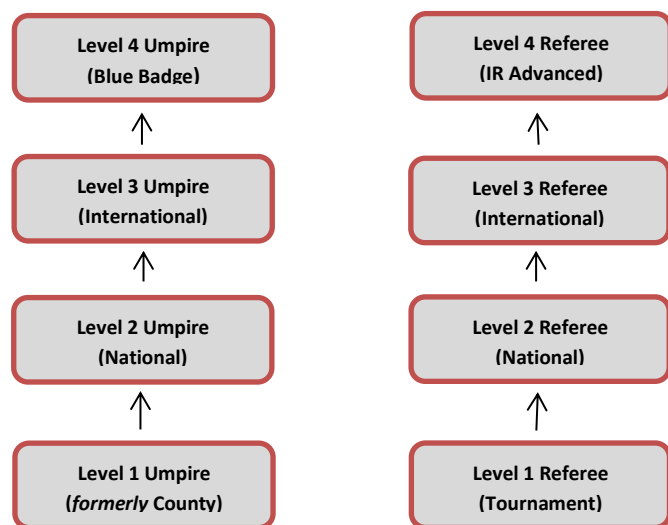


## NEW UMPIRE TRAINING

The umpire training seminars have undergone a review with the aim of recruiting more officials to support competitive table tennis at all levels. This has been done in conjunction with Sports Officials UK, a multi-sport organisation responsible for representing and supporting officials across many sports in the UK. The course is built to make it easier for umpires to complete, whilst providing a broader set of skills and knowledge to enable delegates to become confident umpires. As part of the work of reviewing the courses, the officiating pathway and qualification terminology have also been updated. The Level 1 course replaces the old County Umpire qualification and we will be bringing in a Level 2 Umpire – National Umpires course in the future, which will help umpires develop their umpiring before taking the existing Level 2 umpiring exam.

The level 1 course costs £30 and splits into two days with the first day focusing on communication skills, the role of an umpire, preparing a court for the match, service laws, decision-making and hand signals. The second day involves lots of practice in a competition environment and practical assessments with qualified umpires.

### THE OFFICIATING PATHWAY



## DOMESTIC UNIFORM

The new domestic uniform from the start of the 2017/18 season for umpires and referees is Navy Blue Single-breasted Jacket, Light Grey Trousers or Skirt, Light Blue Shirt or Blouse, Table Tennis England Tie or Ladies' Scarf, dark grey or black socks when worn with trousers, and black shoes.

## PING PONG BALLS MAKE MUSIC

This is a truly amazing video of a machine that uses table tennis balls to create music. Here is the link.....copy and paste.....enjoy!!! Health warning....this is hypnotic!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB0UYHdwSuc>

# Table Tennis England

## TOC NEWS

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The Technical Officials Committee and its panels for 2017/18 are as follows:-

**Committee** Stuart Sherlock (Chairman), David Edwards, Margot Fraser, Brian Jackson, Harry Jutle, Karen Tonge MBE, Greg Yarnall (staff representative), John Mackey (Secretary)

**Umpire Training & Development** Karen Tonge MBE (Co-ordinator), David Edwards, John Mackey  
**Umpire Review** David Edwards, John Mackey, Tom Purcell, George Tyler  
**Umpire Selection** David Edwards (Secretary, domestic selections)

**Referee Review** Margot Fraser (Secretary, international selections), Lynda Reid  
**Tournament** Stuart Sherlock, Brian Jackson, Karen Tonge MBE, Steve Welch  
**Management** Stuart Sherlock, John Mackey, Greg Yarnall



Colin Clemett being presented with the Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award at the 2014 AGM

## COLIN'S LIFE IN TABLE TENNIS

July 31 this year saw the end of an era with Colin Clemett retiring as Secretary of the Technical Officials Committee. Colin's career in table tennis is filled with so many illustrious achievements that it is difficult to know where to begin. I suppose the best place is usually the beginning, and so, Colin joined the Umpires Committee (as it was then known) in 1957 and served for two years before being promoted to the role of Secretary in 1959; it is almost ridiculous to think

that I, as his successor, was only five years old at the time and just starting school. Colin served as Secretary for 58 years and attended over 200 meetings!

Colin's career is not just limited to administration; he became a County Umpire in 1952, National Umpire in 1956 and a National Referee in 1971. Notable achievements as a referee include being the Deputy Referee of the English Opens held during the period 1961-65 and the European Championships in 1966. Refereeing achievements also include the Indian Ocean Island Games, Seychelles (1993) and the European Small States Games, Reykjavik (1997); Colin appears to have had a liking for exotic locations! Perhaps as a natural progression for a man of so many talents, Colin served as Technical Delegate at the Olympic Games of 1992, 1996 and 2000, the 1999 African Games and the Commonwealth Games held in Manchester in 2002. Colin has also served as Technical Representative at various World events in France, Japan, Spain and USA and numerous International Championships.

Alongside ITTF colleagues Jean Mercier and Hans Giesecke, Colin introduced the International Umpire qualification in 1973 and wrote all the test papers during the period 1973-2003. Umpires regularly consult the Handbook for Match Officials (HMO) as an aid to interpretation of table tennis laws and regulations, and as a guide to match procedure, but did you know that it was Colin who introduced and wrote the HMO in 1969? Whilst the HMO has been revised many times over the years the document is intrinsically the brainchild of Colin Clemett.

Colin served as Secretary of the ITTF Rules Committee during the period 1969-73, and then as Chairman for the following 30 years before stepping down in 2003. Colin was also instrumental in the introduction of the first Handbook for Referees and Tournament Organisers in 1971. Colin's career has very much been "hands-on", and this is further exemplified by the umpire and referee training seminars that he conducted in over 26 countries. Colin's contribution to the world of international table tennis is enormous. Colin regards his most satisfying achievement to be his redrafting of the Laws of Table Tennis in 1975 to integrate those relating to singles and doubles play.

He is a most remarkable man, indeed. Will the world of table tennis ever see his like again?.....I very much doubt it.

John Mackey

#### FOREIGN APPOINTMENTS 2016/17

English match officials were on duty at the following overseas competitions:

Czech Open, Olomouc, 31.8-4.9.16	Tom Purcell, Alan Thomas
Belgian Open, De Haan, 20-24.9.16	Neil Curtis, Lyndon Griffiths, Harry Jutle Derek Sidaway, Alan Thomas
European Youth Top 10, Prague, 7-9.10.16	David Gough, Alan Thomas
European Championships, Budapest 18-23.10.16	Harry Jutle, Alex Mercer, Joshua Reynolds
Austrian Open, Linz, 9-13.11.16	Harry Jutle, Russell Sutcliffe
Swedish Open, Stockholm, 15-20.11.16	Lyndon Griffiths
World Junior Championships, Capetown, 30.11-12.12.16	Harry Jutle
Euro Top 16 Cup, Antibes, 3-5.2.17	Neil Curtis, Harry Jutle
Czech Junior/Cadet Open, Hodonin, 8-12.2.17	Derek Sidaway
French Junior/Cadet Open, Metz 15-19.2.17	Lyndon Griffiths, Tom Purcell, Alan Thomas
European Championships, Wales v Kosovo, 30.3.17	David Gough KarenTonge MBE(Referee)
World Championships, Dusseldorf, 29.5-5.6.17	David Edwards
Luxembourg Open, 12-15.4.17	Harry Jutle, Alan Thomas
Belgian Junior/Cadet Open, Spa, 19-23.4.17	Nico Caltabiano, Harry Jutle, Derek Sidaway Lester Smith, Steve Welch (Deputy Referee)
World Para Team Championships, Bratislava, 17-20.5.17	Nico Caltabiano, Dave Cochrane
European Youth Championships, Guimaraes, Portugal, 14-23.7.17	Harry Jutle Derek Sidaway

**International Umpires applying for overseas appointments are reminded that they are expected also to give reasonable support to home competitions. The selectors will take account of the number of domestic events an applicant has applied for and, if selected, officiated at, in the current or immediately previous seasons.**

#### MICROPHONES AT TOURNAMENTS

A complaint has been received about bad language being used by a player during a match that was being shown on Facebook, and as to why that player had not been penalised by the umpire. It has been noted that the positioning of microphones at or close to a match court can lead to improper language being picked up that is otherwise not audible to the umpire or to spectators near the table. Organisers are reminded that microphones should be carefully positioned to ensure that unwanted sounds are not heard or broadcast. This is also a useful reminder to umpires that when they are officiating in a match that is being recorded or live-streamed that their handling of the match can come under close scrutiny from the viewing public.

#### UMPIRE QUALIFICATION

There were 17 CU registrations during the season; there were no new LU registrations. At an examination held in London in June 2017 Philip Ware (Hampshire) qualified as a National Umpire.

It is not too early for potential NU candidates to apply for the next examination, which will be held at the end of the season. Candidates should be CUs with at least 2 years' experience of umpiring at open tournaments and other events played under international regulations, and an application form is available from the TOC Secretary.

Congratulations to Harry Jutle on achieving Blue Badge status in December 2016.

Harry joins Neil Curtis, David Edwards, John Mackey, Tom Purcell and Russell Sutcliffe in holding this top international qualification.

#### REFEREE QUALIFICATION

Two new Tournament Referees qualified during 2016/17; these were Simon Price (Staffs) and Paul Whiting (Devon). Two new Provisional TRs are awaiting assessment before completing the qualification process.

If you are interested in becoming a referee then the test paper is available from the TOC Secretary.

#### SPORTS OFFICIALS UK (SOUK)

Table tennis officials featured strongly in the latest SOUK award ceremony. Steve Welch won the Contribution to School Games award, and Stuart Sherlock was runner-up in the Technical Official of the Year category. Congratulations to both of them.

#### ITTF RULE CHANGES

There have been no changes to the Laws at this year's ITTF AGM, and similarly, no pertinent change to the Regulations for International Competitions that affect umpiring.

#### OBITUARY

We regret to report the deaths during the season of Brian Savage CU, Mrs Valerie Roffe IU and TR, John Lawton IU and Derek Tyler IU and NR. They will be sadly missed.